Autumn Budget Seminar 2025.





Stealth, stability and the stick?



Corporation Tax.

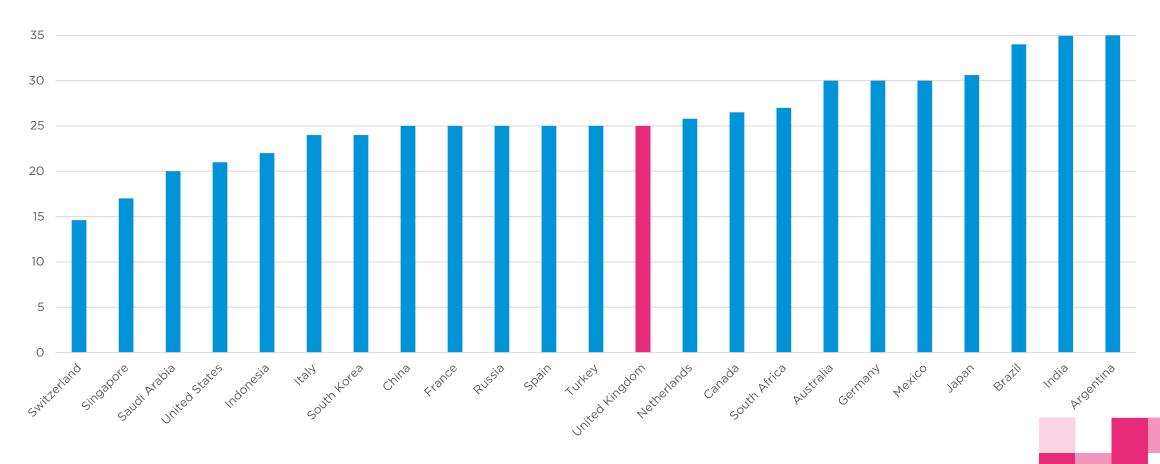


Corporation Tax.

- Headline rate will be capped at 25% for the duration of this parliament.
- Small profits rate 19% and marginal relief will be maintained.
- Late filing penalties will be doubled from 1 April 2026.

Corporation Tax.

Still competitive



Capital allowances.

- Reduction of main rate pool writing down allowances to 14% from 1 April 2026.
- £1m Annual Investment Allowance and Full Expensing.
- Another one-year extension of 100% First Year Allowances for zeroemission cars and charging points until 31 March 2027.
- New 40% First Year Allowance for main pool plant and machinery.
 - Available for leased assets and unincorporated businesses.

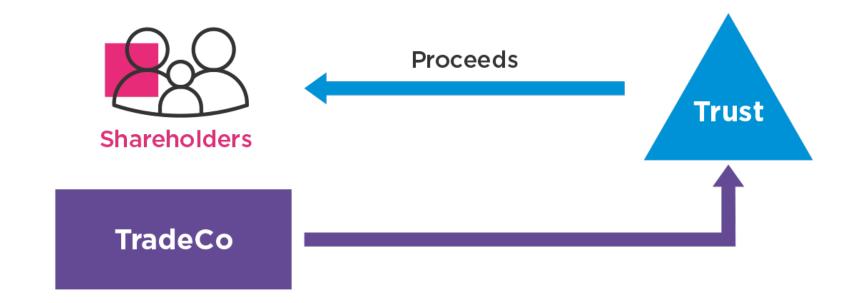
Other announcements.

- Increase in National Living Wage FTE: + £975 per year.
- Increase in National Minimum Wage for 18-20-year-olds FTE: + £1,657.50 per year.
- Transactions with shareholders Further consultation in respect of reporting of transactions between close companies and its shareholders.
- Confirmation that relief from Annual Tax on Enveloped Dwellings can be claimed in late filed returns. Beware of significant penalties which can apply to late filing.

