

Budget at a glance



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Income tax: Threshold increased to **£9,205**. **50p** top rate to be cut to **45p** from April 2013



Corporation tax: Cut to **24%** from April with target rate of **22%** by 2014



Fuel duty: No change.
Vehicle excise duty: Rise in line with inflation, frozen for road hauliers



Stamp duty: New level of **7%** for homes worth more than **£2m**. Any such homes bought through companies will pay **15%**



Alcohol: No change
Tobacco: Up 5% (37p on 20 cigarettes)



Child benefit: Gradual withdrawal for households earning **£50,000** or above. Households earning over **£60,000** to lose all benefit

■ **Pensions:** Personal tax allowances frozen. New single-tier state pension to be set at about **£140** and based on contributions

■ **Armed forces:** Cost of operations in Afghanistan to be **£2.4bn** less than expected. Money used to double council tax relief to **100%** for families of serving military personnel plus extra **£100m** for armed forces' housing

■ **Business:** Simplified tax system for small firms with turnover of up to **£77,000**. Enhanced capital allowances for businesses setting up in new Scottish and Welsh enterprise zones

■ **Development:** Government support for **£150m** of tax increment financing to help councils promote development, extra **£270m** for Growing Places fund

■ **Entertainment:** Tax relief for video games, animation and high-end television production sectors

■ **Olympics:** Relaxation of Sunday trading laws on eight Sundays during Olympics and Paralympics, starting July 22

■ **Transport and infrastructure:** Confirmed improvements to rail lines to North West. Report published this summer on airport capacity in South East. Funding for superfast broadband and wi-fi in UK's 10 largest cities.

■ **Red tape:** Overhaul planning permission regulations – reduce 1,000 pages of regulations to just 50 pages

■ **Bank levy:** Increased to **0.105%** from January 2013 to ensure corporation tax cuts do not benefit banks. Levy will raise **£2.5bn** a year