

An aerial photograph of Gibraltar, showing the city built into the steep cliffs overlooking the sea. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent red overlay. In the bottom right corner, a small portion of the original grayscale image is visible, showing the coastline and a ship.

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GIBRALTAR TAX 2023 – 2024

SOVEREIGN TAX SERVICES

PERSONAL INCOME TAX

Gibraltar operates a dual personal tax system. Taxpayers can opt to be taxed under the Gross Income Based System (GIBS) or the Allowance Based System (ABS).

Gibraltar’s Income Tax Office will calculate the year end assessment on the basis of the system that is most beneficial for the taxpayer, regardless of the system that is chosen by the taxpayer.

Spouses/civil partners may elect either system, but restrictions apply to allowances and deductions where one spouse elects GIBS and the other ABS.

GROSS INCOME BASED SYSTEM (GIBS)

The income bands and tax rates for persons with assessable income up to £25,000 are as follows:

Taxable Income Bands	Rate	Tax on Band
£0 - £10,000	7%	£700
£10,001 - £17,000	21%	£1,470
Balance	29%	Up to £2,320

The income bands and tax rates for persons with assessable income between £25,000 to £100,000 are as follows:

Taxable Income Bands	Rate	Tax on Band
£0 - £17,000	17%	£2,890
£17,001 - £25,000	20%	£1,600
£25,001 - £40,000	26%	£3,900
£40,001 - £100,000	29%	Up to £17,400

The income bands and tax rates for persons with assessable income above £100,000 are as follows:

Taxable Income Bands	Rate	Tax on Band
£0 - £17,000	18%	£3,060
£17,001 - £25,000	21%	£1,680
£25,001 - £40,000	27%	£4,050
£40,001 – £105,000	30%	£19,500
Balance	27%	

DEDUCTIONS AVAILABLE UNDER GIBS

MAIN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

A deduction from assessable income of up to £1,500 per annum is available for mortgage interest payments (22-23 £1,500).

A deduction from assessable income of up to £7,500 per annum is available in respect of approved expenditure incurred towards the purchase of their first home (22-23 £7,500).

PROPERTY FRONTAGE ENHANCEMENT

A deduction from assessable income of up to £5,000 is available in respect of expenditure incurred on painting, decorating, repairing and in general enhancing the appearance of the frontage of premises. Must be expenditure certified by Town Planner.

APPROVED PENSIONS

A deduction from assessable income up to £1,500 per annum is available in respect of employee contributions to approved occupational or personal pension schemes (22-23 £1,500). Employer contributions to approved occupational schemes are not taxable on the employee.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

A deduction from assessable income of £3,000 per annum is available in respect of premiums paid for Private Medical Insurance (22-23 £3,000).

RENEWABLE ENERGY

A deduction from assessable income of up to £6,000 over 2 years is available for the installation of renewable energy systems, specifically installation of water for the supply of electricity to a property, or photovoltaic panels or wind turbines for the supply of electricity to a property.

A similar deduction from assessable income for improvements to the EPC rating of a property, of up to 100%, depending on the category.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INSTALLATION

There is a deduction against tax liabilities available for the first £2,000 of the cost of installing a mechanism for the electric charging of a vehicle in the taxpayer's home, or in a parking space or garage owned by them, subject to approval.

HEALTH & FITNESS

From 1 July 2023, individuals who are enrolled in a gym or who contract a personal trainer who is registered with the Income Tax Office will be able to deduct 10% of the verified cost from their tax liability, i.e. a tax credit.

PRIVATE EDUCATION

From 1 July 2023, parents who are funding private school tuition for their children in Gibraltar will be able to set off 10% of the cost of that education from their tax liability i.e. a tax credit.

ALLOWANCE BASED SYSTEM (ABS)

The income bands and tax rates for persons with assessable income less than £100,00 are as follows:

Taxable Income Bands	Rate	Tax on Band
£0 – £4,000	15%*	£600
£4,001 – £16,000	18%	£2,160
£16,001 – £99,999	40%	£33,600

**This rate and income band does not apply to non-residents.*

The income bands and tax rates for persons with assessable income of £100,00 or above are as follows:

Taxable Income Bands	Rate	Tax on Band
£0 – £4,000	16%*	£640
£4,001 – £16,000	19%	£2,280
Balance	41%	

**This rate and income band does not apply to non-residents.*

MAIN ALLOWANCES & DEDUCTIONS AVAILABLE UNDER ABS

Every taxpayer entitled to tax allowances/deductions will have a minimum total of £4,343 allowances. In the case of elderly persons (men 65 and over, women 60 and over, age during the year) the allowances are 'topped-up' to £12,645.

