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**Budget Highlights**

**2022**

## BUSINESS TAX

### CORPORATION TAX

- An effective Corporation Tax rate of 15% will apply to companies with turnover of more than €750 million. For companies with turnover less than €750 million the 12.5% rate of Corporation Tax remains.
- The Finance Act will introduce interest limitation and anti-reverse-hybrid rules in line with the Anti-Tax Avoidance Directive (ATAD).

### BUSINESS SUPPORTS

- The reduced rate of 9% VAT for the hospitality sector will remain in place to the end of August 2022.
- The Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS) will be extended to 30 April 2022 with some graduated amendments. The following are the broad parameters of this extension:
  - No changes to EWSS for the months of October and November 2021.
  - Businesses availing of the EWSS on the 31 December 2021 will continue to be supported until 30 April 2022.
  - Across December 2021, January and February 2022 a two-rate structure of €151.50 and €203 will apply.
  - For March and April 2022, the final 2 months of the scheme, a flat rate subsidy of €100 will be put in place. The reduced rate of employers PRSI will no longer apply for these 2 months.
  - The scheme will close to new employers from 1 January 2022.

- A new refundable tax credit for the digital gaming sector is being introduced. This relief will be available at a rate of 32% on eligible expenditure of up to a maximum of €25 million per project.
- An extension of Corporation Tax relief for certain start-up companies was announced. The relief is extended to 5 years instead of 3 years and is linked to employer PRSI payments.
- The relief for pre-letting expenses for landlords capped at €5,000 per premises is extended for a further 3 years to 2024.
- The accelerated capital allowances scheme for gas vehicles and refuelling equipment is being extended for a further 3 years and will now include hydrogen powered vehicles and refuelling equipment.
- Equipment directly operated by fossil fuels will now be prohibited from qualifying for the accelerated capital allowances for the energy efficient equipment scheme.
- The Employment Investment Incentive Scheme (EIIS) scheme is extended for a further 3 years. It has been modified to include a wider range of investment funds and some easing of the rules has also been announced.
- The tax debt warehousing scheme will be expanded to allow self-assessed income taxpayers, with employment income from a company in which they have a material interest, to warehouse their tax liability relating to their employment income from that company.

## PERSONAL TAX

### INCOME TAX

- There were no changes to the Income Tax rates.
- The exemption limits, tax credits and standard rate bands applicable for the tax year 2022 are set out in detail under the Personal Tax Facts section.
- Any changes that have been made to the rates and bands for USC are set out in detail under the Personal Tax Facts section.
- An income tax deduction for remote workers amounting to 30% of vouched expenses for heat, electricity and broadband in respect of those costs incurred while working from home has been announced.
- The BIK exemption for a battery electric vehicle (BEV) is being extended to 2025 with tapering measures to take effect from 2023.

### TAX CREDITS/BANDS

- The Standard Rate Band is being increased by €1,500.
- The Minister has increased the Personal Tax credit, Employee Tax Credit and the Earned Income Credit by €50.

### HELP TO BUY SCHEME (HTB)

- For 2022 the scheme is being continued at the current rates. A full review of the scheme will be carried out during 2022.

## FARMERS TAX

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- The farmers flat rate VAT scheme is being reduced from 5.6% to 5.5% with effect from 1 January 2022.
- The young trained farmer (Stamp Duty) relief is to be extended to the end of 2022.
- General stock relief will continue to the end of 2024.
- Stock relief applicable to young trained farmers (100%) and registered farm partnerships (50%) has also been extended for 1 year.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### EXCISE DUTIES

- Excise Duty on a packet of 20 cigarettes is being increased by 50c with a pro rata increase on the other tobacco products. This measure will take effect from midnight on 12 October 2021.

### VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX

- A revised VRT table is being introduced for 2022. The 20 band table will remain with an increase of 1% in bands 9-12, 2% in bands 13-15 and 4% in bands 16-20.
- The €5,000 relief for a battery electric vehicle (BEV) is being extended to the end of 2023.

### MINIMUM WAGE

- The minimum wage rate is to be increased by 30c to €10.50 per hour.

### OTHER TAX HEADS

- No changes were announced to Capital Gains Tax, Capital Acquisitions Tax and Stamp Duty.

