



### **i** Contacts

Please phone:

- the number printed on page 1 of your tax return
- the Pensions Helpline on 0300 123 1079
- the SA Orderline on 0300 200 3610 for helpsheets

or go to [www.gov.uk/government/collections/self-assessment-detailed-information](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/self-assessment-detailed-information)

### Contents

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| What you have received           | Page 1  |
| Key dates and summary            | Page 2  |
| More about late filing penalties | Page 2  |
| What you should do first         | Page 3  |
| What to do next                  | Page 3  |
| What we do                       | Page 3  |
| How to fill in your tax return   | Page 4  |
| Pages 2 to 7                     | Page 4  |
| If you're not sure               | Page 4  |
| Questions 7, 8 and Declaration   | Page 4  |
| Paying your tax                  | Page 10 |
| If you have a complaint          | Page 12 |
| More information                 | Page 12 |

This guide has step-by-step instructions to help you fill in the 'Tax return for trustees of registered pension schemes'.

We answer most of your questions here. If you need more help, please phone the Pensions Helpline on 0300 123 1079.

As this tax return cannot be filed online, you must file the completed paper return by 31 January 2026. However, if you want us to do the calculation, you must file the return by 31 October 2025.

### What you have received

Your 'Tax return for trustees of registered pension schemes' asks for details of the scheme's income and taxable chargeable gains.

If the scheme is not registered with HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC), do not complete a return. Please return your notice to file, explaining why it is not appropriate to your scheme.

This guide is to help you fill in the tax return. You can also download the 'Trustees of registered pension schemes tax calculation guide' SA976 to help you calculate your tax bill (if you want to). Find it on [www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) with the SA970 tax return documents.

You're required to complete the tax return for 2024 to 2025 even if:

- the scheme does not have to pay Income Tax on the income received by it or Capital Gains Tax on its gains
- there is no repayment or further repayment due to the scheme

If you've prepared accounts for a 12-month period ending in the year 2024 to 2025 but before 5 April 2025, you may complete the return based on the income and gains received during the period of those accounts. This is called the accounts basis.

The completion of the tax return on the accounts basis is a limited alternative to the statutory (6 April to 5 April) basis, to simplify administration for trustees. Any change of accounting date means you must revert permanently to completing the return on the statutory basis, that is, for the year from 6 April to 5 April each year.

If you do so, you must adopt this method on a consistent basis. If you wish to change from the accounts basis to the statutory basis, then the change in basis should not result in there being periods which drop out of account.

If you've not had accounts prepared for a 12-month period ending in the year to 5 April 2025, complete the tax return for income received in the year ended 5 April 2025. However, if this would result in a period dropping out of account, you should complete the return based on the entire period since the end of the last accounts.

You must send your return back to us on time. Otherwise, you will be liable to an initial automatic penalty of £100, and further penalties for continued delay.

You should not send any other documents with your return. If we need to see scheme accounts or other records, we will ask for them.

### **Key dates and summary**

You must, by law, have kept all records. Failure to do so could give rise to penalties.

#### **April 2025**

You receive your notice to file. You will need to:

- find your records
- fill in your return

#### **31 October 2025**

We must have received your completed tax return by this date if you want us to calculate your tax and tell you what to pay in time for the 31 January 2026 payment, if one is due.

#### **31 January 2026**

This date is important for 3 reasons. This is the date by which you must:

- let us have your completed tax return
- pay the balance of any tax you owe for 2024 to 2025
- pay your first payment on account for the 2025 to 2026 tax year, if appropriate

If we receive your tax return after this date, we will charge you an automatic penalty of £100 even if you've no tax to pay or you've paid all the tax you owe on time. If you pay your tax late, we will charge you interest and possibly a late payment penalty.