STANDARD ALLOWANCE

Personal allowance	£3,455
Spouse and civil partner allowance	£3,455

AGE ALLOWANCE (WOMEN 60 & OVER, MEN 65 & OVER)

Age allowance (unmarried or married and not claiming spouse allowance)	£9,190
Married or civil partner allowance	£5,685

LOW EARNINGS ALLOWANCE

Less than £11,450	no tax payable
Taper relief for income between £11,451 and £19,950 (22/23 £19,975).	

NURSERY SCHOOL ALLOWANCE

Maximum per child attending a privately registered nursery in Gibraltar	£5,480
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CHILD ALLOWANCE (FIRST CHILD ONLY)	£1,190
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CHILD EDUCATED ABROAD (PER CHILD)	£1,375
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MATERNITY GRANT	£700
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PARENT OF DISABLED INDIVIDUAL ALLOWANCE	£10,000
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BLIND PERSON ALLOWANCE	£5,475
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ONE PARENT FAMILY ALLOWANCE	£5,800
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DEPENDANT RELATIVE

Dependant resident in Gibraltar	£400
Dependant non-resident in Gibraltar	£250

SOCIAL SECURITY RELIEF

(Available to those who pay full Social Security Contributions)

PAYE	£335
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Self-Employed	£432
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MEDICAL INSURANCE ALLOWANCE

For premiums paid by an individual for personal cover or for spouse or dependant children cover (maximum)	£5,395
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APPRENTICE ALLOWANCE	£380
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HOUSE PURCHASE ALLOWANCE

Deduction for purchase (once only)	£13,000
Special deduction (£1,000 maximum p.a.)	£4,000

MORTGAGE INTEREST RELIEF

Interest is fully allowable on loans of up to £350,000 to finance Gibraltar residential property occupied by the taxpayer.

PROPERTY FRONTAGE ENHANCEMENT

A deduction from assessable income (unlimited) is available in respect of expenditure incurred on painting, decorating, repairing and in general enhancing the appearance of the frontage of premises. Must be expenditure certified by Town Planner.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

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There is a deduction against tax liabilities available for the first £2,000 of the cost of installing a mechanism for the electric charging of a vehicle in the taxpayer's home, or in a parking space or garage owned by them, subject to approval.

LIFE ASSURANCE PREMIUMS

Deductible, provided not exceeding one seventh of assessable income or 7% of the capital sum assured at death.

PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to approved occupational or personal pension schemes are deductible.

For approved occupational schemes, contributions eligible for relief are allowable up to one sixth of assessable income. Where the individual is taxable under GIBS this relief is limited to £1,500.

Employer contributions to approved occupational schemes are not taxable on the employee.

For approved personal pension schemes, overall contributions eligible for relief are subject to the lower of a 20% limit of earned income or £35,000. Where the individual is taxable under GIBS, this relief is limited to £1,500. Any employer contributions in excess of this are taxed as a benefit in kind.

TAX CREDIT FOR INDIVIDUALS

A tax credit amounting to the greater of £300 or 2% of the tax payable is available to all individuals.

TAX CREDIT FOR WORKING PENSIONERS

For individuals over the age of 60, if in receipt of earned income but not in receipt of pension income in excess of £6,000 p.a., a tax credit of up to £4,000 is available.

STUDENTS

Earnings of a full time student are exempt from tax.

HEALTH & FITNESS

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PRIVATE EDUCATION

From 1 July 2023, parents who are funding private school tuition for their children in Gibraltar will be able to set off 10% of the cost of that education from their tax liability i.e. a tax credit.

SINGLE PRACTITIONERS TAX CREDIT

From 1 July 2023, a tax credit for sole practitioners (lawyers), which will allow a deduction of 75% of fees payable to the LSRA.

SPECIFIC TAX PROVISIONS

INCOME FROM APPROVED PENSION SCHEMES

Generally, Gibraltar pension income from a statutory pension scheme, provident, or other approved scheme received by a member aged 60 or over is taxed at 0% (age 55 for certain essential services officers) and such income is not taken into account in establishing tax due on other income.

