

## VALUE ADDED TAX

Normal Registration Level for Goods & Services	€37,500
Turnover at least 90% from Sale of Goods Standard Rate	€75,000 23%

Other categories of goods and services are taxed at different rates: 0%, 5.2%, 9% and 13.5%.

## GIFT/INHERITANCE TAX

Thresholds	€
Parent to Child	250,000
Blood Relative	33,500
Others	16,750

No Gift/Inheritance Tax is payable between spouses  
Annual Small Gift Exemption €3,000

### Business Relief

90% reduction in taxable value of gift/inheritance for qualifying business assets

Rates	%
Threshold Amount	Nil
Balance	30%

## STAMP DUTY

Stocks or Marketable Securities	1%	
Residential Property		
First	€1,000,000	1%
Excess over	1,000,000	2%

Commercial & Other Property	2%
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## DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

Personal Income Tax Payments	31 <sup>st</sup> October in tax year
Personal Income Tax Returns	31 <sup>st</sup> October after tax year

### Company Tax Payments\*:

90% up to 1 Mth 10 days before end of year  
Balance up to 8 Mths 21 days after end of year

Company Tax Returns	up to 8 Mths 21 days after y/e
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### Interest on Tax Paid Late

Income Tax (IT), Corporation Tax (CT), Capital Gains Tax (CGT), Capital Acquisitions Tax (CAT)	0.0219% per day
Value Added Tax (VAT), Pay As You Earn (PAYE), Relevant Contracts Tax (RCT), EXCISE, Professional Services Withholding Tax (PSWT), Air Travel Tax (ATT)	0.0274% per day

Interest on Tax Repaid	0.011% per day
Surcharges on late submission of returns	5% – 10%

\* Additional preliminary payment date where company tax liability exceeds €200,000 in the previous accounting period.

## HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT?

Maximising Your Pension  
Property Related Incentives  
Tax Efficient Charitable Donations  
Investing in Section 481 (Films)  
Cycle to Work Scheme  
Tax Free Non-Cash Bonus €250 (certain conditions apply)  
Tax credit scheme for Research & Development expenditure

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### TAX SUMMARY 2012



## MAIN PERSONAL CREDITS AND RELIEFS

	<b>Tax Credit</b>
	<b>€</b>
Married Couple	3,300
Single Person	1,650
PAYE Credit*	1,650
Additional Credits:	
Widowed Person (no dependent children)	2,190
- One parent family credit (single/widowed)	1,650
Home Carers Credit**	810
<b>Dependents</b>	<b>€</b>
- Relative	70
- Incapacitated Child	3,300
<b>Age Credit (65 years or more, per person)</b>	<b>245</b>

### Mortgages taken out from 2009 – 2012

Mortgage interest relief granted at 25% for years 1 and 2; at 22.5% for years 3- 5 and 20% for years 6-7 for first time buyers. Relief granted at 15% for non-first time buyers. Relief granted at source.

All rates are subject to maximum limits where relevant.

### Mortgages taken out from 2004 – 2008

Mortgage interest relief granted at 30% for first time buyers.

All rates are subject to maximum limits where relevant.

\* Not available to Proprietary Directors and the Self Employed

\*\* Income limit €5,080, marginal credit if Income > €5,080 & < €6,700

## INCOME TAX RATES

	<b>20%</b>	<b>41%</b>
Single/Widowed Persons (no dependent children)	€32,800	Balance
Married Couples/One Income	€41,800	Balance
Married Couples/Two Incomes*	€65,600	Balance
Single/Widowed Persons (with dependent children)	€36,800	Balance

\*Certain criteria apply

<b>Exemption Limit</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>Married</b>
- Over 65	€18,000	€36,000

The above exemption limits are increased by €575 for each of the first two dependent children and €830 for the third and subsequent children.

### Universal Social Charge (aged under 70 years)

2%	On income up to €10,036
4%	On income from €10,036.01 - €16,016
7%	On income above €16,016

### Universal Social Charge (aged over 70 years)

2%	On income up to €10,036
4%	On income above €10,036

There is a surcharge of 3% on individuals who have income from self-employment that exceeds €100,000 in a year, regardless of age.

Exemptions from USC:  
Persons earning €10,036 p.a. or less  
All Department of Social Protection payments  
Income already subjected to DIRT

## 20% TAX CREDIT ON:

- Medical expenses
- Rent to private landlord (limits apply)
- Service or refuse charges (max credit €80)
- Qualifying tuition fees up to €5,000 (excl. student contribution)

## BENEFIT-IN-KIND

\* The current percentages applicable are as follows:

<b>Annual Business Kilometric Thresholds</b>	<b>Cash Equivalent (% of OMV)</b>
24,135 or less	30%
24,136 to 32,180	24%
32,181 to 40,225	18%
40,226 to 48,270	12%
48,271 and over	6%

\* Finance Act (No. 2) 2008 made changes to take account of cars CO2 emission levels and also revised 'cash equivalent' method of calculation but these changes are subject to a commencement order. Full details available on [www.osk.ie](http://www.osk.ie)

## P.R.S.I.

**Social Insurance  
Employer  
Employee  
PRSI**

<b>Class A1</b>
*10.75% no limit
4% no income limit (first €127 of weekly earnings exempt) (exempt < €352 per week)

**Self Employed Contribution  
and directors  
Social Insurance**

<b>Class S1</b>
**4% no limit

\* 4.25% for employees earning up to €356 per week  
\*\* 4% subject to minimum payment of €253

## CORPORATION TAX

Standard Rate Trading Income	12.5%
Non-Trading Income	25%
<b>Certain start up companies exempt from corporation tax for first three years</b>	

## CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Individual Annual Exemption	€1,270
Rate	30%

### Payment date

For gains arising 1 January to 30 November 2012 the payment date is 15 December 2012  
For gains arising 1 to 31 December 2012 the payment date is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013

## CAPITAL ALLOWANCES

	<b>Plant &amp; Machinery</b>	<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>Industrial Buildings</b>
Writing Down Allowance	12.5% p.a. for 8 years	12.5% p.a. for 8 years	4% p.a.

Maximum allowable capital cost for new cars €24,000

**Up to 100% Accelerated Allowances apply to qualifying companies in the IFSC and Shannon Areas and also for certain energy efficient equipment.**