### **More about late filing penalties**

If you still do not send back your completed tax return we will also charge you the following penalties, over:

- 3 months late – a penalty of £10 for each additional day that it's late for a maximum of 90 days (£900)
- 6 months late – an additional £300 or 5% of the tax due if this is higher
- 12 months late – a further £300 or a further 5% of the tax due if this is higher, or up to 100% of the tax due if information is being deliberately withheld to prevent us from assessing your liability – this could be up to 200% if the income or gains not being declared arise outside the UK

## **Contacts**

Please phone:

- the number printed on page 1 of your tax return
- the Pensions Helpline on 0300 123 1079
- the SA Orderline on 0300 200 3610 for helpsheets

or go to [www.gov.uk/government/collections/self-assessment-detailed-information](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/self-assessment-detailed-information)

## **What you should do first**

Decide if you want us to calculate the tax (or repayment) for you. If so, make sure your completed tax return reaches us by 31 October 2025. It will save you time and effort if you leave it to us.

If you miss the deadline of 31 October 2025, you will need to calculate the tax (or repayment) and make sure your completed tax return reaches us by 31 January 2026.

Do not delay doing your tax return. You do not have to wait for the deadline shown on the front of the tax return. Tackling it earlier means you will have more time to get help if you need it. Sending it earlier does not mean you have to pay tax any sooner.

## **What to do next**

Gather together information about the scheme's circumstances for 2024 to 2025. For example, if accounts were prepared for a 12-month period ending within the year ended 5 April 2025, you will need these. Whether or not accounts were prepared, you will need any building society statements, dividend vouchers, documentation or records provided by professionals who perform services on your behalf and other financial records. Do not send these with your tax return; keep them safe.

You're now ready to fill in your tax return. Page 4 of this guide will tell you what to do, and the rest of the guide will help you fill in the boxes. If you need more help, ask us or your tax adviser.

If after sending us your tax return you find that you've made a mistake, or any details have changed, let us know, otherwise we may charge you a penalty. We prefer that you let us know by letter what the correct figures are and their effect on the tax charges, but otherwise you can send an amended tax return.

## **What we do**

When we get your completed tax return we will use your figures to work out whether the scheme owes any tax, and if so how much, or how much we owe you. If we see any obvious mistakes – for example, in the arithmetic – we may put them right and tell you what we've done. When we process the return, we shall only be looking at the return.

We will send you our calculation of your tax, if you've asked us to do it for you. If you've calculated your tax, we'll let you know if it's wrong.

Later, we will send you a statement. This will explain how to pay any tax due – read the notes on page 10 of this guide.

Once we've processed your tax return we may check it. We've 12 months after we receive it to do this. We may make enquiries about your figures and ask you to send the records you took them from. We may also check your figures against any details received from other sources, such as your building society or bank.

## How to fill in your tax return

Answer all the questions. If you complete a 'Yes' box, fill in the following boxes that apply to you. Please:

- write clearly using blue or black ink and only in the spaces provided
- use numbers only, when you are asked for amounts
- do not include pence in the shaded boxes – round down income and gains to the nearest pound, and round up tax credits and tax deductions – for example, if building society interest is £3,500.87, enter £3,500 in box 1.1 – round all the boxes, not just totals boxes
- do not delay sending your tax return just because you do not have all the information you need – read the notes under 'Additional information' on page 8 of this guide

If you need help, look up the question number on pages 4 to 7 of this guide.

## Pages 2 to 7

Fill in pages 2 to 7 of your tax return. Notes to help you complete them are on pages 4 to 8 of this guide and page 10 includes information about paying your tax.

## If you're not sure

If a source of income is not taxable and is not specifically asked for on the tax return, do not include it on the tax return. Examples might include contributions received or the proceeds of insurance policies used to pay benefits.

If you're not sure about the treatment of a source of income, you can enter it in the box you think is appropriate and then in the 'Additional information' box 13.3 on page 7, tell us what you've done and why.

## Questions 7, 8 and Declaration

Remember to fill in all of question 7 if you've calculated the tax bill, and complete question 8 if you wish to claim a repayment.

Finally, sign and date the Declaration and send your completed tax return back to us. Do not include your financial records or accounts. Keep them safe.

## UK income

### Q1 Did you receive income from which UK Income Tax has been deducted?

Banks and building societies are not required to deduct tax on interest they pay. They can also pay alternative finance receipts to pension schemes without deducting Income Tax. You may therefore find that the interest or alternative finance receipts you received in 2024 to 2025 were received gross and should not be returned here.