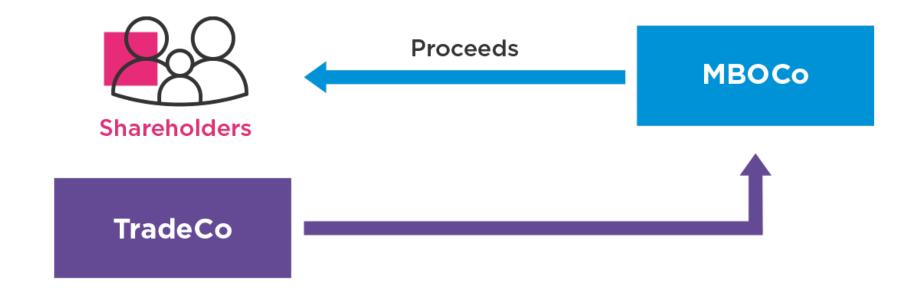
Business exits.



Employee Ownership Trusts.



Management Buy Out.



Share-for-share exchanges.

On that note...

- Introduction of additional condition in respect of share-for-share exchanges.
- Reminder that the rate of CGT applicable to disposals qualifying for Business Asset Disposal Relief is increasing from 14% to 18% from 6 April 2026.

Employee Share Options.

Enhancements to Enterprise Management Incentives from 6 April 2026

	Current	Proposed
Company limit (total £UMV of subsisting EMI Options)	£3 million	£6 million
Maximum Gross Assets at the date of grant	£30 million	£120 million
Maximum FTE employees at the date of grant	< 250	< 500
Maximum life of option	10 years	15 years

Venture Capital Schemes.



SEIS, EIS & VCT.

Seed Enterprise Investment Scheme (SEIS) Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS)

Venture Capital
Trust
(VCT)

Tax incentives to encourage investment in unquoted start-up trading companies by providing generous reliefs

Investor benefits.

	SEIS	EIS	VCT
Income tax reduction	50%	30%	20%
Annual limit - investor	£200,000	£1m (£2m KIC)	£200,000
Capital Gains Tax - Exemption	After 3 years	After 3 years	Immediate
Capital Gains Tax - Deferral	Yes (50% exemption)	Yes	No
Loss relief	CGT/IT	CGT/IT	No
IHT - Business Property Relief	After 2 years	After 2 years	No

Example IT calculation.

Net income				100,000	
Less personal allowa	nce			-12,570	
Taxable income				87,430	
Income tax					
BR (£37,700) @ 20%				7,540	
HR (balance) @ 40%				24,920	
				32,460	
EIS relief		SEIS relief		VCT relief	
Less EIS relief (50,000 @ 30%)	-15,000	Less SEIS relief (50,000 @ 50%)	-25,000	Less VCT relief (50,000 @ 20%)	-10,000
Tax liability	17,460	Tax liability	7,460	Tax liability	22,460

Conditions.

	SEIS	EIS	VCT
Maximum age of company	< 3 years	< 7 years (<10 years KIC)	< 7 years (<10 years KIC)
Maximum investment	£250,000	£10m (£20m KIC) in 12- month period	£10m (£20m KIC) in 12- month period
		£24m (£40m KIC) total	£24m (£40m KIC) total
Maximum number of employees	< 25 employees	≤ 250 (<500 KIC) employees	≤ 250 (<500 KIC) employees
Balance sheet gross assets limit	£350,000 before investment	£30m before and £35m after	£30m before and £35m after
Use of money	< 3 years	< 2 years	< 2 years

Speculation, speculation...



All hype, no bite?

- Lots of speculation before the Budget.
- Impending tax rises.
- Reliefs being abolished.
- New taxes being introduced.
- Tax Increases of £26bn What actually happened?

Main income tax rates.

- Rumour: A rise in income tax rates (e.g. 2p on basic and higher rates).
- Reality: A freeze on all thresholds extended to 2030/31.

Hidden tax raid.

Income Tax

Income tax	2015-16	'Adjusted'	2026-27	Difference	Real Cost
Personal allowance	£10,600	£15,158	£12,570	£2,588	
Higher rate threshold	£31,786	£45,454	£37,700	£7,754	£1,551
Personal allowance withdrawal	£100,000	£143,000	£100,000	£43,000	£8,600
Additional rate threshold	£150,000	£214,500	£125,140	£89,360	£4,468

