



## Summary of Income Tax Allowances Year of Charge 2020

The standard rate of income tax is 20p in the £

<b>Personal Allowance</b>	<b>£11,575</b>
<b>Dependent Relative Allowance</b> If the relative's income exceeds <b>£7,825</b> , the allowance is reduced by £1 for every £1 by which the relative's income exceeds <b>£7,825</b>	<b>£ 3,750</b>
<b>Infirm Person's Allowance</b>	<b>£ 3,750</b>
<b>Housekeeper Allowance</b>	<b>£ 3,750</b>
<b>Charge of Children Allowance</b> Generally available only to lone parents	<b>£ 7,875</b>
<b>Retirement Annuity Allowance</b> Tax at the standard rate on a sum equal to the qualifying premiums or contributions	

## FIRST SCHEDULE

### Year of Charge 2020

Allowances claimable by an individual solely or principally resident in Guernsey by way of relief from income tax at the standard rate. In order to calculate the amount of the allowance, where the taxpayers are married or in a civil partnership, each spouse's income shall be considered separately, in accordance with the table below. All allowances are subject to the following conditions –

- (i) the allowances shall be pro-rated for a person who is solely or principally resident in the years of that person's, arrival in, or permanent departure from, Guernsey, based on the proportion of time spent in Guernsey in the relevant year of charge in the same manner in which income is pro-rated by virtue of sections 5(3) and 5(4) of the Income Tax (Guernsey) Law, 1975,
- (ii) where a person is in receipt of a Guernsey source pension, which is liable to be taxed at source under the Employees Tax Instalment scheme, or a Guernsey old age pension arising under section 33 of the Social Insurance (Guernsey) Law 1978, then the pro-rating under section 51(5) and 51A(2A) of the Income Tax (Guernsey) Law, 1975 shall apply –
  - (a) from the commencement of the year of charge until the date of arrival (in the case of that person's permanent arrival),
  - (b) from the date of departure until the end of the year of charge (in the case of that individual's permanent departure), and
- (iii) the totality of each person's allowances and withdrawable deductions are reduced at a ratio of £1 of allowances and withdrawable deductions for every £5 that that person's calculated income is above the limit of £100,000 (such limit being pro-rated in the year of arrival or departure, based on the proportion of time spent in Guernsey in the relevant year).

For the purpose of this schedule –

- (a) calculated income is an individual's income net of deductions but gross of any withdrawable deductions to which that individual is entitled, and
- (b) the withdrawable deductions are the following deductions
  - Pension contributions, namely
    - o Retirement Annuity Allowance
    - o contributions to an approved occupational or personal pension scheme

over £1,000 (which aggregate amount shall not be withdrawn, and shall not form part of the 'withdrawable deductions')

- Mortgage interest relief

<b><u>NATURE OF ALLOWANCE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT OF ALLOWANCE</u></b>
1. <b>Personal Allowance*<sup>^</sup></b>	Tax at the standard rate on £11,575.
2. <b>Dependent Relative Allowance*</b>	In respect of each dependent relative - tax at the standard rate on £3,750 or on the amount of the contributions whichever is less:  Provided that if the income of the dependent relative (exclusive of any contribution) exceeds £7,825 the allowance shall be reduced to tax at the standard rate on such sum as remains after subtracting from £3,750 the sum of £1 for every pound by which the dependent relative's income exceeds £7,825.
3. <b>Infirm Person's Allowance*</b>	Tax at the standard rate on £3,750
4. <b>Housekeeper Allowance</b>	Tax at the standard rate on £3,750
5. <b>Charge of Children Allowance*</b>	Tax at the standard rate on £7,875
6. <b>Retirement Annuity Allowance</b>	Tax at the standard rate on a sum equal to the qualifying premiums or contributions.

