

Tax reliefs in force in 2016-17 or 2017-18: Estimates of cost unavailable

Below is a list of tax reliefs for which no reliable estimate of cost is available. They are listed by area of the tax system and also categorised according to the reason why the cost information is not available, as follows:

- A. Information on the usage of this relief is not required in tax returns and cannot be reliably estimated from other data sources, and the cost of collection for statistical purposes is disproportionate.
- B. Information on the usage of this relief is reported to HMRC, but the relevant data is not held in a centralised form, and the cost of gathering for statistical purposes is disproportionate.
- C. Information on the usage of this relief is available, but the cost is not quantifiable as it is dependent on other unknown factors.
- D. Introduction of the relief is too recent for data to be available.
- E. Exemption under the Freedom of Information Act, such as Data Protection.
- F. Other (reason stated in each case).

<u>Income Tax and Corporation Tax</u>	<u>Category</u>
Exemption of:	
Agricultural societies on profits of shows	A
Certain statutory and public bodies and local authorities	A
Unit trusts from full rate of corporation tax (reduced rate applies)	F*
Funds held for reducing the National Debt	A
Officials and agents of overseas governments etc.	A
Visiting forces, other than UK citizens	A
Unremitted income of taxpayers resident but not domiciled in the UK	A
First £8,000 of reimbursed relocation packages provided by employers	A
Subsidised canteen meals provided for an employer's staff generally	A
Benefit of living accommodation and associated costs proved to certain groups of employees	A
Beneficial loans below threshold	A
Benefit of entertainment provided for employees by third parties	A
Car parking at or near an employee's place of work	A
Retraining expenditure	A
Outplacement counselling for redundant employees	A
Certain personal incidental expenses	A
Company car accessories for the disabled	A
First employer provided mobile phone	A
Provision of pensions advice up to £150 per annum	A
Medical check ups and health screening	A
Cycles and cycle safety equipment	A
Eye tests and special corrective appliances for VDU users	A
Works transport services	A
Support to public bus services	A
Annual parties and functions	A
Sporting or other recreational facilities on employer's premises	A
Small gifts from third parties	A
Long service awards	A
Suggestion awards	A
Welfare counselling	A
Employment costs relating to disabilities for example digital hearing aids	A
Late night taxis	A
Miner's coal and allowances in lieu of coal	A
Certain pension and compensation payments to members of Armed Forces	A
Full-time education exemption for employees	A
Benefit of medical expenses paid by employer when employee falls sick when abroad	A
Benefit of alterations to accommodation by reason of employment	A
Special security measures	A
Income of Trustee Savings Banks from investments with the National Debt Commissioners	A
Accrued income of small investors whose nominal value of holding of securities does not exceed £5,000	A
Friendly society tax exempt policies	A
Futures and options – exemption for authorised unit trusts and pension schemes	A
Foreign Dividends received by companies	A
Child benefit	A
Allowances and reliefs for:	
Employment income related expenses	A
Certain income of non-residents received through UK representatives	A
Certain foreign travel expenses	A
Employee priority allocations in public share offers	A
Employer provided work related training	A
Demergers	A
Registered Societies	A
Company's purchase of its own shares	B
Interest paid by companies on quoted Eurobonds	A
Pre-trading expenditure	A
Interest eligible for relief on qualifying loans	C
Housing associations	B
Co-operative associations	A
Payments for sickness and unemployment insurance policies	A
Long term incapacity benefit	C
Income tax relief for losses on unquoted shares in trading companies	C
Payments to trustees for Share Incentive Plan schemes	A
Tax free bonus or interest received under a save as you earn contract	A
Cost of setting up and running Share Incentive Plan schemes	A
Relief to investment companies for losses on unquoted shares in trading companies	C
<u>Capital Gains Tax and company gains within Corporation Tax</u>	
Exemption of:	
Unremitted gains of taxpayers resident but not domiciled in the UK	A
Gains of charities and other certain organisations for example museums	A