2026-27 figures using Oct 2025 RPI

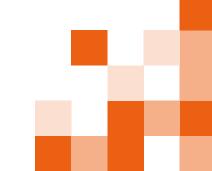


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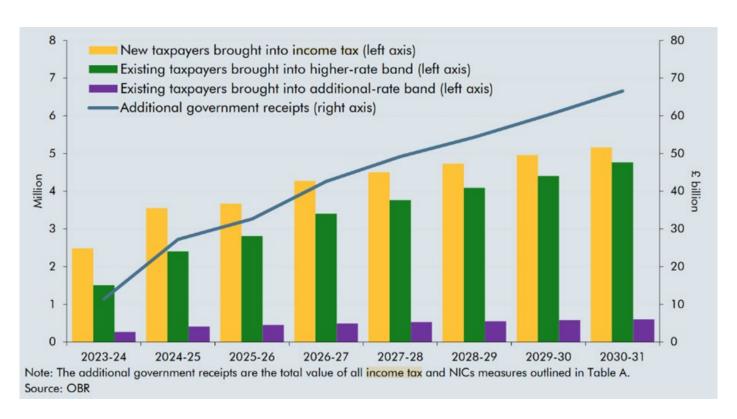
CGT & IHT

Other	2015-16	Adjusted	2026-27	Difference	Real Cost
CGT exemption	£11,100	£15,873	£3,000	£12,873	£3,089
ER/BADR lifetime limit	£10,000,000	£14,300,000	£1,000,000	£13,300,000	£798,000
IHT Nil rate band	£325,000	£464,750	£325,000	£139,750	£55,900

2026-27 figures using Oct 2025 RPI



Impact.



Pensions.

- Rumour: Complete removal of salary sacrifice benefits or cap.
- Reality: Reduced relief for pension contributions by salary sacrifice (from April 2029).

Pension salary sacrifice arrangements.

From April 2029

- Salary sacrifice of up to £2,000 for employer pension contributions is exempt from NIC.
- Amounts > £2,000 subject to both Employees' and Employers' NIC.
- If employer has historically shared NIC saving, employer pension contribution will also be reduced.

Pension salary sacrifice arrangements.

Example

	Current	From April 2029	Difference
Gross pay	£50,000	£50,000	
Salary sacrifice (10%)	£5,000	£5,000	
Net pay	£35,920	£35,680	(£240)
Total pension contribution (50% NI saving shared)	£5,375	£5,150	(£225)
Cost to employer	£56,375	£56,600	£225

Salary sacrifice.

Employee

	Now	After date?
Salary	£50,000	£50,000
Less: Salary sacrifice	(£5,000)	(£5,000)
Chargeable income	£45,000	£45,000
National Insurance deduction	£5,000	£2,000
National Insurance increase		£240

Salary sacrifice.

Higher earner

	Now	After date?
Salary	£110,000	£110,000
Less: Salary sacrifice	(£30,000)	(£30,000)
Chargeable income	£80,000	£80,000
National Insurance deduction	£30,000	£2,000
National Insurance increase		£560

Dividends.

• Rumour: tax increases closer to main rates?

• Reality: A 2% rise on basic and higher rate dividends (from April 2026).

	Basic dividend rate increases to	10.75%	(From 8.75%)
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Higher dividend rate increases to
 35.75% (From 33.75%)

Additional dividend rate unchanged 39.35%

Savings.

- Rumour: Reduction to savings in ISAs?
- Reality: A 2% rise on basic, higher and additional savings rates (April 2027).
 - Rates of 22%, 42% and 47% will apply.
 - ISA cash annual limit reduced to £12,000 if under 65 (April 2027).

Property.

Rumour: A 'Mansion tax' (some feared at 1% of property value).

Reality: Separate property tax rates will be created (from April 2027).

Basic rate22%

Higher rate42%

Additional rate 47%

Looks to only apply in England & Northern Ireland (for now!)

Property.

High Value Council Tax Surcharge (from April 2028)

Aimed at properties over £2m.

Four bands

• £2m to £2.5m	£2,500
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• £2.5m to £3.5m £3,500

• £3.5m to £5m £5,000

• Over £5m £7,500

Capital Gains Tax.

 Rumour: Increase in rates, restriction on main residence relief, and 'exit' tax.

Reality:

- No changes to the rates.
- No changes to main residence relief.
- No exit tax.
- Reduction to relief on qualifying sales to an EOT (effective tax rate of 12%).

