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Budget 2026, the January deadline and Making Tax Digital

Your monthly tax update from AF Coopers. Every figure was checked on gov.uk on 6 November 2026.

Budget 2026: what changes for you

Landlords: tax on property income rises to 24%, 44% and 49% from 6 April 2027 (now 20%, 40% and 45%).

Savers: savings income rates rise to 24%, 44% and 49% from 6 April 2027.

Small side earnings: the trading allowance rises from £1,000 to £3,000 from 6 April 2027.

Employers: National Living Wage rises 3.9% to £13.21 an hour from 1 April 2027. Employer NI and the £10,500 Employment Allowance are unchanged.

Companies: Corporation Tax stays at 19% and 25%. The main-rate writing-down allowance (yearly tax relief on most equipment and vans) falls to 12% from 1 April 2027; the first-year allowance (extra relief in the year of purchase) rises to 50% for spending from 1 January 2027.

Selling a business: the lifetime limit for Business Asset Disposal Relief (a lower Capital Gains Tax rate on selling a qualifying business) halves to £500,000 for disposals from 6 April 2027.

Unchanged: income tax rates and bands, the £12,570 personal allowance, dividend tax rates and the £90,000 VAT threshold.

Self Assessment: 31 January 2027

11.48m	475,722	~1 million
filed on time last year	filed on the final day	missed the deadline

Around 12 million people are expected to file by 31 January 2027. A late return means an automatic £100 penalty, even if there is no tax to pay, then £10 a day after 3 months, up to £900.

Making Tax Digital for Income Tax

More than 436,000 sole traders and landlords sent their first quarterly update by August. From 6 April 2027 it applies if your qualifying income (self-employment and property income, before expenses) was over £30,000 in 2025 to 2026: around 1,077,000 more people. Next update due **7 February 2027**. Check if it applies to you.

Interest on late tax goes up

Bank Rate rose to 4% on 5 November. HMRC charges late payment interest at Bank Rate plus 4%, so it will rise to 8% from 24 November 2026 for most payments.

Key dates

30 Dec 2026 · file online to pay through your tax code (if eligible)

31 Jan 2027 · tax return, balancing payment and first payment on account

7 Feb 2027 · Making Tax Digital quarterly update

See all key tax dates

Not sure how the Budget affects you?

Send us your preferred day and time and we will call you. Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

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