### COMMERCIAL RATES

- A commercial rates waiver for the final quarter of 2021 in respect of the hospitality, arts and certain tourism sectors was announced.

### ZONED LAND TAX

- A new tax (Zoned Land Tax) at a rate of 3% of the market value of residential zoned and serviced development land is being proposed.

### CARBON TAX

- The rate of carbon tax will increase by €7.50 from €33.50 to €41.00 per tonne of carbon dioxide emitted. This applies from midnight 12 October 2021 for auto fuels and from 1 May 2022 for all other fuels.

### FAMILY SUPPORTS

- The weekly rate for the qualified child payment will increase by €2.00 per week in respect of under 12's and €3.00 per week in respect of over 12's.
- Parents benefit is being extended by 2 weeks to 7 weeks from July 2022.
- An increase in the weekly old age pension of €5 was announced.
- An extension of free GP care to children aged 6 and 7 years was announced with an intention to extend to children up to age 12 in the future.
- The drug payment scheme threshold is to be reduced to €100.
- A youth travel card is being introduced for individuals between the ages of 19 and 23 to allow them to avail of a 50% discount on fares across the transport network.

## TAX CREDITS FOR TAX YEAR 2022

	2022 €	2021 €		2022 €	2021 €
<b>PERSONAL</b>					
Single	1,700	1,650	<b>INCAPACITATED CHILD</b>	3,300	3,300
Married	3,400	3,300	<b>DEPENDANT RELATIVE</b>	245	245
Widowed Person	2,190	2,190	<b>BLIND PERSON</b>		
Single Person Child Carer	1,650	1,650	Single / Married	1,650	1,650
Home Carer Credit	1,600	1,600	Married (both blind)	3,300	3,300
			<b>FISHER TAX CREDIT</b>	1,270	1,270
Earned Income Credit*	1,700	1,650	<b>AGE CREDIT</b>		
<b>PAYE</b>	1,700	1,650	Single / Widowed	245	245
<b>WIDOWED PARENT BEREAVEMENT</b>			Married	490	490
Tax Credit year 1	3,600	3,600			
- Tapering to year 5	1,800	1,800			

\* No Earned Income Credit where individual entitled to a PAYE credit.

## INCOME TAX RATES

### SINGLE PERSONS 2022

20% First €36,800  
40% Balance

### LONE PARENT

20% First €40,800  
40% Balance

### MARRIED PERSONS 2022

**(Two Incomes)**  
20% First €73,600\*\*  
40% Balance

### (One Income)

20% First €45,800  
40% Balance

## INCOME TAX EXEMPTION LIMITS

	2022 €	2021 €
Single or Widowed 65 years or over	18,000	18,000
Married Couples 65 years or over	36,000	36,000

\*\* Transferable between spouses up to a maximum of €45,800 for any one spouse.  
Subject to confirmation in Finance Act

## UNIVERSAL SOCIAL CHARGE

### EMPLOYEES & SELF-EMPLOYED

	2022	2021
	0.00% on total earnings <€13,000	0.00% on total earnings <€13,000
	0.50% on €0 to €12,012	0.50% on €0 to €12,012
	2.00% on €12,013 to €21,295	2.00% on €12,013 to €20,687
	4.50% on €21,296 to €70,044	4.50% on €20,688 to €70,044
	8.00% on €70,045 to €100,000	8.00% on €70,045 to €100,000
<b>PAYE INCOME</b>	8.00% on excess over €100,000	8.00% on excess over €100,000
<b>SELF-EMPLOYED</b>	11.00% on excess over €100,000	11.00% on excess over €100,000

## PRSI

EMPLOYER	2022	2021
Contribution for Class A		
PRSI	10.05%	10.05%
Training Levy	<u>1.00%</u>	<u>1.00%</u>
Total for Employer	11.05% on all income 8.8% on earnings less than €410 p.w.	11.05% on all income 8.8% on earnings less than €398 p.w.
<b>EMPLOYEE</b>		
PRSI	*4.00% on all income	*4.00% on all income
<b>SELF-EMPLOYED / DIRECTORS CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
PRSI	**4.00% on all income	**4.00% on all income

\* Not applicable if earnings less than €18,300 p.a. (€352 p.w.)

\*\*4.00% subject to minimum payment of €500.

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