Inheritance Tax.

- Rumour: Tightening reliefs (gifts) & relaxation to APR/BPR changes?
- Reality:
 - Frozen thresholds until 2031 (includes APR/BPR cap).
 - £1m APR/BPR cap remains.
 - Unused APR/BPR allowance can transfer on death (spouse/civil partner).
 - Non-resident company 'look through' for agricultural land & property.

Don't overlook.



Making Tax Digital.

- Requirement for digital record keeping and regular on-line reporting.
- Starts April 2026 for individuals who have sole-trade or property turnover that's over £50,000.
 - Threshold based on information reported on 2024/25 tax return.
- From April 2027, applies to those with income over £30,000.

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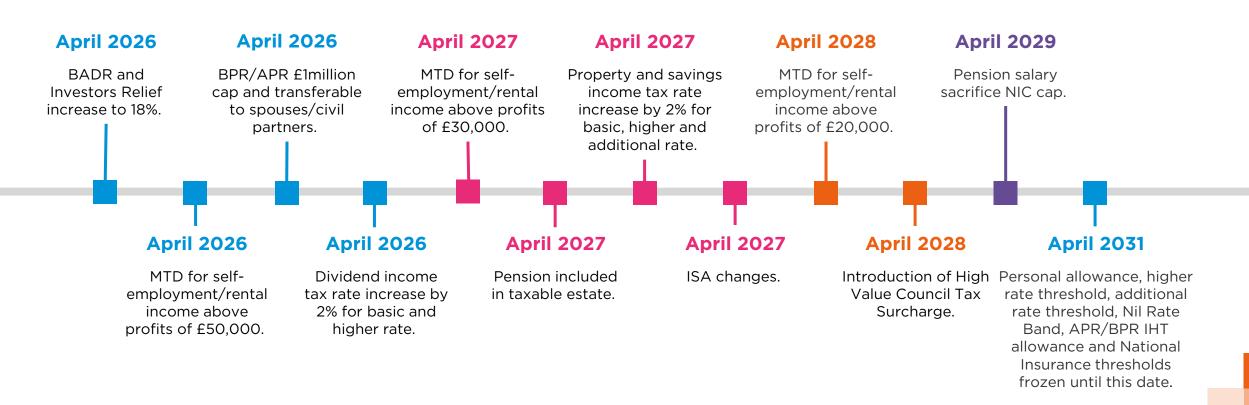
What is needed?

- Must keep digital records of income and expenses.
- Use HMRC-approved software to:
 - Submit quarterly updates to HMRC.
 - File an End of Period Statement (EOPS) and Final Declaration annually.
- Some limited exceptions for those who are "digitally excluded".

Recap: What and when?



Timeline.



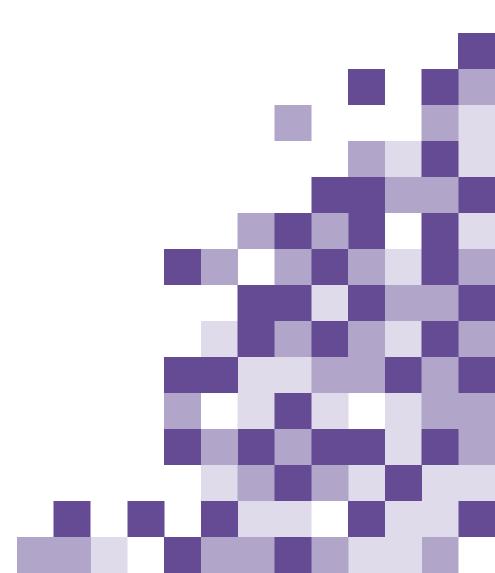
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Let's talk about how you are impacted:

- Personal Assets.
- Business Assets.
- Planning opportunities.



