

FTX IRL

TAX REFERENCE MATERIAL – JUNE AND DECEMBER 2014

The following rates, credits, formulae and allowances are based on the Finance Acts 2013 and are to be used for all questions in this paper.

Income tax rates	Tax €
Single/Widow(er)/Surviving civil partner	
€32,800 at 20%	6,560
Balance at 41%	
Married or in a civil partnership (one income)	
€41,800 at 20%	8,360
Balance at 41%	
Married or in a civil partnership (dual income)	
€41,800 at 20%,	8,360
€23,800 at 20%,	4,760
Balance at 41%	
One parent family	
€36,800 at 20%	7,360
Balance at 41%	
Tax credits	
	€
Single person's credit	1,650
Married person's/civil partner's credit	3,300
Widowed person/surviving civil partner	
– in year of bereavement	3,300
– without dependent children	2,190
– with dependent children	1,650
Widowed person/surviving civil partner with dependent children	
– first year after bereavement	3,600
– second year after bereavement	3,150
– third year after bereavement	2,700
– fourth year after bereavement	2,250
– fifth year after bereavement	1,800
Home carer credit (maximum)	810
Single parent credit	1,650
Incapacitated child credit	3,300
Dependent relative credit	70
Age credit – single/widowed	245
– married or in civil partnership	490
Employee/PAYE credit	1,650
Rent allowance credit	

	Rent limit €	
– single aged under 55	1,000	200
– married/widowed/in a civil partnership/survivor of a civil partnership aged under 55	2,000	400
– single aged 55 and over	2,000	400
– married/widowed/in a civil partnership/survivor of a civil partnership aged 55 and over	4,000	800

Note: The rent allowance credit is only available to individuals who were tenants and eligible for the relief on 7 December 2010.

Third level tuition fees	Upper limit €7,000
Full time qualifying courses	First €2,500 is ignored
Part time qualifying courses	First €1,250 is ignored

Rates of PRSI Self-employed

PRSI

Rate 4%
Where income is above €5,000, the rate is 4% of reckonable earnings or €500 whichever is greater.
No PRSI where income is below €5,000 per annum

Rates of PRSI Employee – Class A1

PRSI

Rate 4%
No PRSI on earning of €352 or less per week.

Rates of PRSI Employer (for employees – Class A1)

PRSI

Rate 10.75%.

Universal Social Charge (USC) for all taxpayers

On the first €10,036	2%
On the next €5,980	4%
On the balance	7%

For individuals a surcharge of 3% applies in respect of relevant (non-PAYE) income that exceeds €100,000 per annum, regardless of age.

For individuals aged 70 and over, and individuals who hold a medical card regardless of age, the maximum rate is 4% on income up to €60,000 and 7% on income over €60,000.

Exemptions:

- Individuals whose income does not exceed €10,036 per annum
- All social welfare payments and income subject to DIRT

Retirement annuities

Age	Percentage of net relevant earnings
Up to 30 years	15%
30 years but less than 40 years	20%
40 years but less than 50 years	25%
50 years but less than 55 years	30%
55 years but less than 60 years	35%
60 years and over	40%

Cap on net relevant earnings of €115,000

Corporation tax

Standard rate	12·5%
Higher rate	25%

Value added tax (VAT)

Standard rate	23%
Lower rate	13·5%
Additional lower rate from 1 July 2011	9%

Capital gains tax

Rate	33%
Annual exemption	€1,270

Writing down and wear and tear allowances

Plant and machinery	12·5%
Motor vehicles	12·5%
Industrial buildings	4%

Motor cars – limits on capital costs

Carbon emissions table:

Category A	Category B/C	Category D/E	Category F/G
0–120 g/km	121–155 g/km	156–190 g/km	191 g/km+

Category A/B/C vehicles - capital allowances/leasing charges are based on the specified amount of €24,000 regardless of the cost of the car.

Category D/E vehicles - capital allowances/leasing charges are based on 50% of either €24,000 or the cost of the car, whichever is lower.

Category F/G vehicles do not qualify for capital allowances/leasing charges.

Benefits in kind

Motor cars

Business travel lower limit Kilometres	Business travel upper limit Kilometres	Percentage of original market value of car %
0	24,000	30
24,001	32,000	24
32,001	40,000	18
40,001	48,000	12
48,001	Upwards	6

Preferential loan rates

Loans used to fund the cost/repair of the employee's principal private residence	4%
All other loans	13.5%

Indexation factors for capital gains tax

Year expenditure incurred	Multipliers for disposals in the year ending 31 December 2004 <i>et seq</i>
1974-75	7.528
1975-76	6.080
1976-77	5.238
1977-78	4.490
1978-79	4.148
1979-80	3.742
1980-81	3.240
1981-82	2.678
1982-83	2.253
1983-84	2.003
1984-85	1.819
1985-86	1.713
1986-87	1.637
1987-88	1.583
1988-89	1.553
1989-90	1.503
1990-91	1.442
1991-92	1.406
1992-93	1.356
1993-94	1.331
1994-95	1.309
1995-96	1.277
1996-97	1.251
1997-98	1.232
1998-99	1.212
1999-2000	1.193
2000-2001	1.144
2001	1.087
2002	1.049
2003 <i>et seq</i>	1.000