## SECOND SCHEDULE

Conditions applicable to the allowances specified in the First Schedule

### **Dependent Relative Allowance**

- A. (1) The conditions to be fulfilled to entitle a claimant to a dependent relative allowance in the case of a child receiving higher education are:
- (a) that the child in respect of whom an allowance is claimed -
    - (i) is the child of the claimant, or
    - (ii) is the illegitimate child of the claimant and in the year of charge is maintained by the claimant;
  - (b) that on the first day of August in the year of charge, the child is over the age of nineteen years and is, in that year of charge, receiving full-time instruction at any university, college, school or other educational establishment.
  - (c) that the claim relates to a dependent relative in respect of whom a claim has already been made for a year of charge prior to the Year of Charge 2018.
- (2) The expression "child" shall include a stepchild, and a child who has been lawfully adopted shall be treated as the child of the individual by whom he has been so adopted and not as the child of the natural parent.
- (3) Where a couple are cohabiting as if they were married and either has a child in respect of whom a dependent relative allowance is claimable, either individual by a notice in writing addressed to the Director, may elect that, for the purposes of the said allowance, the child shall be treated as if it were the child of that cohabitee.
- (4) In computing the amount of a child's income in his own right, no account shall be taken of any sum to which the child is entitled as the holder of a scholarship, bursary or other similar educational endowment.
- (5) Where two or more persons jointly maintain or contribute towards the maintenance of any such person as aforesaid, the allowance shall be apportioned between them in proportion to the amount or value of their respective contributions towards the maintenance of that person.

- B. (1) The conditions to be fulfilled to entitle a claimant to a dependent relative allowance in any other case are:
- (a) that the claimant at his own expense maintains or contributes towards the maintenance of a person being a relative of the claimant or of the claimant's spouse; and
  - (b) that the person so maintained is prevented by incapacity due to old age or infirmity from maintaining himself; and
  - (c) that the claim relates to a dependent relative in respect of whom a claim has already been made for a year of charge prior to the Year of Charge 2009.
- (2) Where two or more persons jointly maintain or contribute towards the maintenance of any such person as aforesaid, the allowance shall be apportioned between them in proportion to the amount or value of their respective contributions towards the maintenance of that person.

#### **Infirm Person's Allowance**

- (1) The conditions to be fulfilled to entitle a claimant to an infirm person's allowance are:
- (a) that the claimant is by reason of old age or infirmity or by reason of the old age or infirmity of the claimant's spouse compelled to maintain or employ an individual solely for the purpose of having care of the claimant or the claimant's spouse;
- Provided that the allowance shall not be granted by reason of infirmity unless throughout the year the claimant or the claimant's spouse was permanently incapacitated by physical or mental infirmity.*
- (b) if such an individual is a relative of the claimant or of the claimant's spouse and if the claimant is entitled to any other allowance in the First Schedule in respect of that individual, that the claim has been relinquished;
  - (c) that the claim relates to an infirm person in respect of whom a claim has already been made for a year of charge prior to the Year of Charge 2009.
- (2) Not more than one allowance shall be allowed to any claimant for any year.

## **Housekeeper Allowance**

- (1) The conditions to be fulfilled to entitle the claimant to a housekeeper allowance are:
  - (a) that the claimant is a widow or widower.
  - (b) that in the year of charge a person is employed or maintained by the claimant solely for the purpose of acting in the capacity of a housekeeper for the claimant;
  - (c) if such person is a relative of the claimant or of the claimant's deceased spouse and if the claimant is entitled to any other allowance in the First Schedule in respect of that person, that the claim has been relinquished;
  - (d) that the claim relates to a housekeeper in respect of whom a claim has already been made for a year of charge prior to the Year of Charge 2009.
- (2) A housekeeper allowance shall not be granted to any individual for any year in respect of more than one person.
- (3) A housekeeper allowance shall not be granted to any individual in any year in which another person's unused allowance has been transferred to that individual or if that individual is in receipt of an infirm person's allowance.
- (4) "Housekeeper" means a person who is responsible by delegation for the management of the household, including arrangements for food, housekeeping expenditure and the care of linen and laundry.

## **Charge of Children Allowance**

- (1) The conditions to be fulfilled to entitle a claimant who is married or in a civil partnership to a charge of children allowance are:
  - (a) that in the year of charge the claimant, or the claimant's spouse, is in receipt of Family Allowances in respect of one or more children
    - (i) on 1 January, or
    - (ii) on the date on which Family Allowance is first claimed in respect of that child in the year in question,

whichever date is first relevant, and

- (b) that the claimant proves that throughout the year either the claimant or the claimant's spouse is totally incapacitated by physical or mental infirmity and that a person is maintained or employed by the claimant for the purpose of

having the charge and care of the child, and

- (c) that neither the claimant nor any other individual is entitled to a dependent relative allowance in respect of the person so employed or maintained, or if the claimant or any other individual is so entitled, that the claim has been relinquished.

