UK TAX RATES

INCOME TAX RATES	2000/01	1999/00
10% on first	£1,520	£1,500
22% on next	£26,880	N/A
23% on next	N/A	£26,500
40% on income over	£28,400	£28,000
Dividends for basic rate Taxpayers	10%	10%
Other investment income for BR Taxpayers	20%	20%
Dividends for higher rate Taxpayers	32.5%	32.5%
Certain trusts (e.g. discretionary)	34%	34%

INCOME TAX RELIEFS	2000/01	1999/00
Personal allowances		
- Basic	£4,385	£4,335
- Age 65-74	£5,790	£5,720
- Age 75 & over	£6,050	£5,980
Married couple's allowance*		
- Basic	Nil	£1,970
- Age 65-74	£5,185	£5,125
- Age 75 & over	£5,255	£5,195
Single parent families etc & maintenance*	N/A	£1,970
Widow's bereavement allowance*	N/A	£1,970
Income limit for age-related allowances	£17,000	£16,800
Blind persons allowance	£1,400	£1,380
Rent a room tax free allowance	£4,250	£4,250
Mortgage interest relief limit	Nil	£30,000
Enterprise Investment Scheme at 20%	£150,000	£150,000
Venture Capital Trust at 20%	£100,000	£100,000

*Allowances where relief is restricted to 10%

UK CORPORATION TAX

	2000/01	1999/00
Starting Rate	10%	N/A
Starting Rate Limit	£10,000	N/A
Upper Marginal Limit	£50,000	N/A
Effective Marginal Rate	22.5%	N/A
Small Companies Rate	20%	20%
Small Companies Limit	£300,000	£300,000
Upper Marginal Limit	£1,500,000	£1,500,000
Effective Marginal Rate	32.5%	32.5%
Full Rate, above £1,500,000	30%	30%

US FEDERAL TAX RATES 1999

Filing Status	Std Deduction	RATE				
		15%	28%	31%	36%	39.6%
Head of household	$6,350	$0 - $34,550	$34,550 - $89,150	$89,150 - $144,400	$144,400 - $283,150	Over $283,150
Married filing jointly	$7,200	$0 - $43,050	$43,050 - $104,050	$104,050 - $158,550	$158,550 - $283,150	Over $283,150
Married filing separately	$3,600	$0 - $21,525	$21,525 - $52,025	$52,025 - $79,275	$79-275 – $141,575	Over $141,575
Single	$4,300	$0 - $25,750	$25,750 - $62,450	$62,450 - $130,250	$130,250 - $283,150	Over $283,150

US FEDERAL TAX RATES 2000

Filing Status	Std Deduction	RATE				
		15%	28%	31%	36%	39.6%
Head of household	$6,450	$0 – $35,150	$35,150 - $90,800	$90,800 - $147,050	$147,050 – $288,350	Over $288,350
Married filing jointly	$7,350	$0 – $43,850	$43,850 - $105,950	$105,950 – $161,450	$161,450 – $288,350	Over $288,350
Married filing separately	$3,675	$0 – $21,925	$21,925 - $52,975	$52,975 – $80,725	$80,725 – $144,175	Over $144,175
Single	$4,400	$0 – $26,250	$26,250 - $63,550	$63,550 – $132,600	$132,600 – $288,350	Over $288,350

SELF EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES 1999 / 2000

		Rate
OASDI (Employer/Employee)		12.4%
Medicare (Employer/Employee)		2.9%
Combined (Employer/Employee)		15.3%
OASDI maximum base (1.45% on excess over)	1999	$72,600
	2000	$76,200

* For social security taxes the OASDI and Medicare expenses are split between employer and employee

EXEMPTIONS	1999	2000
	$2,750	$2,800

US CORPORATE TAX 1999 / 2000

Taxable Income	Tax on lower amount $	Rate on Excess %
$0 - $50,000	0	15
$50,001 - $75,000	7,500	25
$75,001 $100,000	13,750	34
$100,001 - $335,000	22,250	39
$335,001 - $10,000,000	113,900	34
$10,000,001 - $15,000,000	3,400,000	35
$15,000,001 - $18,333,333	5,150,000	38
Over $18,333,334	6,416,667	35

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