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Fiscal-package

*Income Tax Calculations (UK)*

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## Details

For one of life's only two certainties—for the other, the **survival** package may be helpful.

## Package Source

[Source code on GitHub.](#)

## Disclaimer

While every effort is made to ensure this package functions as expected, the author accepts no responsibility for the consequences of errors.

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## References

GOV.UK: –

[Estimate your Income Tax for the current year](#)

[Income Tax rates and allowances for current and previous tax years](#)

**Examples**

```

## Calculate income tax for a range of salaries
incometax(12500)

incometax(25000)

incometax(75000)

incometax(125000)

incometax(150000)

```

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allowance	<i>Personal tax allowance adjusted to recoup a tax deficit</i>
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**Description**

Calculates the personal tax allowance adjusted in order to recoup a given amount of tax.

**Usage**

```
allowance(taxable, deficit = NULL, round10 = TRUE, opts = tax_opts())
```

**Arguments**

taxable	numeric, annual taxable income.
deficit	numeric, tax deficit to recoup, see details.
round10	logical, whether or not to round down return value to nearest £10; default TRUE.
opts	options, as created by <a href="#">tax_opts()</a> , see details.

**Details**

Income tax deficits are recouped by adjusting the Personal Allowance. `allowance()` calculates the personal allowance required to recoup a specified amount of tax over the course of a year for a given taxable income. The allowance calculated can be a negative amount, in which case it may be referred to as a *pay adjustment*.

Argument `deficit` represents the total amount of tax to recoup, including the usual amount of income tax as calculated by `incometax(taxable)`, plus the additional outstanding tax deficit. If `round10 = TRUE`, as by default, the return value will be rounded down to the nearest £10, in keeping with GOV.UK [tax codes](#). Rounding down ensures that, if anything, the required tax is very slightly overestimated and not underestimated. Argument `opts` specifying values for tax bands, rates and allowances must be provided using `tax_opts()`, which by default gives GOV.UK [values for 2025-2027 tax years](#).

**Value**

A numeric, representing value of the Personal Allowance or if negative, pay adjustment, required to recoup the tax deficit.

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**References**

GOV.UK: –

- [Personal Allowance](#)
- [K code pay adjustment](#)

**See Also**

Other income\_tax: [incometax\(\)](#), [pers\\_allow\(\)](#), [tax\\_opts\(\)](#)

Vignette: [PAYE income tax calculator for England, Northern Ireland and Wales](#).

**Examples**

```
###
## Personal Allowance to recoup a given tax deficit

## An annual income of £13,579 i.e., £1,009 above the £12,570
## standard Personal Allowance, usually attracts £200 total income tax: -
incometax(13579)

## At this income, the Personal Allowance required
## to recoup an additional £600 tax deficit is: -
allowance(13579, 200 + 600)

## As intended using this allowance, a total of at least £800 income tax
## is recouped i.e., an additional amount of at least £600 -
incometax(13579, 9570)

###
## Pay Adjustment to recoup a given tax deficit

## An annual income of £112,570, at which the standard Personal Allowance
## decreases by half to £6,285, usually attracts £34,970.4 total income tax: -
incometax(112570)

## At this income, the pay adjustment required
## to recoup an additional £3,500 tax deficit is: -
allowance(112570, 34970.4 + 3500)

## Using this pay adjustment, taxable income is adjusted to £115,030 and
## as intended, a total of at least £38,472 income tax is recouped
## i.e., an additional amount of at least £3,500: -
```

```

incometax(112570, -2460)

## Not run:
###
## For further examples, see: -
vignette("incometax")

## End(Not run)

```

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incometax

*Income tax calculator*


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## Description

PAYE income tax calculator for England, Northern Ireland and Wales.

## Usage

```

incometax(income, allowance = NULL, opts = tax_opts())

## S3 method for class 'incometax'
format(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'incometax'
print(x, ...)

```

## Arguments

income	numeric, annual taxable income.
allowance	numeric, Personal Allowance or pay adjustment; see Details.
opts	options, as created by <code>tax_opts()</code> , see Details.
x	object of class "incometax" created by function <code>incometax()</code> .
...	further arguments passed to or from other methods.

