



**ISLE OF MAN BUDGET 2017
Income Tax Proposals**

The Manx 2017 Budget proposals were announced on 21 February 2017 and can be found on the Isle of Man Government website at www.gov.im/treasury/incometax. In summary, there have been some changes in the rates and allowances. Details for 2017/18 are:-

Individuals

- 1) The following income tax personal allowances will apply for the tax year commencing on 6 April 2017.
 - Single Person's Allowance – £12,500
 - Married Couple's Allowance – £25,000
 - Single Parent Allowance – £18,900 (including Single Person's Allowance)
 - Additional Registered Blind and/or Disabled Person's Allowance – £2,900
 - Co-habiting Couples Allowance – £6,400
- 2) The Age Allowance for all resident individuals who are aged 65 or over at the start of the tax year has been abolished from 6 April 2017.
- 3) The tax threshold rates include changes. The standard rate of income tax of 10% on taxable income has been reduced from £8,500 to £6,500 (£17,000 to £13,000 for married couples) The higher rate of income tax remains at 20%.
- 4) The Tax Cap threshold, for resident individuals, remains at £125,000 or £250,000 if jointly assessed. The "five year" tax cap election introduced on 6 April 2014 still remains in force. (Increases will apply for any elections commencing from the 2018/19 tax year. Please see our article Tax Cap - Isle of Man for further information)
- 5) The maximum deduction allowed for Nursing Expenses has increased from £9,300 to £12,500.*
- 6) Tax relief for Donations to Charities remains at £7,000 per person per annum.*
- 7) The maximum amount of Mortgage and Loan Interest for which relief can be claimed has been reduced from £7,500 to £5,000 per individual. This limit is doubled for jointly assessed couples, regardless of which individual is responsible for paying the interest.*
- 8) The maximum tax relief for Private Medical Insurance payments remains at £1,800 for individuals and £3,600 for married couples.*

* Please note that tax relief is restricted to 10% for deductions available to individuals in respect of those items marked by * above.

- 9) The rates of Class 4 National Insurance Contributions (NIC), which is payable by self-employed individuals, remain unchanged. (Please refer to our 2017/18 Manx tax card for further details).
- 10) The rates of Class 1 Employees' & Employers' National Insurance Contributions remain unchanged. (Please refer to our 2017/18 Manx tax card for further details).
- 11) The rate of Class 2 NIC, which is payable by self-employed individuals, remains at £5.40 per week.
- 12) The rate of Class 3 NIC, which is a voluntary payment by non-employed individuals, has increased from £14.10 to £14.25 per week.
- 13) The Personal Allowance Credit remains at £400 for payments made for the 2017/18 year tax which are paid after 6 April 2017. Therefore if total income is less than £9,500, the full Personal Allowance Credit of £400 will be paid. To qualify for a personal allowance credit you must have been 65 years of age at the **start** of the tax year or to have been eligible for either blind persons allowance or disabled persons allowance together with being resident on the Island for the whole of the tax year. Please note, however, that the credit will not be paid to an individual if:
 - In full time education at any time during the year of assessment; or
 - Serving a prison sentence for the whole of the tax year of assessment; or
 - He/she is the spouse of an individual whose income tax liability for the tax year is within the Tax Cap.From 6 April 2017, a Personal Allowance Credit cannot be claimed for, or paid in respect of, the year of assessment in which an individual dies, provided that the death occurs on or after that date.

Companies

1. Companies with Banking Business income continue to pay tax at 10%.
2. Companies with retail business and taxable profits of more than £500,000 continue to pay tax at 10%
3. Companies may elect to pay Manx tax at 10%.
4. Other companies are taxable at 0%.



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5. Companies with income from Manx land and property continue to pay tax at 20%

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