

## National Insurance Contributions

National insurance contributions	Note	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
<b>Class 1 contributions</b>		Per week	Per Week	Per Week	Per Week	Per Week
Lower earnings limit		£102	£107	£109	£111	£112
Earnings threshold – primary (for employees)		£139	£146	£149	£153	£155
Upper earnings limit		£817	£817	£797	£805	£815
Upper Accruals Point		£770	£770	£770	£770	£770
Normal Rate		12%	12%	12%	12%	12%
Reduced rate for some widows and married women	1	5.85%	5.85%	5.85%	5.85%	5.85%
On earnings from	2	£139 to £817	£146 to £817	£149 to £797	£153 to £805	£155 to £815
Rate on earning above the upper earnings limit		2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Earnings threshold – secondary (for employers)	2	£136	£144	£148	£153	£156
Employers - on earnings over the earnings threshold	2	13.8%	13.8%	13.8%	13.8%	13.8%
<b>Class 2 contributions</b>	3					
Flat rate		£2.50	£2.65	£2.70	£2.75	£2.80
Small earnings exception limit		£5,315	£5,595	£5,725	£5,885	n/a
Small Profit Threshold	4					£5,965
<b>Class 3 contributions</b>						
Voluntary contributions		£12.60	£13.25	£13.55	£13.90	£14.10
<b>Class 4 contributions</b>						
Rate		9%	9%	9%	9%	9%
Lower profit limit		£7,225	£7,605	£7,755	£7,956	£8,060
Upper profit limit		£42,475	£42,475	£41,450	£41,865	£42,835
Additional rate on profits above upper limit		2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

### Notes:

1 Reduced rate election - The last date for making the election was 11 May 1977. Care needs to be taken a) in case an election is now inappropriate – it gives only 60% entitlement to state pension or b) an election has lapsed (eg on divorce or 2 year break in employment / self-employment), in which case arrears of National Insurance build up.

2 Special ‘Contracted out’ rebates apply where relevant. Rebates apply from the Lower Earnings Limit. From 6 April 2012, the contracted out rate for Money-purchase schemes is abolished. Contracted out rebates end with introduction of the new state pension in 2016-17.

3 Special class 2 rates apply to share fishermen and volunteer development workers

4 Administration of class 2 nic changes for 2015-16. For most taxpayers, liability will be decided on submission of the self assessment tax return. There will be no liability where profits are under the Small Profit Threshold.