If you've received income which has had UK Income Tax deducted, make sure that the gross income figure you show on the form is only that portion of income which has had tax deducted from it.

Only enter income from authorised unit trusts here if the certificate of deduction clearly shows Income Tax has been deducted. Generally, income from authorised unit trusts does not have Income Tax deducted, or any tax credit attached. But if there is an attached tax credit it is not reclaimable.

## **Contacts**

Please phone:

- the number printed on page 1 of your tax return
- the Pensions Helpline on 0300 123 1079
- the SA Orderline on 0300 200 3610 for helpsheets

or go to [www.gov.uk/government/collections/self-assessment-detailed-information](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/self-assessment-detailed-information)

If you answer 'yes' to question 1, enter the total amount of:

- interest or alternative finance receipts you've received from all your investments during 2024 to 2025 after the deduction of lower rate tax (net) (box 1.1)
- tax deducted from that interest or alternative finance receipts (box 1.2)
- interest or alternative finance receipts from all your investments during 2024 to 2025 before tax was deducted (gross) (box 1.3)

You can find the relevant figures on one of the following:

- investment statements
- certificate of tax deducted provided by the company which pays interest on any loan made by the scheme

If you do not have all 3 figures, work them out as follows.

Either like this.

Tax deducted = amount after tax x 25%

Statement shows interest of £80 after tax

So tax is £80 x 25% = £20

Or like this.

Tax deducted = amount before tax x 20%

Statement shows interest of £100 before tax

So tax is £100 x 20% = £20

Only the amount of Income Tax deducted that has not already been reclaimed by you at the time this return is made and for the period covered by this return is still repayable.

If you've already reclaimed tax before you make this return, enter the amount that you've already reclaimed in box 1.4.

If none of the tax in box 1.2 has been reclaimed by you at the time you make this return, the figure of tax reclaimable now, and to be entered in box 1.5, is the same as that entered in box 1.2.

If, exceptionally, the figure to be entered in box 1.5 is a minus figure and you're calculating the tax (or repayment) due, you will need to take the following action when carrying this figure to the working sheet in the 'Trustees of registered pension schemes tax calculation guide'.

If there's tax available for repayment from box 2.4, deduct the amount shown in box 1.5 from the figure in box 2.4. If the result is a positive figure, enter it in box P14 of the working sheet in the 'tax calculation guide'. If the result is a minus figure, then enter the figure in brackets in box P14.

## **Income from overseas investments**

### **Q2 Did you receive income from overseas investments?**

Include income in box 2.1 only if UK Income Tax has been deducted.

You should convert income to sterling at the rate of exchange prevailing when the income arose. If you're not sure of the exchange rate you need to apply, ask us or your tax adviser.

## Trading income

### Q3 Did you receive any trading income?

If at any time in the year to 5 April 2025 the scheme carried on a trade, complete boxes 3.1 to 3.5. Income from a trade is not exempt from tax and any income shown here will be subject to tax at the trust rate. If you need help to arrive at the scheme's net profit after expenses and deductions, for example, capital allowances, ask us or your tax adviser.

You can use cash basis or traditional accounting to determine your income and expenses. If you have used traditional accounting tell us in the 'Additional information' box, box 13.3.

Use box 3.2A to claim the 100% first year allowance for new and unused zero-emission or electric cars. If you use the car outside of your business, you must reduce the claim in proportion to the non-business use.

Use box 3.2C to claim a capital allowance for zero-emission goods vehicles if you've purchased new, not second hand, zero-emission goods vehicles.

The scheme should have records of all its business transactions. These must be kept until at least 5 April 2031 in case we ask to see them.

## Income under a Deed of Covenant

### Q4 Did you receive any income under a deed of covenant?

Enter the total amounts in boxes 4.1 to 4.3. Income Tax deducted from income received from deeds of covenant is not repayable.

## Income paid under deduction of tax

### Q5 Were any payments or charges on the pension scheme's income paid under deduction of tax?

Include in boxes 5.1 and 5.2 the total charges on the scheme's income that were paid under deduction of tax. Do not include the totals of any interest or alternative finance payments or rent paid under deduction of tax to anyone who lives abroad. You should include these payments in boxes 5.3 and 5.4.