Gains of registered pension schemes	A
Gains of unit trusts for exempt unit-holders	A
Disposal of substantial shareholdings	A**
Actual and deemed gains of settlements on death of life tenant	A
Mortgaging or charging of asset	A
Compensation used to replace or restore damaged assets	A
Compensation of damages for wrong or injury in course of trade	A
Gains arising from gambling winnings	A
Gains accrued but unrealised at death	A
Life assurance pay-outs	A
Losses on unquoted trading companies	A
Compulsory acquisition of land	A
Disposals to Her Majesty's Treasury	A
Unused losses of trustees	A
Personal Equity Plans and Individual Savings Accounts	A
Gifts to charities	A
Certain heritage works of art	A
Gifts to housing associations	A
Grants for giving up agricultural land	A
Wood/trees on commercial land	A
Visiting forces and agents	A
Foreign consular officers	A
Gains on disposals of exempt employee shareholder shares	A
Qualifying social investments	A
Victims of National-socialist persecution	A
Compensation for deprivation of foreign assets	A
Gains accruing on the disposals by trustees of an asbestos compensation settlement	A
Gains on Enterprise Investment Scheme shares	A
Disposal of Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme shares held for 3 years	A
Annual exempt amount (half of the individual's exemption for trustees)	A***
Gains arising on disposal of:	
Chattels which are wasting assets	A
Other chattels if value is £6,000 or less on disposal	A
Assets by way of gifts to the nation	A
Property settled to reduce national debt	A
Saving certificates and securities issued under the National Loan Act 1968	A
Decoration for valour	A
Interests under a settlement	A
Personal foreign currency and bank accounts for use outside UK	A
Qualifying Corporate Bonds	A
Gifts	A
Residential property by non-resident diversely-held companies and widely-marketed schemes	B
Allowances and reliefs for:	
Double taxation of capital gains realised by individuals or trustees	A
Losses on disposals of assets between spouses or civil partners (relief also continues up to one year after separation)	A
Chattels exceeding £6,000 in value (marginal relief)	B
Disposal by political party associations following boundary changes	A
Irrecoverable loans to traders	A
Disposals where Inheritance Tax is paid on transfer	A
Vulnerable trusts	A
Enhancement expenditure within Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 Section 38	A
Indexation for company gains	A
Capital losses	B
Lettings	A
Cost of setting up and running Share Incentive Plan schemes	A
Employee ownership trust structures	B
Rollover/holdover relief for:	
Gifts of assets	B
Gifts where chargeable to Inheritance Tax	B
Transfer of businesses to companies	A
Replacements of business assets	B
Small part-disposals of land	A
Small capital distributions in respect of shares	A
Share reorganisations and company reconstructions (paper for paper transaction)	A
Gains on disposals within a group of companies	A
Gains on disposals of assets between spouses or civil partners	A
Exit charge on company migration	A
Land acquired by authorities with compulsory purchase powers	A
Remittance of gains impeded by currency restrictions	A
Transfers of property to heritage maintenance funds	B
Qualifying social investments	D
Gains on Enterprise Investment Scheme shares	A
<u>Inheritance Tax</u>	
Exemptions:	
Lifetime transfers between spouses and civil partners	A
Annual exemption: gifts of £3,000 each year	A
Small gifts: £250 per donee	A
Normal gifts out of income	B
Gifts in consideration of marriage or civil partnership	C
Lifetime transfers to charities	A
Lifetime transfers to political parties	A
Transfers to employee trusts	B
Gifts for national purposes or for public benefit	F*
Gifts to housing associations	F*
Historic Buildings maintenance funds	F*