Income deriving from a Gibraltar “imported pension” (e.g. a QROPS) or a QNUPS, forms part of assessable income and is taxed at 2.5%.

QUALIFYING SAVING INCOME

Savings income (e.g. bank interest and dividends from shares listed on a recognised stock exchange) are exempt from income tax.

CATEGORY 2 RESIDENTS

Taxed under the ABS, but only on the first £118,000 (22-23 £118,000) of assessable income. This results in a maximum annual tax payable of £44,740 (22-23 £44,740) and a minimum annual tax payable of £37,000 (22-23 £37,000).

This cap does not apply to certain local activities (e.g. Gibraltar rental profits received by the Category 2 resident) which are taxed separately, at their marginal rate i.e. 41%.

A Category 2 resident cannot generally engage in a trade, business or employment in Gibraltar, unless agreed in advance with the Finance Centre Director.

A one-off tax deposit of £44,740 (23-24) is required to be made on application, to cover final year tax liability. Any balance not due is refunded when the Category 2 residency certificate is relinquished.

HIGH EXECUTIVES POSSESSING SPECIALIST SKILLS (HEPSS) RESIDENTS

Taxed under the GIBS, but only on the first £160,000 (22-23 £160,000) of earned income. This results in a maximum annual tax payable of £43,140 (22-23 £43,140).

Transitional (2 year) rules apply for existing HEPSS earning between £120,000 and £160,000. This transitional period ended on 31 July 2023.

All Category 2 and HEPSS residents are required to maintain qualifying accommodation. In general, new applicants must not have been Gibraltar resident in previous years.



RESIDENCY

Individuals are ordinarily resident in Gibraltar if they are present in Gibraltar for either 183 days or more in a tax year, or more than 300 days in total in 3 consecutive tax years.

Ordinarily resident individuals are generally liable to tax in Gibraltar on their worldwide income.

Rules apply to restrict allowances and tax rate bands for individuals who are not ordinary resident for a complete tax year.

NON-RESIDENT DIRECTORS AND OCCASIONAL PRESENCE ACTIVITIES

No tax is charged on income from directors fees, if the individual is not ordinarily resident in Gibraltar and is present in Gibraltar for less than 30 days in a tax year.

This also applies to non-resident employees and non-resident self-employed whose activities (except for any which are ancillary to that work) are exclusively outside of Gibraltar.

TRUSTS

From 1 January 2011, a Trust is resident in Gibraltar if one or more of the beneficiaries are ordinarily resident in Gibraltar (excluding Category 2 residents) or the class of potential beneficiaries may include an ordinarily resident person.

A resident Trust is charged to tax on its assessable income. A non-resident Trust is only liable to tax on income accrued in or derived from Gibraltar.

The rate of tax for Trusts is 12.5% from 1 August 2021 (22-23 12.5%).

There can be taxation on Trust distributions to Gibraltar resident beneficiaries (excluding Category 2 residents).

FOUNDATIONS

From April 2017, a Foundation registered under Gibraltar's Private Foundations Act 2017, is resident in Gibraltar, unless persons ordinarily resident in Gibraltar (excluding Category 2 residents) and the issue of such persons have been irrevocably excluded from benefit.

A resident Foundation shall be charged to tax on its worldwide assessable income. A non-resident Foundation is only liable to Gibraltar tax on income accrued in or derived from Gibraltar.

The rate of tax for Foundations is 12.5% from 1 August 2021 (22-23 12.5%).

There can be taxation on Foundation distributions to Gibraltar resident beneficiaries (excluding Category 2 residents).

BENEFITS IN KIND

Benefits in kind are taxed on employees and are defined in the Income Tax Act.

Benefits received by an employee of less than £250 in a year of assessment are not taxable.

Employers may opt to pay the tax on benefits on behalf of the employee by obtaining a dispensation from the Income Tax Office (at the rate of 20% or 29% depending on the value of the benefits).

Exemptions exist for accommodation provided by the employer for relocating executives.

From 1 July 2014, all loans or advances made to a director, a shadow director or any connected person and the terms of the loan is such that an arm's-length rate of interest is paid and the loan agreement has received the approval of the Income Tax Office, the loan or advance shall not be treated as earnings from employment.