Do not include payments of pensions made under PAYE, or payments under the Construction Industry Scheme, in any of the boxes in this question. You should not include tax deducted by the scheme administrator. For example, you should not show tax deducted from short service refunds here, but should return it under the Accounting for Tax procedures (for more details, go to [www.gov.uk/guidance/pension-administrators-reporting-to-hmrc](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/pension-administrators-reporting-to-hmrc)).

Tax deducted from trivial commutation lump sums should be dealt with through PAYE.

## Other taxable income

### Q6 Did you receive any other taxable income which you have not already entered elsewhere in this return or did you make any taxable chargeable gain?

You should enter only taxable income and taxable chargeable gains in question 6. If the income or gains are exempt from tax, do not enter them here. Do not enter rental amounts from UK or overseas properties.

## **Contacts**

Please phone:

- the number printed on page 1 of your tax return
- the Pensions Helpline on 0300 123 1079
- the SA Orderline on 0300 200 3610 for helpsheets

or go to [www.gov.uk/government/collections/self-assessment-detailed-information](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/self-assessment-detailed-information)

Enter in boxes 6.2 to 6.4 details of any taxable income of whatever nature that you have not entered elsewhere within this tax return. For example, you should enter partnership income from a property investment LLP here. Tax is due on this income at the trust rates.

Enter the taxable amount of the chargeable gains after any exemptions, losses and/or reliefs on:

- residential property in box 6.5
- other property, assets and gains in box 6.6
- any gains qualifying for either Business Asset Disposal Relief (previously Entrepreneurs Relief) or Investors' Relief, or both in box 6.7 – enter the figure in this box only, not also in 6.5 or 6.6

On 30 October 2024, the rate of Capital Gains Tax charged on other property and assets was increased from 20% to 24% with effect from that day. This return can only calculate a single rate of Capital Gains Tax, so you will need to calculate and tell us about any additional Capital Gains Tax that will be due as a result of this change. To calculate this, you should identify those gains within box 6.6 that accrued on or after 30 October 2024.

Once you have identified your post 30 October 2024 gains, you should multiply this figure by 4% (equivalent to dividing it by 25). Enter this calculated figure in box 6.7A. If you have entered an amount in box 6.6 and there is not additional Capital Gains Tax due, enter 0 in box 6.7A. If you've used box 6.7A, enter details of your calculation in box 13.3, or confirm that you have calculated that no additional tax is due.

The trustees of a registered pension scheme have half the normal annual exempt amount (for example, £1,500 for 2024 to 2025).

You should calculate the taxable amount under normal Capital Gains Tax rules. For more information on Capital Gains Tax, please read the Capital Gains Manual from page CG33000C. Go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and search for 'HMRC manuals'.

## **Calculating the tax (or repayment) yourself**

### **Q7 Do you want to calculate the tax (or repayment) due?**

Calculating the tax (or repayment) is optional. If you do not answer 'Yes' to this question we shall assume that you want us to calculate the tax for you. Therefore, you must send the completed tax return to us by 31 October 2025. See page 11 of these notes if your notice to file was issued after 31 July 2025.

If you wish to calculate your tax or repayment, then complete the working sheet in the 'Trustees of registered pension schemes tax calculation guide' and copy the figures to question 7.

We need this information so that we can check that you've got it right.

## **Claiming a repayment**

### **Q8 Do you want to claim a repayment?**

If you wish to claim a repayment, fill in boxes 8.1 to 8.12 as appropriate; we will not make a repayment without this information. We will send any repayment direct to your, or your nominee's, bank account. This is the safest and quickest method for the scheme to receive a repayment. If you do not claim a repayment, we will not send you one automatically. We will set any amount we owe you against your next tax bill.

Please note, if you've an amount to pay that's due in the near future (usually within 45 days), then we will generally set off any repayments against this liability. Also, we prefer not to make repayments of small amounts, because of administrative costs. So if the overpaid tax is below £10, we'll set it against your next tax bill. But if you do not agree with this set-off, please contact us.

Complete box 8.1 if you want us to send the repayment to the scheme's bank account.