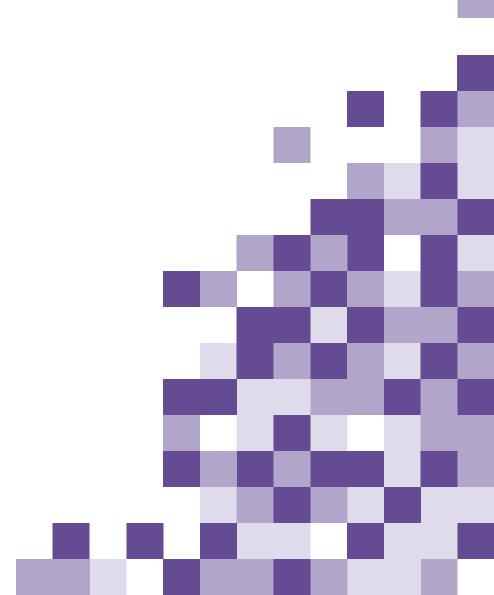
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Your investments

- ISAs.
- Understand the new higher income tax rates.
- Opportunities for restructuring portfolios?
- Personal or Corporate investment structure.



Additional complexity for savers.

Additional 2% income tax

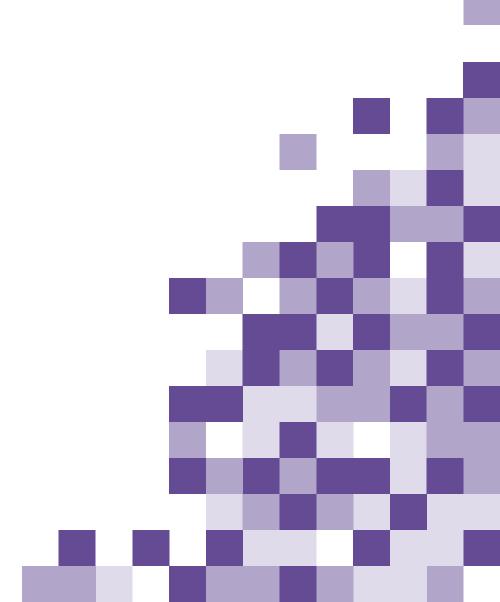
	Today	April 2027
Employment income	£200,000	£200,000
Property income	£50,000	£50,000
Savings interest	£50,000	£50,000
Taxable income	£300,000	£300,000
Employment income tax	£76,203	£76,203
Property income tax	£22,500	£23,500
Savings income tax	£22,500	£23,500
Income tax due	£121,203	£123,203
April 2027 - increased liability [100	£2,000	

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Capital growth v income



Capital growth or income.

	Dividend Income	Capital*
Cash receipt	£20,000	£20,000
Less allowance/exemption	(£500)	(£3,000)
Taxable	£19,500	£17,000
IT/CGT at higher rate @35.75% / @24%	£6,971	£4,080
Net cash	£13,029	£15,290
Difference	£2,8	91

^{*}Assume a sale to illustrate the point where no base cost

Capital growth or income.

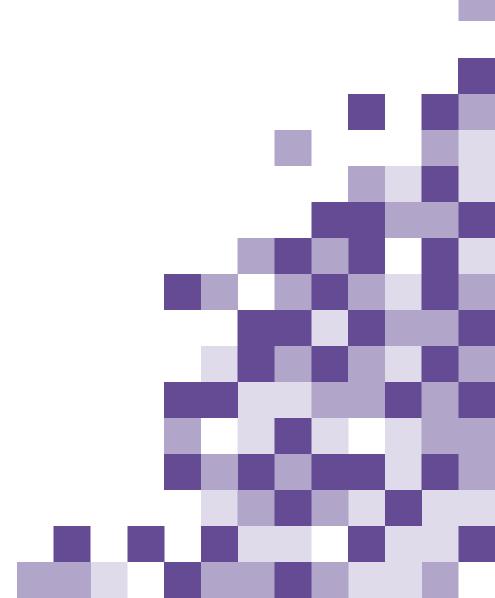
	Dividend Income	Capital*	
Cash receipt	£200,000	£200,000	
Less allowance/exemption	(£500)	(£3,000)	
Taxable	£199,500	£197,000	
IT/CGT @39.35% / @24%	£78,503	£47,280	
Net cash	£121,497	£152,720	
Difference	£31,223		

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Family Investment Company.

- A personal company for your family investments.
- An alternative structure.
- Provides control.
- Can hold and transfer family assets/wealth.
- Tax efficient CT rates not IT.
- Alphabet shares enable flexible income distribution.
- Freezer and Growth shares to ringfence asset growth.

