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Agenda

Personal and Property Tax

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Business Tax

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Brexit – VAT and Customs Implications



Personal and Property Tax

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Personal Tax Rates and Bands – from April 2019

The personal allowance for all increases to £12,500

Basic rate tax band increased to £37,500

	Non-dividend income	Dividend income
Starting rate (0-£5,000)	0%	N/A
Basic rate (0-£37,500)	20%	7.5%
Higher rate (£37,501-£150,000)	40%	32.5%
Additional rate (over £150,000)	45%	38.1%



Personal Savings and Dividend Allowances

Personal Savings Allowance

Exempts from tax for 2019/20

- first £1,000 of interest income for basic rate taxpayers
- first £500 of interest income for higher rate taxpayers
- no exemption for additional rate taxpayers

Dividend Allowance

- First £2,000 of dividends received tax free



National Insurance Contribution Rates

Class 1 National Insurance				
	Employee		Employer	
	2018/2019	2019/2020	2018/2019	2019/2020
Primary/ secondary threshold	£8,424	£8,632	£8,424	£8,632
Below threshold	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Above threshold	12%	12%	13.8%	13.8%
Upper earnings limit	£46,384	£50,000	£46,384	£50,000
Above upper earnings limit	2%	2%	13.8%	13.8%
£3,000 Employment Allowance to be restricted from April 2020 to businesses with an Employer's NI bill of under £100,000				



National Insurance Contribution Rates

Class 2/4 National Insurance		
Class 4	2018/19	2019/20
Lower profits limit	£8,424	£8,632
Upper profits limit	£46,350	£50,000
Lower profits limit to upper profits limit	9%	9%
Above upper profits limit	2%	2%
Class 2	£2.95 per week	£3.00 per week



Dividend or Salary

The optimum strategy for extraction of profits from a company is usually a small salary topped up by dividends.

Plus qualifying year for State Pension

In most cases optimum salary will be £8,632

- Multiple £2,000 allowances?



Bonus vs Dividend

The cost of getting it wrong for 2019/20

Sole shareholder of a company is a higher rate taxpayer due to salary with no other dividend income

The company makes additional profits in the year of £50,000

He can either pay

- A dividend of £40,500 (and CT of £9,500)
- A bonus of £43,937 (and employers NIC of £6,063)

Dividend after tax £27,987

Bonus after tax and NIC £25,483

Cost of getting it wrong - £2,504



Taxation of Buy to Lets – Interest Restriction

- Relief formerly at marginal rate e.g. 20%, 40% or 45%
- New rules will eventually restrict to 20%
- Phased in over 4 years from 2017/18



Restriction of Interest - Example

- Higher rate taxpayer has rental income of £18,000, expenses of £2,000 and mortgage interest of £9,000
- In 2016/17 tax liability would have been £2,800
- In 2020/21 tax liability will be £4,600 – effective tax rate of over 65%



Restriction of Interest

Should I incorporate my rental business?

- Capital gains tax – incorporation relief?
- Stamp Duty Land Tax – partnership?
- New acquisitions?

Transfer ownership to basic rate taxed spouse?

Review the position



Off payroll working – “IR35”

- IR35 applied to services provided through intermediaries
- New public sector rules from 6 April 2018 – “engager decides”
- Consultation on “private sector non-compliance”
Extended the “engager decides” treatment to the private section from April 2020
- “Small” organisations exempt
- “CEST” – online tool to help determine status



Enterprise Management Incentive Scheme

- Tax favoured share scheme for valued employees
- Provides key employees with an incentive to drive the business forward through share participation
- Very flexible as to time of exercise, performance criteria etc
- Income tax advantages for employees over an unapproved option scheme
- Likely to qualify for 10% Capital Gains Tax rate on sale due to Entrepreneurs' relief
- Corporation tax deduction for the company too



Capital Gains Tax Rates and Bands

	2018/19		2019/20	
	Non. Res	Res	Non. Res	Res
Annual exemption	£11,700		£12,000	
Gain within basic rate band	10%	18%	10%	18%
Gain within higher rate band	20%	28%	20%	28%
Gain qualifying for Entrepreneurs' Relief	10%	N/A	10%	N/A



CGT – Entrepreneurs' Relief

- 10% tax rate means it is vital to ensure qualification if possible
- Applies to qualifying disposals:-
 - Disposal by sole-trader or partners of whole or part of their business
 - Disposal of shares in a qualifying company
 - Associated disposal