## Details

`incometax()` estimates income tax payable on PAYE income in England, Northern Ireland and Wales, and is intended to replicate the estimates of GOV.UK [Estimate your Income Tax for the current year](#).

Tax is paid on the amount of taxable income remaining after the **Personal Allowance** has been deducted, and is allocated among the *basic*, *higher* and *additional* rates. After deduction of the Personal Allowance, if any (see below): income up to and including the upper limit of the basic rate band attracts *basic rate* tax; income exceeding the basic rate band by an amount up to and including the upper limit of the higher rate band attracts *higher rate* tax; and income exceeding the sum of the basic and higher rate bands attracts *additional rate* tax.

The **standard Personal Allowance** is the amount of annual taxable income on which there is no tax liability, currently £12,570. The Personal Allowance goes down by £1 for every £2 that **adjusted**

**net income** is above an upper threshold, currently £100,000. This means the Personal Allowance is zero if annual taxable income is £125,140 or above.

Hence currently in 2026: –

- annual taxable income after allowances—e.g., the standard Personal Allowance of £12,570—up to £37,700 attracts 20% basic rate income tax;
- annual taxable income after allowances between £37,701 and £125,139 attracts 40% higher rate income tax—noting that the standard Personal Allowance is reduced above £100,000;
- annual taxable income after allowances above £125,139 attracts 45% additional rate income tax—noting there is no standard Personal Allowance at or above £125,140.

See GOV.UK [Income Tax rates and allowances for current and previous tax years: Tax rates and bands](#).

Argument allowance may be used to specify a bespoke Personal Allowance, or if negative, a **K code pay adjustment**; otherwise, its default value will be calculated using `pers_allow(income, opts)`. Argument `opts` specifying values for tax bands, rates and allowances must be provided using `tax_opts()`, which by default gives GOV.UK [values for 2025-2027 tax years](#).

`print()` and `format()` methods are provided for class "incometax", see Value.

## Value

`incometax()` returns an object of class "incometax" comprising a named numeric vector of length three, with names derived from the three tax rates provided using `tax_opts()` i.e., 20%, 40% and 45% for the 2025-2027 tax years; and numeric attributes "allowance" and "taxable", representing the personal allowance and taxable pay respectively.

## Note

1. In practice, an additional £9 annual income is allowed before basic and higher rate tax are applied.
2. An additional £6 annual income is allowed before additional rate tax is applied; the additional £6 is decreased by £1 for every further £2 increase in income beyond £125,146.
3. `incometax()` does not currently calculate *National Insurance* (NI) contributions, and should therefore return values equal to the estimates from the GOV.UK website ([Estimate your Income Tax for the current year](#)) with "yes" as the answer to the question 'Are you over the State Pension age?' For NI information see: [Rates and allowances: National Insurance contributions](#).

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## References

GOV.UK: –

- [Estimate your Income Tax for the current year](#)
- [Personal Allowance](#)
- [Tax codes](#)

**See Also**

Other income\_tax: [allowance\(\)](#), [pers\\_allow\(\)](#), [tax\\_opts\(\)](#)

Vignette: [PAYE income tax calculator for England, Northern Ireland and Wales.](#)

**Examples**

```
## Up to the standard Personal Allowance,
## income attracts no tax
incometax(12570)

## After the standard Personal Allowance (and a further £9),
## income attracts base rate tax
incometax(12570 + 9 + 1000)

## After the standard Personal Allowance (and a further £9),
## income above the base rate band attracts higher rate tax
incometax(12570 + 9 + 37700 + 1000)

## For every £2 of income above its £100,000 upper limit,
## the standard Personal Allowance decreases by £1
incometax(100000 + 20000)

## At an income of £125,140 or above,
## there is no standard Personal Allowance
incometax(125140)

## Income above the base plus higher rate
## bands attracts additional rate tax
incometax(37700 + 87439 + 10000)

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## Specifying a bespoke Personal Allowance
## explicitly using the `allowance` argument
incometax(6570 + 9 + 10000, 6570)

## Specifying a pay adjustment using
## a negative `allowance` argument
incometax(125139, -10000)

## Not run:
###
## For further examples, see: -
    vignette("incometax")

## End(Not run)
```

## Description

Calculates the standard Personal Allowance for a given adjusted net income.