There is a benefit in kind tax exemption in respect of approved health insurance premiums paid by an employer on behalf of employees (including their spouse and children). This applies to premiums of up to £5,395 under ABS, and of up to £3,000 under GIBS. This exemption is reduced by any amount claimed by the taxpayer as a deduction for health insurance.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Under the Gift Aid Scheme, the Government pays the charity the equivalent of the tax suffered by the donor at the standard rate applicable to the donor. The limit on gifts under the scheme is £10,000 p.a. (22-23 £10,000). Process to simplify the scheme to commence.

PAYROLL GIVING SCHEME

A payroll giving scheme enables tax-free charitable donations to be made to approved charities through employment earnings up to a maximum of £5,000 p.a. We suggested this measure to the Government. Still to be implemented into law.



SOCIAL INSURANCE

Social Insurance contributions are based on gross earnings. From July 2023, rates are as follows:

Weekly Contributions	Employee	Max	Employer	Max
Employee (under 60)	10%	£37.00	18%	£51.00
Self-employed	20%	£51.00	-	-
Voluntary		£37.00	-	-

No contributions are payable if the individual is not in receipt of earnings.

Employee Social Insurance contributions are not payable when a contributor reaches the age of 60 (firemen/police officers at age 55).

Social Insurance credit of £100 per employee in respect of employers contributions for companies who have 10 or fewer employees, or new companies with up to 20 employees in the first year.

Employers & employee contributions in respect of an employee's secondary employment are exempt, however, the employee must apply to the Income Tax Office in writing for this exemption to be effected.

Social Insurance contributions made by young employees will start accruing towards the contributor's pension from age 15. Income earned by a full-time student is exempt.

STATUTORY MINIMUM WAGE

£8.60 per hour (22-23 £8.10).

2023/2024 TAX FREE LUMP SUM PAYMENTS

In September 2023 public sector workers in a specific pay band will receive a tax-free lump sum payment.

- Those below a basic salary of £50,000 will receive £1,200.
- Basic pay between £50,000 and £75,000 will receive £900.
- Basic pay between £75,000 and £100,000 will receive £600.
- Those receiving above £100,000 will not receive a lump sum.

In 2023/2024 the private sector is permitted similar tax-free payment assistance, albeit to be funded by the employers. Such payments would be excluded from payroll and the deduction would not be allowable against employers' profits. Currently awaiting publication of regulations to enable these payments to be made.

COMPANY INCOME TAX

- Gibraltar's territorial taxation basis generally taxes only income which is accrued in or derived from Gibraltar. A standard 12.5% (21-22 12.5%) rate of company income tax applies to almost all companies. The change from 10% to 12.5% rate was effective from 1 August 2021. This means that where a financial year straddles 31 July 2021, the 12.5% rate will be applied to those months in that financial year from August 2021 onwards.
- All companies registered in Gibraltar are required to file a tax return.
- Utility and fuel suppliers, and companies abusing a dominant market position, are taxed at a higher rate of 20%. From 1 July 2016 the lower rate applies for Telecoms companies on business generated from non-telecommunication services, such as Data Centres. The 20% tax rate still applies to the profits and gains arising from the telecommunication activities.
- For companies licenced and regulated in Gibraltar, profits are deemed to accrue in and derive from Gibraltar, except for activities carried on outside Gibraltar by a branch or permanent establishment.
- From 1 July 2013, where a Gibraltar registered company receives interest on a loan from another company (or companies), in excess of £100,000 per annum, it shall be deemed to be in receipt of income taxable in Gibraltar.
- From 1 January 2014, royalties that are received by companies registered in Gibraltar are subject to tax.
- From 31 December 2015, under Parent and Subsidiary Rules, (Sch 5 ITA), a parent company may be liable to Gibraltar tax in respect of income from any relevant participation (i.e. subsidiary) if such income is not taxable in the hands of the subsidiary.
- On 2 July 2018 it was announced that changes will be introduced to allow companies to transfer losses on group restructures, so long as there is no change of ultimate ownership and no change in the nature of the business within a period of 3 years. The changes will allow tax losses to be carried forward against a business even if the business is transferred to another company under the same ultimate ownership.
- From November 2018, non-trading rental income arising from movable property located outside of Gibraltar received or receivable by a company registered in Gibraltar is deemed to accrue in and derive from Gibraltar and hence is taxable.
- A deduction against profits of 160% (22-23 160%) of the costs of training employees with a view to obtaining a "qualifying qualification".
- From 20 July 2021, an increased deduction of 150% for fixed salary costs of new employees employed after 1 July 2021.
- The audit threshold, which determines whether accounts filing with the Income Tax Office are required to be audited or not, is £1.5m.
- For small scale start-ups, a capped 200% credit (lower of 200% or £5,000) in respect of architects and Government fees incurred in respect of successful planning applications under the Town Planning Act, available in the first 3 years of operation.
- Business may claim a deduction for expenditure on works carried out to improve access for people with disabilities to their premises, up to a maximum of £15,000, subject to conditions. This applies to such expenditure between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2024.