Property Business - Freezer and Growth shares.

	Mum and Dad 2025	Mum and Dad 2035	Mum and Dad 2035	Trust owning growth shares 2035
		No planning	Planning implemented 2025	
Current/ Frozen value *	£4,000,000	£8,000,000	£4,000,000	
Growth value				£4,000,000
IHT liability	£1,600,000	£3,200,000	£1,600,000	£240,000

^{*}Assume the frozen value includes an appropriate hurdle

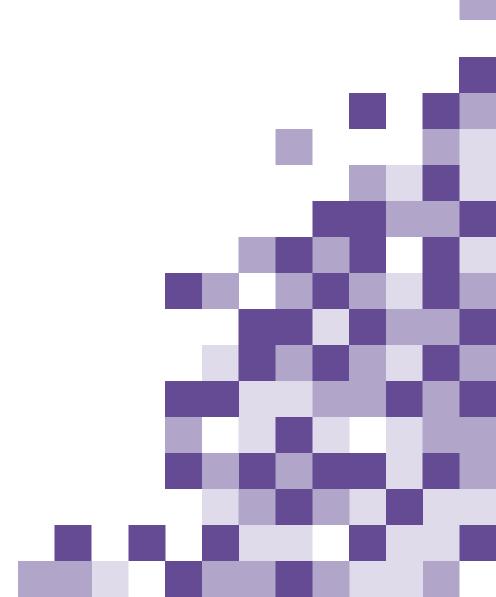
Business assets.



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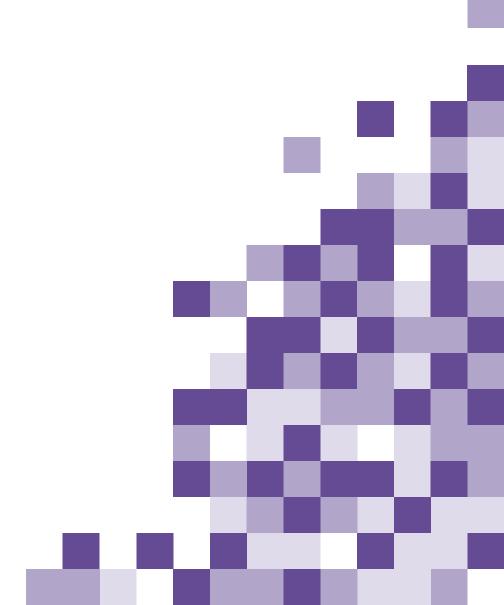
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- Exit or succession journey?
- Structure of asset ownership outset.
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- Capital Growth valuations!
- Planning.



Profit extraction.

Bonus or Dividend

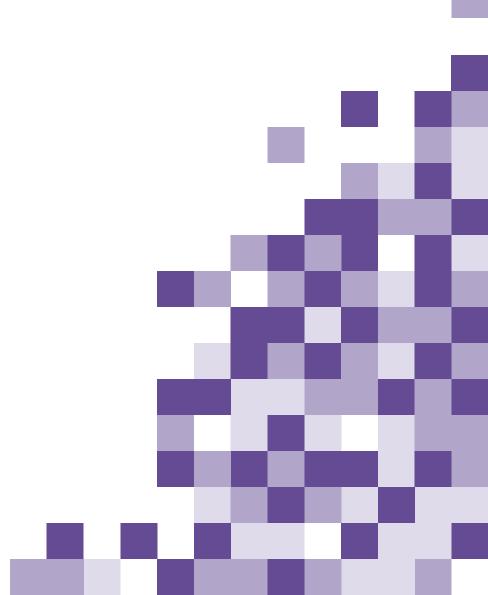
- It depends on your circumstances.
- Profitability.
- Pension.
- Cash requirements individual.
- Cash flow.
- Tax + NI
- R&D Tax credits refund on salaries.



