



Financial Advice Centre Ltd

2025/26 End of Tax Year Checklist

Investor scenarios: 2025/26 End of Tax Year checklist

Source: TFP Calculators and Financial Advice Centre Ltd

Income		
Have earnings over £60,000 <u>and</u> have minors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As clients will lose child benefit, paying a pension contribution will reduce Adjusted Net Income (ANI) 	Yes / No / NA
Have earnings and savings income over £50,270	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay pension contribution to reduce ANI below higher rate tax threshold to double PSA to £1,000 	Yes / No / NA
Have 'adjusted net income' (ANI) over £100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay a pension contribution to reduce ANI and get tax relief of up to 60% 	Yes / No / NA
Have 'adjusted net income' (ANI) over £100,000 <u>and</u> have minors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As clients will be eligible for Tax-Free Childcare, paying a pension contribution will reduce ANI 	Yes / No / NA
Are married, in which one is a Basic Rate taxpayer & the other is a Non taxpayer?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximise Allowances (Personal Allowance, PSA & Savings Rate Band) by transferring assets between spouses so investment income to non-taxpayer 	Yes / No / NA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer £1,260 of Personal Allowance. Apply online at https://www.gov.uk/marriage-allowance Can backdate claim up to any tax year since 5/4/2021 	Yes / No / NA
Are married, in which one is a Higher / Additional Rate taxpayer & the other is a lower rate taxpayer?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transferring assets between spouses so maximise Personal Savings Allowance, & lowest rate of tax paid 	Yes / No / NA
Are paying income tax on investment income?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 2026, dividend basic and higher tax rates are increasing by 2% Invest into tax efficient ISAs Consider low/nil yielding OEICs or Investment Bonds 	Yes / No / NA Yes / No / NA
Are married, and paying income tax on investment income?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider transferring assets to use both £500 Dividend Allowances 	Yes / No / NA
Are married with an Offshore Bond, in which one is a Non-taxpayer?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 2027, Savings income tax increasing by 2% Rebase' some or all of bond by using available Allowances inc. £5,000 Savings Starting Rate Band 	Yes / No / NA
Have made Investment Bond withdrawals (PS or FS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If Chargeable Gain (CG) added to income exceeds £100k, consider paying pension contribution 	Yes / No / NA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If Chargeable Gain (CG) added to income exceeds £260k, consider impact on tapered Annual Allowance 	Yes / No / NA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If top-sliced CG added to income moves into higher rate tax band, consider paying pension contribution 	Yes / No / NA

Capital Gains Tax		
Have Unit Trust/OEICs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Utilise CGT Annual Exempt Amount of £3,000 (Care 'Bed and Breakfasting') 	Yes / No / NA
Have large Taxable Gains?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Phase sale of investment over 2 tax years ◆ Disposal after 05/04/2026 defers tax until 31/01/2028 	Yes / No / NA Yes / No / NA
Have realised Taxable Gains and is a Higher Rate Tax payer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Consider payment of pension contribution to extend Basic Rate Band which may reduce amount of CGT 	Yes / No / NA
Have Taxable Gains & losses from previous year?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Utilise losses to reduce taxable gain and CGT liability 	Yes / No / NA
Married & have Unit Trusts/OEICs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Maximise CGT Annual Exempt Amount for both by transferring assets between spouses ◆ If spouse is a lower rate taxpayer, consider outright transfer of assets before surrendering 	Yes / No / NA Yes / No / NA

Inheritance Tax		
Have 'surplus' funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Gift £3,000 Annual Amount (plus last year's if not used) ◆ Can make unlimited small gifts of £250 ◆ Consider Lifetime gifts (PETs, CLTs) 	Yes / No / NA Yes / No / NA Yes / No / NA
Have 'surplus' income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Consider making regular gifts 	Yes / No / NA

Tax efficient investments		
Have not utilised ISA Allowance?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ April 2026, dividend basic and higher tax rates are increasing by 2% ◆ April 2027, Savings income tax rates increasing by 2% ◆ Pay up to £20,000 into tax efficient investment ◆ Has spouse utilised ISA allowance? ◆ Transfer amount from existing investment into ISA 	Yes / No / NA Yes / No / NA Yes / No / NA
Have Children / Grandchildren?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Contribute £9,000 into Junior ISA ◆ Contribute £4,000 into Lifetime ISA (for 1st house) 	Yes / No / NA Yes / No / NA
Have higher attitude to investment risk?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Consider investing in Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS) for income 30% tax relief, and defer CGT ◆ Consider investing in Venture Capital Trust (VCT) for 30% income tax relief. April 2026 reducing to 20%. 	Yes / No / NA Yes / No / NA
Requiring additional "income"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ OEICs dividend income can utilise Dividend Allowance. ◆ Regular capital withdrawals from OEIC using CGT AEA~ ◆ Investment Bonds 5% tax-deferred withdrawal facility 	Yes / No / NA Yes / No / NA Yes / No / NA

Pensions		
A Non-Taxpayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pay contribution, greater of; £3,600 or 100% salary 	Yes / No / NA
Employees paying pension contributions / receiving a bonus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Consider salary sacrifice arrangement ◆ April 2029, being restricting to £2,000 	Yes / No / NA
Have total income above £50,270?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pay pension contribution to receive 40% tax relief 	Yes / No / NA
Have total income above £125,140?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pay pension contribution to receive 45% tax relief 	Yes / No / NA
Have 'adjusted' income of £260,000?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pay individual pension contribution to reduce income below 'Threshold' income amount of £200,000 ◆ Considered impact of 'Tapered' Annual Allowance 	Yes / No / NA Yes / No / NA
Have used Annual Allowance in 2022/23?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Payment of pension contribution otherwise will be 'lost' 	Yes / No / NA
Expected tax free cash to exceed Lump Sum Allowance?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Review as to whether continue funding 	Yes / No / NA

Have triggered Money Purchase Annual allowance (MPAA)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Maximise (£10k) MP pension contribution this year 	Yes / No / NA
Not entitled to maximum single Tier State Pension?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Consider paying voluntary Class 3 NI to secure additional qualifying years as good value 	Yes / No / NA
Making Large Pension withdrawal e.g UFPLS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Consider spread over 2 tax years to minimise income tax liability 	Yes / No / NA
Require Death Benefit flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ April 2027, pensions included in estate for IHT ◆ Review pension plan/Expression of Wish to ensure all options are available 	Yes / No / NA

Company taxation		
Are Directors of company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ April 2026, dividend basic and higher tax rates are increasing by 2% ◆ Tax efficient extraction of profits. ◆ Use £500 Dividend Allowance ◆ Employing spouse / family members – employment allowance £10,500 ◆ Transferring shares to spouse (Dividend Allowance) ◆ Payment of pension contribution 	Yes / No / NA Yes / No / NA Yes / No / NA Yes / No / NA Yes / No / NA

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