CAPITAL ALLOWANCES

Capital allowances are available at the following rates where accounting period ends between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023:

Plant & Machinery (<i>including fixtures & fittings & private vehicles that are partly used for the production of income, if the vehicle is fully electric</i>)	100% allowance up to the higher of a) expenditure up to £60,000 or b) 50% of the expenditure incurred in a year
Computer Equipment	100% allowance up to the higher of a) expenditure up to £100,000 or b) 50% of the expenditure incurred in a year
Annual Pool Allowance*	30% for utility companies or those abusing a dominant market position
	25% for any other company
Industrial Buildings (<i>including hotels, factories or other similar premises</i>)	4% annual allowance
Wear and Tear Allowance (<i>for property which is used for the purpose of trade, business, profession or vocation</i>)	1% annual allowance

*For accounting periods of less than twelve months the pool allowance shall be apportioned by reference to time.

Capital allowances are available at the following rates where accounting period ends after 30 June 2023:

Plant & Machinery (<i>including fixtures & fittings & private vehicles that are partly used for the production of income, if the vehicle is fully electric</i>)	100% allowance of expenditure up to £30,000
Computer Equipment	100% allowance of expenditure up to £50,000
Annual Pool Allowance*	30% for utility companies or those abusing a dominant market position
	15% for any other company
Industrial Buildings (<i>including hotels, factories or other similar premises</i>)	4% annual allowance
Wear and Tear Allowance (<i>for property which is used for the purpose of trade, business, profession or vocation</i>)	1% annual allowance

*For accounting periods of less than twelve months the pool allowance shall be apportioned by reference to time.

INCOME TAX RULINGS

From October 2018, an Income Tax Ruling procedure is in place in order for the Commissioner of Income Tax to give rulings at the request of actual or potential taxpayers.

PROPERTY MEASURES

A pre-notification procedure where construction-type services are provided to homes in Gibraltar by suppliers outside of Gibraltar. This will involve imposing a withholding tax to ensure that tax is paid by the suppliers.

A one-off deduction for individuals and companies on the investment made in connection with significant improvement to the Energy Performance Certificate rating of their premises.

With effect from 24 February 2022, Gibraltar residents have a legal requirement to register and detail the names of all persons who are residing in their property whether owned by them, rented, or licensed by them, within a period of 3 months, on the register of property occupation.

TAX YEAR

The tax year runs from 1 July to 30 June.

DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT OF TAX

Employment Income (<i>including company directors</i>)	Tax paid via PAYE
Companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Payment on Account of 50% by 30 September• Payment on Account of 50% by 28 February• Any remaining balance within nine months of end of accounting period
Self-employed and other (<i>including Category 2 and trusts</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Payment on Account of 50% by 31 January• Payment on Account of 50% by 30 June• Any remaining balance by 30th November following the end of the tax year

TAX RETURN FILING DATES

Gibraltar operates a “self-assessment” regime. The responsibility is on taxpayers to submit tax returns of their assessable income.

For employees, self-employed and trusts, tax return filing date is 30 November.

For companies, it is 9 months after financial year end for tax return, accounts and dividend returns.

For accounting periods ending after 1 January 2016 all companies registered in Gibraltar, irrespective of whether they are in receipt of assessable income are required to file a tax return and accounts.

For accounting periods ending on, or after 1 January 2016, all companies incorporated in Gibraltar (except those whose shares are listed on a recognised stock exchange) that declare a dividend are required to file a return of dividends.