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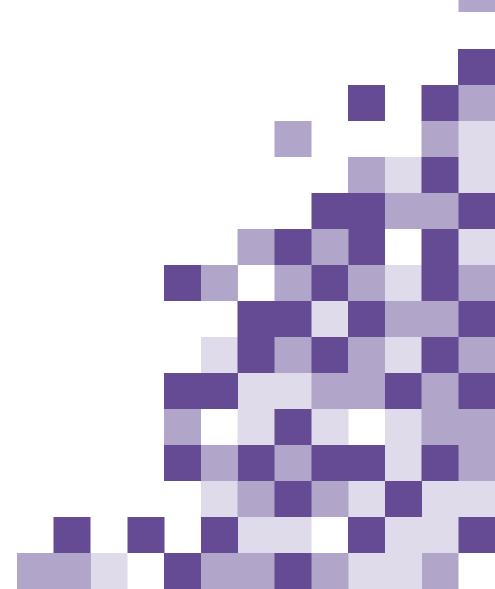
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Capital Growth.

Valuations

- What is your business worth today?
- What will it be worth at your exit/ succession?
- Freezer and growth opportunities.
- Valuation certainty!



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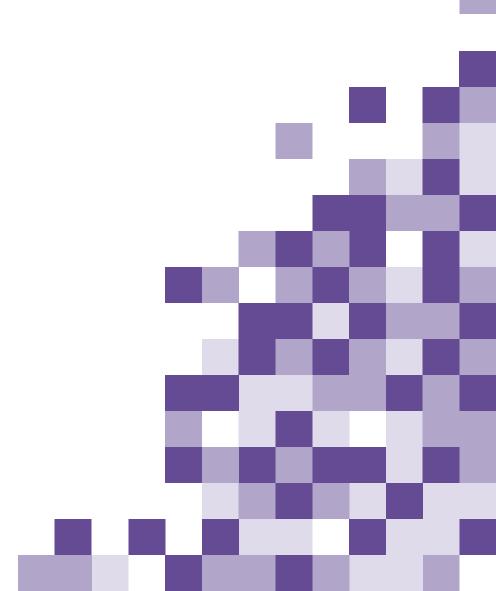


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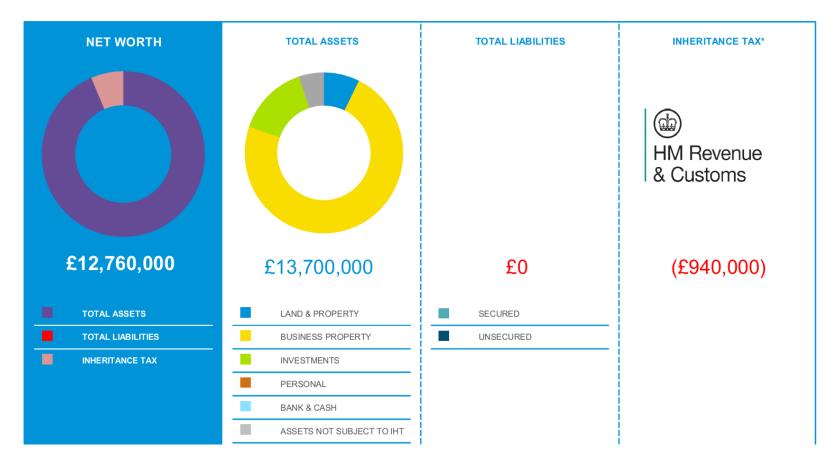
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- Combined relief up to cap of £1m 100%.
- 50% relief thereafter!

Inheritance Tax.

Personal balance sheet for Rachel - 1 December 2025



Inheritance Tax.

Personal balance sheet for Rachel - 6 April 2027



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- Applies to lifetime gifts and death transfers and trusts.
- Combined relief up to cap of £1m 100%.
- 50% relief thereafter!
- Renews every 10 years.
- Unused relief can be transferred between spouses on death.
- Even if spouse had no business assets.

APR and BPR for Trusts.

These rules are (very) complex

- £1m cap for 100% relief:
 - 'Old' DT can qualify for £1m if qualified at 30 October 2024.
 - 'Old' QIIP shares the cap with life tenant.
- New trusts restricted:
 - To actual relieved value transferred in by settlor.
 - £5m general cap for excluded property trusts

Meet our Trusts team.



