

Income Tax is tax on your taxable income. Taxable income has to be over a certain level to be included. There are allowances and reliefs you may be able to claim on your taxable income that could reduce your income Tax bill.

Everyone, except for those on very high incomes, is entitled to a personal allowance.



Personal Allowances for 2015/2016

born after 5 th April 1938	£10,600
born before 6 th April 1938	£10,660

Many older people find that they need help with their tax affairs. Age UK provide a useful factsheet on Income Tax which is available by calling us on 01375 389872. This provides a valuable guide for those seeking basic information about income tax and allowances for older people.

Those who require the services of a professional tax advice service may approach a registered charity called Tax Help for Older People.

They will help

- sort out problems
- check your tax codes are correct
- you are paying the right tax
- you understand a letter HMRC has sent you
- help you understand why you have an underpayment and what to do next
- ensure you are completing the correct forms.

They will offer local appointments or in certain circumstances visit you at home.

The service is available free of charge to older people (those approaching 60 years or older) on an annual income of around £20,000 or lower. Their contact number is 0845 601 3321 (local rate) or 01308 488066, or if you would like more information telephone us at Age Concern Thurrock on 01375 389872

If you get the higher rate mobility component of **DLA** you may be able to claim exemption from **vehicle tax**. The vehicle must be registered in the disabled person's name, or that of their nominated driver and must only be used for the disabled person's personal needs.



If you're disabled or have a long-term illness, you won't be charged **VAT** on products designed or adapted for your own personal or domestic use. If you need more information call us on 01375 389872

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