(2) The conditions to be fulfilled to entitle a claimant who is not married or in a civil partnership to a charge of children allowance that in the year of charge:

- (a) the claimant is in receipt of Family Allowances in respect of one or more children

- (i) on 1 January, or

- (ii) on the date on which Family Allowance is first claimed in respect of that child in the year in question,

whichever date is first relevant, and

- (b) the claimant is not cohabiting with another person, except where -

- (i) the claimant proves that throughout the year either the claimant or the claimant's cohabitee is totally incapacitated by physical or mental infirmity, and that a third person is maintained or employed by the claimant for the purpose of having the charge and care of the child, and

- (ii) neither the claimant nor any other individual is entitled to a dependent relative allowance in respect of the person so employed or maintained or if the claimant or any other individual is so entitled that the claim has been relinquished.

(3) The claimant shall have relinquished any claim to a housekeeper allowance or to an infirm person's allowance for that year.

(4) Where an individual has a child receiving higher education he shall, for the purposes of the preceding paragraphs numbered (1) to (3), be treated as if he were in receipt of a Family Allowance in respect of the said child.

Provided that if there are two such individuals the charge of children allowance shall be apportioned between them in proportion to the amount or value of their respective contributions towards the maintenance of that child

(5) Not more than one allowance shall be granted to any claimant for any year.

## **Retirement Annuity Allowance**

- (1) The conditions to be fulfilled to entitle a claimant to a retirement annuity allowance or deduction under section 8(3)(bb) are that the claimant pays a premium or makes a contribution to a retirement annuity scheme or to a retirement annuity trust scheme approved under the provisions of section 157A of the Income Tax (Guernsey) Law, 1975 and of which the claimant or the claimant's spouse is a beneficiary.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of the next succeeding paragraph the qualifying premiums or contributions, as the case may be, shall be the amount of any premium paid or contribution made by the claimant during the year of computation of the income of the claimant assessable for the year of charge.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph no allowance or deduction shall be given in respect of any qualifying premiums or contributions to the extent that, in aggregate, they exceed:
  - (a) 100% of the income of the claimant during the year of computation referred to in the preceding subparagraph, or
  - (b) any retirement annuity contribution limit for the time being prescribed by Regulations made by the Committee.



## Transferability of unused allowances

*the allowances marked with an \* in the first schedule are transferable between taxpayers in the circumstances described in paragraph (i) below*

*the allowances with an ^ in the first schedule are transferable between taxpayers in the circumstances described in paragraph (ii) below,*

*and in all cases transfer is subject to the conditions detailed below.*

- (i) transfers between married couples or couples in a civil partnership
- Any allowances due to an individual which are greater than the individual's own income may only be transferred to the spouse, if at the commencement of the year of charge the claimant's spouse is living with the claimant as a married couple.

Provided that, should the marriage or a civil partnership end in the year of charge, by reason of divorce or separation, the allowance is proportioned on the basis of the number of days in the year of charge which precede that event, with the relevant proportion of any unused allowances prior to that event being automatically transferred.

For the purposes of this paragraph –

“divorce” means that the Court for Matrimonial Causes has made a Final Order on a decree of divorce or of nullity of marriage in respect of the marriage in question or that the courts of another jurisdiction have made a corresponding order in respect thereof, and includes an order for the dissolution of a civil partnership, and

"separation" means that the couple are living separately as fully and as completely as though they had never been married or entered into a civil partnership, as the case may be.

Provided that, should the marriage or a civil partnership end in the year of charge, by reason of death, the full unused allowance is transferrable.

Where there is an entitlement to transfer of an allowance under this paragraph, that allowance will be automatically transferred.

(ii) transfers between co-habiting couples in receipt of Family Allowance, but not eligible for the charge of children allowance

Where the recipient of a Family Allowance in respect of one or more children is not entitled to claim the charge of children allowance because the claimant is cohabiting with another person, the claimant may, in respect of the year of charge, by notice in writing addressed to the Director, elect that any unused part of, the personal allowance to which the claimant would otherwise be entitled shall cease to be the claimant's and shall become part of the personal allowance of the person with whom they are cohabiting, such election, once made, to be irrevocable in respect of that year of charge.

For the purposes of this paragraph "cohabiting" means living with another person, as if they were married or in a civil partnership, throughout the year of charge.