Complete box 8.2 if you want us to send the repayment to your adviser's, or other nominee's bank account. Fill in boxes 8.3 to 8.7 to give details of your account or, if you want us to send the repayment to a nominee, give details of that nominee's account. If your nominee is your adviser, please complete boxes 8.8 and 8.9. Fill in boxes 8.10 and 8.11 to give details of your nominee or adviser. You must sign box 8.12.

Please note that we reserve the right not to make a repayment to your nominee. For more information on reclaiming tax on investment income, go to [www.gov.uk/guidance/pension-trustees-reclaim-tax-deducted-from-investment-income](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/pension-trustees-reclaim-tax-deducted-from-investment-income)

### **Pension scheme contact details and changes to name and addresses**

You must complete boxes 9.1 to 12.6 as appropriate. The information will help us keep our records up to date.

## **Additional information**

### **Provisional figures**

Do not delay sending your tax return just because you do not have all the information you need. You must do your best to get the information, but if you cannot provide final figures by the time you need to send back your return, then provide provisional figures.

Complete box 13.1 and say in the 'Additional information' box, box 13.3, which figures are provisional (refer to the appropriate box numbers on the return). It would also help us if you say in box 13.3:

- why you could not give final figures
- an appropriate date on which you expect to give us your final figures

If you use provisional figures, you must have taken all reasonable steps to get the final figures. We could charge you a penalty if you did not have a good reason for using a provisional figure or you did not take sufficient care to calculate the provisional figure reasonably. We would not regard pressure of work on either you or your tax adviser, or the complexity of your tax affairs as reasons for using a provisional figure.

You must make sure that any provisional figures you do include are reasonable and take account of all the information available to you.

### **Estimates**

In some situations you may need to provide an estimated figure which you do not intend to amend at a later date. Broadly, this will be the case when there is inadequate information to allow you to arrive at a reliable figure (for example, where the records concerned have been lost or destroyed), or while there's inadequate information to arrive at a precise figure; in these situations a reliable estimate can be made.



## **Contacts**

Please phone:

- the number printed on page 1 of your tax return
- the Pensions Helpline on 0300 123 1079
- the SA Orderline on 0300 200 3610 for helpsheets

or go to [www.gov.uk/government/collections/self-assessment-detailed-information](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/self-assessment-detailed-information)

You should also identify any figures in your tax return which may not be very reliable; where appropriate, explain how you've arrived at the figures. If you're including an estimate which, while not a precise figure, is sufficiently reliable to allow you to make an accurate tax return, there's no need to make specific reference to it.

### **Disclosure of tax avoidance schemes**

Enter in box 13.2A the scheme reference number (SRN) of any scheme or arrangement the trust has used to get a tax or National Insurance contributions advantage, and the promoter reference number (PRN) if the arrangement was promoted by a monitored promoter.

In most cases you will have received the SRN from the scheme promoter on form AAG6 'Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes – Notification of Scheme Reference Number', but in some cases you may have received it directly from HMRC.

You will usually have received the PRN from the scheme promoter but in some cases you may have received the PRN from an intermediary or from another client of the promoter.

If you've both reference numbers put your PRN in the first row and your SRNs below. If you've more than 3 SRNs or PRNs, use form AAG4 to tell us about the SRNs or form AAG4 (PRN) to tell us about the PRNs. To get the forms, go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and search for 'AAG4'.

Enter in box 13.2B the year in which the expected tax advantage first arises. This may be the year to 5 April 2025 or a future year. It may be an earlier year if this is the first time you've reported the SRN or PRN. You must continue to report it in future returns until there's no longer a tax advantage (for example, until losses produced by the scheme have been used up).