PENALTIES & SURCHARGES

A range of penalties and surcharges can be imposed for various defaults, including:

- Late payment of tax
- Late or incomplete returns
- Incorrect returns
- Tax evasion
- Non-payment of PAYE or Social Insurance
- Failure to report notifiable arrangements
- Non compliance with information requests

TAX RECOVERY STRATEGY

The Commissioner has published a “Name and Shame” list in the Gibraltar Gazette setting out the names of defaulting employers. This list publishes details of self-employed individuals and companies. It will also extend to Social Insurance and allow the Commissioner to publish the list in any newspaper circulating in Gibraltar.

ANTI-AVOIDANCE MEASURES

The Commissioner can look through part or all of any arrangements which are deemed to be artificial and/or fictitious and whose purpose is to reduce or eliminate the tax payable in Gibraltar.

Specific anti-avoidance provisions exist, for example transfer of assets abroad, thin capitalisation, transactions with connected persons, dual employment contracts, etc.

A taxpayer may apply to the Commissioner for confirmation that a transaction does not fall foul of the anti-avoidance provisions.

Promoters of a scheme are required to notify the Commissioner of any arrangements which will reduce the tax due by a taxpayer.

From 1 January 2019, the Anti Tax Avoidance Directive applies in Gibraltar. This includes an interest limitation rule, controlled foreign company rule and hybrid mismatch rule. The exit taxation rules were adopted in Gibraltar for accounting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2020.

On 21 January 2021 Gibraltar announced that following the approach adopted in the UK, DAC6 reporting in Gibraltar will be limited to cross-border arrangements falling within Category D hallmarks (CRS avoidance arrangements and opaque offshore structures). Regulations have been enacted to amend the Income Tax Act 2010 and the changes take effect from 1 January 2021.

OTHER TAXES

STAMP DUTY

Stamp Duty is charged on the transfer of title of Gibraltar Real Property.

In the case of transfers of properties between spouses, Stamp Duty is abolished.

All initial purchases of properties by homebuyers in affordable housing estates developed by the Government will be exempt from Stamp Duty.

Stamp duty is being considered on assignment of off-plan purchase agreements.

RATES

If first or second time buyer the rates are:

Value of property transferred	Rate of duty
£0 – £300,000	Nil
£300,001 – £350,000	5.5%
Balance above £350,000	3.5%

If not a first or second time buyer the rates are:

Value of property transferred	Rate of duty
£0 – £200,000	Nil
Purchase price of £200,001 – £350,000	2.0% on first £250,000 (5.5% on the balance)
Purchase price of £350,001 – £800,000	3.0% on first £350,000 (3.5% on the balance)
Purchase price over £800,000*	3% on first £350,000, 3.5% on next £450,000 and 4.5% on balance

**Increase from £260,000 to £300,000 and new band for purchase price over £800,000 introduced in 2023 Budget. Awaiting further details.*

SPECIAL STAMP DUTY

From 1 July 2018, a special stamp duty rate of 7.5% is introduced for certain affordable housing properties, on resale within 10 years, rules apply.

From 1 July 2021, a special stamp duty rate of 5% is introduced on the purchase of berths at Small Boats Marina.

CAPITAL DUTY

Capital Duty at a flat fee of £10 is due on:

- The creation and increase of share capital of a Gibraltar company, and/or
- The issue of loan capital

GAMING TAX

From 1 April 2018, annual licence fee of £100,000 for each B2C licence and £85,000 for each B2B licence, plus gaming tax paid only by B2C's on their gross receipts (both gaming receipts and betting receipts) at the rate of 0.15% (after £100,000 gross profit tax exemption).

EXCISE/IMPORT DUTY

Excise Duty is levied mainly on spirits, wines & tobacco and mineral oils.

Import duty is levied on various goods at different rates.

Tobacco licence fees increased substantially from 1 July 2018.

The more environmentally friendly the less the rate of duty. For example, all single use plastic items not covered by regulations are subject to duty at 200% but import duty on all cotton bags and aluminium bottles is reduced to 0%.

Many goods are charged at 0% e.g. hybrid vehicles, classic vehicles (i.e. of historical interest and over 30 years old that are no longer in production), pleasure crafts, yachts, musical instruments, televisions, items for the elderly, disabled, and infirm, prams, sports or dance apparel imported by or for a sport or dance association and indoor sports equipment.

Duty at 10% on fizzy and other soft drinks with a sugar content of above 5 grams per 100 millilitres.

Duty on gold bullion has been decreased from 6% to 1%

High value retail items (i.e. in excess of £25,000) imported by a retailer may be able to apply to be liable to duty at the point of sale. Only applicable to Main Street traders and strict rules apply.