CGT – Entrepreneurs' Relief

- Disposal of shares – satisfy tests
 - 5% ordinary shares, trading company and employee/officer
- Formerly tests had to be satisfied for one year
- For disposals on or after 6 April 2019 one year increased to two (unless business ceased before 29 October)
- Period also increased for self-employment/partner disposals and associated disposals
- Change in 5% test from Budget day – must include 5% of distributable profits and assets available for distribution in a winding up



Changes to Private Residence Relief

Disposal of property which has always been the main residence is exempt from capital gains tax

Last 18 months treated as deemed occupation – reducing to 9 months from April 2020

Where property was not occupied but was let then lettings relief of up to £40,000 an owner was available

- Lettings relief to be restricted from April 2020 to cases where there is shared occupancy
- Could cost £22,400 – review selling date



Closing in on Tax Evasion

Techniques to identify and fight tax evasion includes:

- Information from other countries
- Information from third parties (Land Registry, banks, property agents etc)
- Campaigns Taskforces (raised more than half a billion)
- Use the “Connect System” which holds data from taxpayers and 3rd parties which can be analysed to show tax gaps



Closing in on Tax Evasion

- HMRC Changing approach
- Using general information powers (April 2009) ability to issue taxpayer information notice and request documents etc “reasonably required to check the taxpayer’s position”
- Old style compliance checks PAYE – replaced by informal requests
- Remote compliance checks
- Less HMRC resource – taxpayer does all the work
- Much wider net on limited resources
- Enquiry case leaders – more junior refer to manager
- HMRC getting greater coverage and volume out of available resources
- Tax enquiry fee protection – Insurance



VAT

- VAT Registration limit to stay at £85,000 (for the time being)



Making Tax Digital for VAT

- VAT registered business with Turnover above the VAT threshold (£85,000).
- Most mandated from first VAT period starting after 1 April 2019. Except those deferred.
- 6 Month delay for those deferred so no requirement to comply for those affected until first VAT period starting after 1 October 2019



Making Tax Digital for VAT

Deferral for the following:

- trusts,
- 'not for profit' organisations that are not set up as a company,
- VAT divisions and VAT groups
- Certain public sector entities required to provide additional information on their VAT return
- local authorities and public corporations
- traders based overseas,
- those required to make payments on account
- annual accounting scheme users.



Making Tax Digital for VAT

- Must keep digital records in ‘functional compatible software’
 - Functional compatible software is a software program, or set of software programs, products or applications, that must be able to:
 - record and preserve digital records
 - provide to HMRC information and returns from data held in those digital records by using the API platform
 - receive information from HMRC via the API platform
- Spreadsheets?
 - These can still be used to maintain your digital records but will need to be linked to bridging software to perform the API submission.
- What is to be submitted?
 - The same 9 box VAT return as currently (subject to any changes resulting from Brexit).



Business Tax

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Corporation Tax Rates

Financial Year	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Main Rate	19%	19%	17%	17%



Corporation Tax Losses

- Changed from 1 April 2017
- Carried forward trading losses can be set against:
 - Total profits
 - Group company profits
- Loss offset restricted to 50% of profits in excess of £5m.



Company Car

- Choice – have a company car or use own car and charge for business mileage?
- If have a company car, then fuel too? Expensive
- No hard and fast rules – need to consider business vs private mileage, servicing costs, ability to claim capital allowance etc
- Company car – tax on BIK but all costs paid by company. If no fuel reclaim for business miles 11-22p per mile
- Private car – reclaim 45p/25p for business miles, but bear all costs



Car and Van Provision

BIK Position	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
50g/km or below	9	13	16
51 – 75g/km	13	16	19
Above 75g/km to relevant threshold	17	19	22
Equal to threshold	18	20	23
Above threshold	1% for 5g/km max 37%	1% for 5g/km max 37%	1% for 5g/km max 37%
Diesel supplement (non RDE2)	3%	4%	4%
Company Van flat rate	£3,230	£3,350	£3,430



Car Provision

BIK Position	2020/21
0 g/km	2
1 – 50 g/km – greater than 130 miles at zero emissions	2
- 70 – 129 miles at zero emissions	5
- 40 – 129 miles at zero emissions	8
- 30 – 39 miles at zero emissions	12
- Less than 30 miles at zero emissions	14
51 g/km and above	1% for 5g/km max 37%
Diesel supplement (non RDE2)	4%