## Usage

```
pers_allow(adj_net_income, opts = tax_opts())
```

## Arguments

`adj_net_income` numeric, adjusted net income.  
`opts` options, as created by `tax_opts()`, see details.

## Details

The standard Personal Allowance is the amount of taxable income on which there is no tax liability, currently £12,570.

The standard Personal Allowance goes down by £1 for every £2 that **adjusted net income** is above an upper threshold, currently £100,000 and hence falls to zero if taxable income is £125,140 or above.

See GOV.UK [Income Tax rates and Personal Allowances](#).

## Value

A numeric vector representing values of the Personal Allowance.

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## References

[Income Tax rates and Personal Allowances](#)  
[Personal Allowances: adjusted net income](#)

## See Also

Other income\_tax: [allowance\(\)](#), [incometax\(\)](#), [tax\\_opts\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
## Create a named ascending sequence of possible taxable incomes
## starting at upper threshold of the standard Personal Allowance
(newseq <-
  with(tax_opts(), seq(allow_upper, std_allow * 2 + allow_upper, length.out = 11)) |>
  setNames(nm = _)
)

## Calculate personal allowances on the basis of this sequence
pers_allow(newseq)
```

```
## Result is as expected
all.equal(pers_allow(newseq), with(tax_opts(), std_allow - (newseq - allow_upper) / 2))
```

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tax_opts	<i>Tax bands, rates and allowances</i>
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## Description

Options for tax bands, rates and allowances with default values for 2025-2027 tax years.

## Usage

```
tax_opts(
  band = c(37700L, 87439L),
  rate = c(0.2, 0.4, 0.45),
  std_allow = 12570L,
  allow_upper = 100000L
)
```

## Arguments

band	a numeric vector giving the width of the <i>basic</i> and <i>higher</i> rate bands.
rate	a numeric vector giving the <i>basic</i> , <i>higher</i> and <i>additional</i> tax rates.
std_allow	the standard Personal Allowance.
allow_upper	upper income limit above which the standard allowance is reduced.

## Details

Tax is paid on the amount of taxable income remaining after the Personal Allowance has been deducted, allocated among the *basic*, *higher* and *additional* rates.

Income exceeding the personal allowance by an amount up to and including the value of `band[1]` attract *basic rate* income tax; income exceeding the personal allowance plus `band[1]` by an amount up to and including the value of `band[2]` attract *higher rate* income tax; and income exceeding the personal allowance plus the value of `sum(band)` attract *additional rate* income tax. See `incometax()` *Details* for further information.

Argument `allow_upper` is an income threshold above which the personal allowance goes down by £1 for every £2 taxable income exceeds it, see GOV.UK [Income Tax rates and Personal Allowances](#).

## Value

`tax_opts()` returns an object of class "tax\_opts", comprising a list of its four arguments.

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## References

GOV.UK [Income Tax rates and allowances for current and previous tax years](#)

## See Also

Other income\_tax: [allowance\(\)](#), [incometax\(\)](#), [pers\\_allow\(\)](#),

## Examples

```
tax_opts()

## Standard personal allowance
with(tax_opts(), std_allow)

## Upper income limit for every £2 above which the
## standard allowance is reduced by £1
with(tax_opts(), allow_upper)

## Typical income threshold for higher rate income tax
with(tax_opts(), sum(std_allow, band[1]))

## After personal allowance, amount above which
## additional rate income tax is payable
with(tax_opts(), sum(band[1], band[2]))

## Save hypothetical new rates as an object of class "tax_opts"
(newrates <- tax_opts(
  rate = c(0.19, 0.35, 0.43),
  std_allow = 14570,
  allow_upper = 102000))

## Use new rates in hypothetical tax estimations
incometax(120000,, newrates)

allowance(120000, 34015.35 + 6000,, newrates)

incometax(120000, -10370, newrates)
```

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