

## Today the Scottish income tax rates become effective. There are five tax bands for Scottish taxpayers in 2018/19.

### Five tax bands

From 6 April 2018, Scottish taxpayers will pay tax by reference to five income bands as opposed to three in the rest of the UK. The new rates and bands for 2018/19 are set out in the following table:

Band Name	Band Width £	Band Rate
Starter Rate	11,850-13,850	19%
Basic Rate	13,851 – 24,000	20%
Intermediate Rate	24,001 – 43,430	21%
Higher Rate	43,431 – 150,000	41%
Top Rate	£150,001 +	46%

### The north-south divide

The Scottish higher rate threshold for 2018/19 is set at £43,430. This compares with a threshold of £46,350 south of the border.

To take an example, in 2017/18 a Scottish taxpayer with earnings of £47,000 is paying £400 more income tax than a UK taxpayer outside Scotland this differential will increase to £794 in 2018/19.

Income tax bands comparison between Scotland and the UK

Earnings	Scottish Tax Liability in 2018/19	Difference in Scotland between 2017/18 and 2018/19	Difference with rest of UK for 2018/19
£15,000	£610	£90 more in your pocket in 2018	Scots £20 better off
£24,000	£2,410	£90 more in your pocket in 2018	Scots £20 better off
£26,000	£2,830	£70 more in your pocket in 2018 – due to UK personal allowance increase	Scots no better or worse off
£30,000	£3,670	£30 more in your pocket in 2018	Scots £40 worse off
£33,000	£4,300	No difference	Scots £70 worse off
£60,000	£13,284	£184 less in your pocket in 2018	Scots £924 worse off
£90,000	£25,584	£484 less in your pocket in 2018	Scots £1,224 worse off