2020/21 Examples

Car	Cost	Range	BIK 0 – 2%	HR	BR
Jaguar iPace	£58,995	298	£1,180	£471	£236
Nissan Leaf	£22,790	235	£456	£182	£91
VW eGolf	£28,230	186	£564	£276	£113

NB = all will qualify for 100% capital allowances in year of expenditure



Car benefit example

	eGolf	Golf 1.4 SE nav
Benefit in Kind Value	£27,690 <i>(£23,190 actual cost)</i>	£20,980
Co2	0 g/km	120 g/km
Car benefit – 2018/19	£3,600	£6,922
Car benefit – 2019/20	£4,430	£7,753
Car benefit – 2020/21	£554	£8,030
Capital allowances – Year 1	£23,190	£4,984



Car provision

Capital Allowances	From April 2018
100% allowance	Up to 50 g/km
18% reducing basis	Up to 110 g/km
8% reducing basis	Over 110 g/km



Company vans – HMRC Potential Challenge

- 2017 case – Coca-Cola vs HMRC
- Whether VW Kombi & Vauxhall Vivaro are cars or vans?
- BIK Position – ITEPA 2003
 - Vehicle primarily designed for conveyance of goods of burden of any description
- What was considered?
 - Both vehicles capable of carrying passengers & large payload for goods
 - VAT cases – Comfort levels, number of windows, seating arrangements & whether curtailed the use of load space
- Concluded VW - Car – dual design, removable bench seat, goods & people
Vivaro - Van – More specific design to carry loads & maximum load space



Budget 2018 R&D Schemes

- £1.8b in relief given in 2017
- Wide spread abuse
- £300m fraud attempts
- From April 2020 loss claims restricted
- 3 times the cap of PAYE/NIC liabilities for the year
- Subcontracted R&D/low wage bill
- Consultations ahead



R&D Schemes

- Small Scheme. 130% enhanced deduction.
- Small Scheme: 14.5% Tax credit (surrender of losses)
- Large Scheme: Above the Line -11% (12% from Jan 2018)
- Large Scheme – Repayment available



Small/Medium Entity ('SME')

You're a SME with:

- less than 500 staff
- a turnover of under €100m or a balance sheet total under €86m
- You may need to include linked companies and partnerships when you work out if you're a SME.
- Subcontracted R&D – Large Scheme may be available.



Guidelines – key points

- Project seeks to achieve an advance in overall knowledge or capability in a field of science or technology, not a company's own state of knowledge or capability alone.
- R&D activities within the project: directly contribute to achieving that advance through resolution of scientific or technological uncertainty.
- Project does not have to succeed.



Qualifying Expenditure

- Staffing costs – tax planning opportunities
- Travel costs
- Software or ‘Consumable’ items
- Sub-contracted R & D – 65% of labour costs
- Externally provided workers
- Not subsidised – DTI Grants & the TSB



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Capital Expenditure – Planning points



Capital Allowances Budget 2018

- Some significant changes
- Annual Investment Allowance
- Enhanced Capital Allowances
- Structures and Buildings Allowance ('SBA's)



Annual Investment Allowance (AIA)

- 'AIA' increase to £1,000,000 for 2 years
- From 1st January 2019
- Transitional rules apply
- Year end 31 December 2019
- Review spending decisions
- Defer large projects
- Both P&M and IF
- Not cars



AIA - Example

Year end 30 June 2019

AIA= 6 x 12th's £200k = £100,000

6 x 12ths's £1m = £500,000

Total £600,000 to June 2019

Watch transitional rules - Pre Jan 2019 Max
£200,000



Capital Expenditure

- Consider timings – Transitional rules
- Unconditional obligation to pay
- Invoiced (4 month rule)
- Watch out for HP/LP – Brought into use
- Repair or capital?
- Alteration of land to install P&M only (Budget 2018)



Enhanced Capital Allowances (‘ECA’s)

- Abolished from April 2020 (19 years in existence)
- Use them or lose them.
- Accelerate expenditure projects
- In addition to the AIA (100%)
- Energy Saving/beneficial Plant & Machinery
- Published list of products (ETA List)
- Must be brand new
- First year repayable tax credit – 19%
- Opportunity to spec a project and think about tax relief.