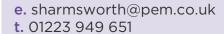
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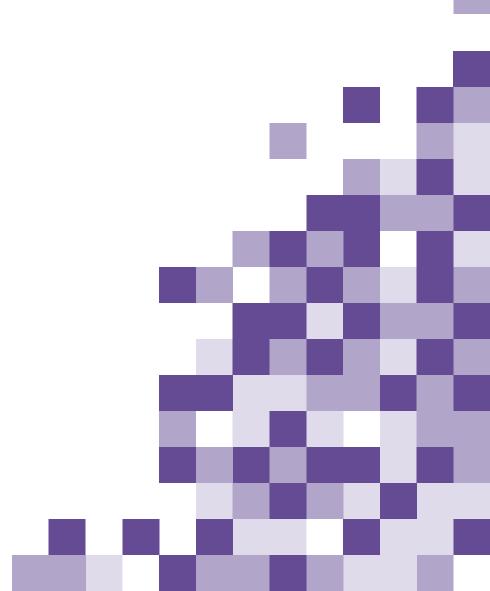
What should you do now?



General planning.

Personal Assets Reviews

- Personal asset balance sheet.
- Financial health check.
- Strategies to maximise your cashflow, Pensions, Gifts, Allowances, Will and LPA reviews.
- Annually!

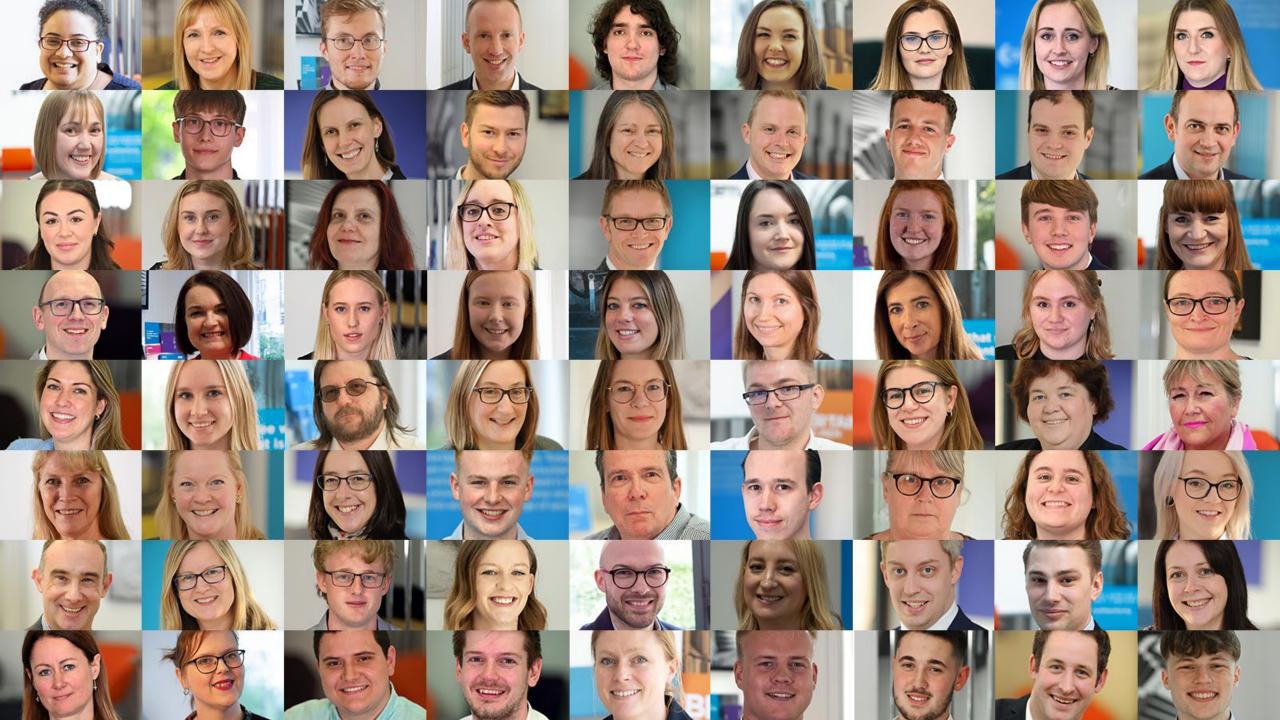


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