Allowances/reliefs:	
Falls in value of property before death or after death	F*
Residence Nil Rate Band	D
Other exclusions	
Foreign pensions and foreign armed forces pay	B
Certain savings by persons domiciled in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man	A
Foreign currency bank accounts	B
Reversionary interests	B
Government securities owned by non-United Kingdom domiciled persons	A
Accumulation and maintenance settlements	B
Trusts for mentally or physically disabled	B
Trade or professional compensation funds	B
Charitable trusts	B
Employee and newspaper trusts	B
Protective trusts	B
Superannuation schemes	B
Lloyd's premium trusts	B
Settled property passing to settlor, spouse or widow	B
Estate duty surviving spouse settlements	B
Waivers of dividends and remuneration	B
Gifts for the maintenance of the family	F*
Cash options under approved annuity schemes	B
Double charges	B
<u>Stamp Duty Reserve Tax</u>	
Exemption of:	
Purchases by issuing houses in connection with public issues	B
Purchases by recognised intermediaries	B
Purchases under stock borrowing and sale and repurchase arrangements	B
Purchases by charities	B
Purchases of certain bearer instruments	B
<u>Stamp Duty</u>	
Exemption of:	
Transfers of stock on sale to recognised intermediaries	B
Transfers of building society shares	B
Issues or transfers of bearer instruments in foreign currencies	B
Transfers of certain loan stocks	B
Transfers to a Minister of the Crown	B
Transfers under stock borrowing and sale and repurchase arrangements	B
Transfers under schemes of company reconstruction and similar arrangements	B
Transfer of shares held in Treasury	B
<u>Stamp Duty Land Tax</u>	
Various minor Stamp Duty Land Tax exemptions and combinations of reliefs.	B
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<u>Value Added Tax</u>	
Zero rating of:	
Bank notes	A
Caravans and houseboats	A
Imports, exports etc	A
International services	A
Protected buildings	A
Talking books for the blind and disabled and wireless sets for the blind	A
Tax-free shops	A
Certain ships and aircraft	A
Sales of homes that are empty for more than 10 years	A
Supplies to charities	A
Reduced rating of:	
Certain residential conversions and renovations	A
Exemption of:	
Fund raising events by charities and other qualifying bodies	A
Investment gold	A
Sport, sports competitions and physical education	A
Supplies of goods where input tax cannot be recovered	A
Subscriptions to trade unions, professional and other public interest bodies	A
Works of art	A
Postal services	E
Cultural admission charges	A
Supplies of commercial property	A
<u>Air Passenger Duty</u>	
Young children without a seat	A
Passengers travelling on connecting flights	A
Transit Passengers	A
Short Pleasure Flights	A
Military flights	A
Visiting forces, NATO Military Headquarter personnel	A
Passengers carried on flights departing from airports in the Scottish Highlands and Islands	E
<u>Climate Change Levy</u>	
Exemption for supplies of energy:	
Used to produce taxable commodities other than electricity	A
(Other than self supplies) to various categories of electricity producers including combined heat and power (CHP) schemes	A
Electricity producers that are self-supplies in specific circumstances	A
Exemption for taxable commodities used to produce electricity in a generating station	A

Aggregates Levy

Exemption for aggregate arising from the footprint of a building	A
Exemption for aggregate arising from highway construction	A
Exemption for aggregate arising from railway construction	A
Clay, soil and other organic matter	A
Coal, lignite, slate	A
Processing waste resulting from the separation of coal, lignite, slate from other aggregate after extraction	A
Spoil, waste and other by-products from any industrial combustion process or metal smelting/refining	A
Drill cuttings from the seabed	A
Extracting industrial minerals	A
Spoil from the processing after extraction of industrial minerals	A
Production of lime or cement from limestone	A
Aggregate used in an exempt process after the aggregates levy has been brought to account	A
Aggregate used in a prescribed industrial or agricultural process	A
Aggregate disposed of without further processing to the originating site or a connected site	A
Aggregate disposed of to landfill	A
Aggregate which is sand or gravel and is used for beach replenishment	A
Exemption for aggregate arising from navigational dredging	A
Shale not used for construction purposes	A
Aggregate which is returned, unmixed, to the land at the site from which it was won (exempt by virtue of being not 'commercially exploited')	A
Aggregate won from a site and returned, unmixed, to a site occupied by the same person for agricultural or forestry purposes (exempt by virtue of	A
Aggregate which has previously been used for construction purposes (exempt by virtue of not being 'taxable aggregate')	A

Landfill Tax

Waste from visiting overseas forces	A
Mining and quarrying waste	A
Backfilling of quarries	A

Excise Tax

Exemption from registration for small-scale cider and perry producers	A
Alcoholic Ingredients Relief	C

Table reviewed and updated January 2018

*Data is collected but data capture may be questionable.

**Previously referred to the income tax cost only but now also refers to the CT cost too.

***We are reviewing the method for calculating the cost of the Annual Exempt Amount and have therefore moved the entry to the costs unknown table.

Previously Deleted reliefs and exemptions

Income Tax and Corporation Tax

Exemption of:

Unremitted income of taxpayers resident but not ordinary resident in the UK - No longer exists.

Allowances and reliefs for:

Payments for technical education relevant to a taxpayer's trade - no longer exists.

Capital Gains Tax and company gains within Corporation Tax

Exemption of:

Gains on Enterprise Investment Scheme shares

Allowances and reliefs for:

Disposal of Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme shares held for 3 years

Reinvestment in Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme

Lump-sum payments from foreign pension schemes - abolished April 2017

Rollover/holdover relief for:

Gains on Enterprise Investment Scheme shares