HMRC never approves tax avoidance schemes. If you fail to tell us the SRN or PRN for a scheme or arrangement, you will have to pay a penalty. For more information on tax avoidance, go to [www.gov.uk/government/collections/tax-avoidance-detailed-information](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/tax-avoidance-detailed-information)

### **Declaration**

#### **Accounts**

See page 1 and 2 of this guide which explains the difference between the tax year basis and the scheme accounts basis. Put your 'X' in one box only. Complete either:

- box 14.1 if you've completed the tax return on the tax year basis, for a period ending on 5 April 2025
- box 14.2 to indicate if you've completed the tax return on the scheme accounts basis for a 12-month period of account ending during the year 2024 to 2025 – if you have completed box 14.2 you must complete box 14.2A

Where there has been a change in the scheme's accounting period to align its end date with the end of the tax year, the period ending 5 April 2025 to be included in this return will be a period longer than 12 months, so that no period falls out of account. This period of longer than 12 months may be covered either by one set of accounts for the whole period or 2 consecutive sets of accounts covering the period from the end of the 2023 to 2024 accounting period to 5 April 2025. Put 'X' in box 14.1 and add details of the full period at additional information box 13.3.

Do not send any accounts or other records in with the return. If we need to see them, we'll ask for them.

### **If you've filled in the tax return**

Sign and date the return in box 14.3. This must be signed by a trustee of the scheme who has been nominated by the other trustees of the scheme.

### **If you've had the tax return filled in for you by someone else**

If you've had the tax return filled in for you by someone else, acting on your behalf, you must still sign and date the return yourself to confirm to us that, to the best of your knowledge and belief, it is correct and complete.

This applies whether you've paid for the services of an accountant or other tax practitioner, or have simply had help from a friend or relative.

Always allow sufficient time for checking and signing the tax return if it's been completed by someone on your behalf (particularly if you are likely to be abroad near the deadline for sending the return back to us). Failure to make appropriate arrangements could mean that you miss the deadline and we charge you penalties and interest.

## **Paying your tax**

### **Your statement of account**

If we receive your completed tax return by 31 October 2025, we will send you a statement showing how much tax you owe us, or we owe you, before any final payment is due on 31 January 2026. It will also explain how to pay.

If we receive your completed tax return after 31 October 2025, we cannot guarantee to process it in time to let you know how much to pay on 31 January 2026. This might mean that you've to estimate how much to pay.

We will send you a payslip with either a statement of account or a reminder.

If you pay too little, you will have to pay interest (and perhaps a late payment penalty). If you pay too much and have claimed a repayment, we'll repay it with any interest due. If you do not claim a repayment we will set the amount due, plus any interest, against your next tax bill.

### **If you make payments on account**

Some trustees may have to make payments on account. Each payment will normally equal one half of the previous year's tax liability (after taking off tax deducted at source). The payments are due on 31 January in the tax year and 31 July following the tax year.

If you needed to make payments on account for the year to 5 April 2025, we will already have sent you a statement of the first payment on account due by 31 January 2026. We will send you another statement in June or July with details of the second payment on account.

If the payments on account add up to less than you owe for 2024 to 2025, you must pay the difference by 31 January 2026. You can work out this amount by completing boxes P24 to P28 in the working sheet in the 'Trustees of registered pension schemes tax calculation guide'.

If the payments on account add up to more than the tax bill for 2024 to 2025, we will repay the difference if you've claimed a repayment in question 8 on your tax return, or if not, we'll set it against your next tax bill. When you settle your tax bill for 2024 to 2025 by 31 January 2026, you must also pay any first payment on account for 2025 to 2026. You must make the second payment on account for 2025 to 2026 by 31 July 2026.

If you've asked us to calculate your tax, we will tell you how much to pay on account.

## **Contacts**

Please phone:

- the number printed on page 1 of your tax return
- the Pensions Helpline on 0300 123 1079
- the SA Orderline on 0300 200 3610 for helpsheets

or go to [www.gov.uk/government/collections/self-assessment-detailed-information](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/self-assessment-detailed-information)

If you're calculating your tax, complete the working sheet in the 'Trustees of registered pension schemes tax calculation guide'.

Any Capital Gains Tax included in your 2024 to 2025 tax bill will be excluded from the calculation of your 2025 to 2026 payments on account. If you've asked us to calculate your tax, we will exclude it from the amount we tell you to pay on account. If you're calculating your tax, the calculation excludes Capital Gains Tax when you work through the boxes to calculate your payments on account.

You can make a claim to reduce these payments if you expect your tax bill (net of tax deducted at source) to be lower in 2025 to 2026 than in 2024 to 2025. The 'tax calculation guide' will tell you what to do if you wish to claim to reduce your payments on account. We will charge interest on late payments on account. For details read 'If you do not pay your tax on time'.