- Air-to-air energy recovery
- Automatic monitoring and targeting equipment
- Boiler equipment
- Combined heat and power
- Compressed air equipment
- Heat pumps
- Heating ventilation and air conditioning equipment
- High speed air hand dryers
- Lighting
- Motors and drives
- Pipework insulation
- Radiant and warm air heaters
- Refrigeration equipment
- Solar thermal systems
- Uninterruptible power supplies
- Waste heat to electricity conversion equipment
- Cleaning in place equipment
- Efficient showers
- Efficient taps
- Efficient toilets
- Efficient washing machines
- Flow controllers
- Grey water recovery and reuse equipment
- Leakage detection equipment
- Meters and monitoring equipment
- Rainwater harvesting equipment
- Small scale slurry and sludge dewatering equipment
- Vehicle wash water reclaim units
- Water efficient industrial cleaning equipment
- Water management equipment for mechanical seals Water reuse systems



Structures and Buildings Allowances

- SBA's
- Reintroduction of IBA's?
- Non Residential Structures and Buildings
- From 29th October 2018
- Tax relief on the construction of buildings (previously ineligible)
- Mixed use developments apportioned
- Relief over 50 years (2% per annum)
- No balancing allowances/charges
- Not on second hand buildings.
- Legal costs excluded



Structures and Buildings Allowances

- Types of costs - Offices, warehouses, factories, retail.....
- AIA not available
- P&M Fixtures and IF's will continue to apply (no double counting)
- University halls – Not Eligible (to be consulted)
- Care homes and Hotels – Yes
- Cost of land land will not qualify (land preparation will)
- Still some clarification



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Land Remediation Relief

- Relief available for qualifying expenditure on making good contaminated or derelict land
- Trading and UK Property Companies only
- 150% of expenditure as a deduction
- Can apply to both revenue and capital expenditure
- Tax credit available if there is a loss in the accounting period of the claim
- Credit will be repaid or offset against the Corporation Tax liability
- Tax credit is 16% of lower of
 - The 150% deduction
 - The unrelieved loss



Charities

- Increase limits to trading exemption from tax from April 2019:

Annual Charity Income	Maximum Trading Income
Under £32,000 (up from £20,000)	£8,000 (up from £5,000)
£32,000 to £320,000	25% of income
Over £320,000 (up from £200,000)	£80,000 (up from £50,000)

- Gift Aid Small Donations limit increased from £20 to £30.
- Admin reduction for charity shops using “Retail Gift Aid Scheme”



VAT Issues: Imports



- Postponed VAT accounting
- Back to pre-December 31, 1992 position, not quite but close.



VAT Issues: Exports



- VAT on imports into the UK
- VAT on imports into EU/tariffs
- Importer of record – supplier or customer?
- Terms and conditions – review
- DDP as an example
- Appointment of tax representative



VAT Issues: General



- No acquisitions
- No dispatches
- No ESL
- No Intrastat



VAT Issues: General



The following go/change:

- Distance Selling
- MOSS
- EC VAT refunds (paper not electronic)
- TOMS



VAT Issues: Post Brexit



- Flexibility to move items between VAT rates
- Widen the zero rates or reduced rates
- Revisit previous VAT disputes



VAT Issues: Post Brexit



- UK leaves the EU on March 29, 2019 at 2300 hrs
- Third country rules and tariffs (WTO) apply – full border controls
- Time pressure to ‘grandfather’ existing EU FTAs
- Customs declarations increase to 350m annually
- UK customs infrastructure - CHIEF for exports, CDS for imports “this is a courageous decision”



Customs: Duties



- Mirror of EU external tariffs
- Bottom line cost – but in many cases will be passed on to consumer
- Duty reliefs for certain processing activities
- Practical challenges of funding additional duty costs
- Import VAT costs the bigger challenge to manage



Customs: Reliefs/Regimes



- 'Trusted trader' kitemark (AEO)
- Deferment Account
- Customs Warehousing
- IP
- OP
- Processing under Customs Control (PCC)
- All require Authorisation and Guarantee



Preparations: How we can help

- Review intra-EU supply chains
- Evaluate additional costs – customs duties, brokerage requirements
- Review current preferential trade supply chains
- Determine appropriate duty reliefs and suspension arrangements
- Consider AEO – ‘trusted trader’ key to simplifications
- Ensure the business can fund additional costs



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