Duty on private importations of works of art and collector's pieces of a value over £1,000 increased from 0% to 3%.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCENTIVE

By 1 July 2030 every vehicle registered in Gibraltar will have to be a hybrid at least.

Cashback on:

- full electric vehicles is increased to £2,500 per vehicle and the import duty will remain at zero
- hybrids is reduced to £250 per vehicle, the import duty also remains at zero
- full electric motorbikes is £150 per vehicle and electrically assisted bicycles without a throttle where the electric engine cuts off at a speed of 25 kph is £200 per vehicle

SUSTAINABLE TOURIST TAX

From 1 August 2022, all visitors using hotels or other short-term accommodation will pay £3 per person per night, to be paid into a Climate Action Fund. Cruise passengers are to pay an environmental levy of £1.

TAXATION OF CAPITAL AND VAT

Gibraltar has no capital gains tax, no wealth tax, no inheritance tax, no gift tax and no value added tax.

DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENTS

Gibraltar has a signed Double Taxation Agreement (DTA) with the United Kingdom. It was signed on 15 October 2019 and entered into force on 24 March 2020. The Agreement takes effect in the United Kingdom from: 1 May 2020 for taxes withheld at source, 6 April 2020 for Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax and 1 April 2020 for Corporation Tax. The Agreement takes effect in Gibraltar from: 1 May 2020 for taxes withheld at source, 1 July 2020 for Income Tax and 1 July 2020 for Corporation Tax. This is Gibraltar's first (and currently only) OECD model agreement. It is hoped that more DTAs will be entered into by Gibraltar.

Separately, an International Taxation Agreement between the United Kingdom and Spain, regarding Gibraltar was signed on Monday 4 March 2019 and ratified by both the UK and Spain in March 2021. It is in force, with some of the provisions (i.e. the residency provisions) taking effect from 1 July 2021 in Gibraltar and from 1 January 2022 in Spain.

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Owners of investment property are legally required to ensure compliance with their tax obligations. This can be more challenging when the property is located in a different country to the owner's country of residence, but with increasing international information exchange the pressure to comply intensifies. For Gibraltar or UK investment property, Sovereign Tax Services can guide and assist by providing the following services at reasonable rates:

GIBRALTAR PROPERTY

If rented out, landlord registration with the Gibraltar Income Tax Office and preparation and filing of annual Gibraltar Tax Returns reporting the rental profits. This may include a calculation of any available capital allowances and consideration of any available tax credit for new property rentals.

Gibraltar and non-Gibraltar resident landlords are legally required to file such tax compliance.

On 24 February 2022, the Gibraltar Government announced the launch of its Register of Property Occupation, by commencement of the Register of Property Occupation Act 2021. This Register is fully integrated into the Gov.gi eServices portal and should provide the Government with an accurate and live record of people who reside in Gibraltar.

With effect from 24 February 2022, Gibraltar residents have a legal requirement to register and detail the names of all persons who are residing in their property whether owned by them, rented or licensed by them, within a period of 3 months. For rented property, this requires tenants and landlords to provide details to be maintained in the Register. There are fines for non-compliance.

It is highly recommended that landlords of Gibraltar property (whether resident themselves in Gibraltar or not) review their tax arrangements and ensure that they are compliant and up-to-date as soon as possible. Sovereign Tax Services provide Gibraltar tax compliance services to landlords, helping to provide peace of mind that tax affairs are dealt with correctly and are up to date.

UK PROPERTY

Many non-UK residents own UK property, this is often a result of retaining a previous UK residence or having built up a property portfolio in the UK. The UK tax law in this area has changed rapidly and significantly in recent years. This poses challenges for non-UK resident owners who are often unaware of such developments.

Sovereign Tax Services can assist with reviewing the UK tax position in order to plan for the future and to avoid being caught unawares. We can prepare and submit online any UK Self-Assessment tax reporting required and provide peace of mind. A review undertaken in good time can save considerable cost and anxiety in the long term.

In particular, Sovereign Tax Services can provide the following services:

- If rented out, registration with HMRC as a Non-UK Resident Landlord
- Preparation and online filing of annual UK Income Tax Returns.
- For any property disposals, advising on the UK Non-Resident Capital Gains Tax position.
- Advising on the UK Inheritance Tax position with respect to the UK property ownership.

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