### **Ways to pay**

You can pay by one of the following methods:

- Direct Debit
- your bank's online or phone banking facility
- online using your debit or company credit card
- at your own bank branch
- by post

For more information, go to [www.gov.uk/pay-self-assessment-tax-bill](http://www.gov.uk/pay-self-assessment-tax-bill)

### **If you do not pay your tax on time**

We will charge interest on all late payments from the date the tax becomes due until it's paid. You will have to pay a late payment penalty on any tax for the year ending 5 April 2025 which is due by 31 January 2026, but is not paid by 2 March 2026. This penalty will be:

- 5% of the tax paid late
- 5% of any tax paid later than 1 August 2026
- 5% of any tax paid later than 1 February 2027

### **If you pay too much tax**

If you do not claim a repayment, we will take the amount we owe you, plus any interest, off your next tax bill. See the additional details above at 'Q8 Do you want to claim a repayment?'

### **If your tax return is incorrect**

If your tax return is incorrect and you've paid too much tax, read 'If you pay too much tax' above.

If you've not paid enough tax, then we will ask for further tax. We may charge you interest from the original due date, penalties and a late payment penalty.

### **If the notice requiring you to make your tax return was given after 31 July 2025**

If the notice requiring you to make your tax return was given after 31 July 2025, we must receive it from you by the later of 3 months after the date the notice was given or 31 January 2026.

Tax is also due by the later of these dates.

We will charge interest on any tax paid after the due date. We'll also charge a late payment penalty of 5% on any tax still unpaid more than 30 days after the due date.

The notice requiring you to make your tax return is 'given' on the day it's delivered to you. We will normally assume, for example, for the purpose of charging automatic

penalties for the late submission of your tax return, that delivery will have taken place not more than 7 days after the date of issue shown on the front of it.

## **If you have a complaint**

Problems can usually be settled most quickly and easily by contacting Pension Schemes Services. We will always give you a contact name or number in any correspondence we send you.

If you cannot settle a matter with the person you've been dealing with, you can write to the Customer Services Complaints Team at the Pension Schemes Services address. Contact details are at [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs/contact/pension-scheme-enquiries](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs/contact/pension-scheme-enquiries)

If the problem concerns the service you've been given by an accounts office, please write to the director or complaints team of that office.

For more information about our complaints procedures, go to [www.gov.uk/complain-about-hmrc](http://www.gov.uk/complain-about-hmrc)

## **If you're still not happy**

If we have not been able to settle your complaint to your satisfaction, you can ask the Adjudicator to look into it and recommend appropriate action. The Adjudicator is an impartial referee whose recommendations are independent. For more information go to, [www.adjudicatorsoffice.gov.uk](http://www.adjudicatorsoffice.gov.uk)  
The Adjudicator's leaflet AO1, 'The role of the Adjudicator' also gives information about complaining to the Adjudicator.

Finally, you can ask your MP to refer your case to the independent Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman. The Ombudsman will accept referral from any MP, but you should approach your own MP first. More information is available from [www.ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.ombudsman.org.uk)

## **More information**

### **Your rights and obligations**

'HMRC Charter' explains what you can expect from us and what we expect from you. For more information go to [www.gov.uk/government/publications/hmrc-charter](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hmrc-charter)


### **How we use your information**

HMRC is a Data Controller under the Data Protection Act 2018. We hold information for the purposes specified in our notification to the Information Commissioner, including the assessment and collection of tax and duties, the payment of benefits and the prevention and detection of crime, and may use this information for any of them.

We may get information about you from others, or we may give information to them. If we do, it will only be as the law permits to:

- check the accuracy of information
- prevent or detect crime
- protect public funds

We may check information we receive about you with what's already in our records. This can include information provided by you, as well as by others, such as other government departments or agencies and overseas tax and customs authorities. We will not give information to anyone outside HMRC unless the law permits us to do so. For more information go to [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs/about/personal-information-charter](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs/about/personal-information-charter)

 These notes are for guidance only and reflect the position at the time of writing. They do not affect the right of appeal.