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Fact Sheet MA/006: Working from Home Tax



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Overview

You may be able to claim tax relief for additional household costs if you have to work at home on a regular basis, either for all or part of the week. This includes if you have to work from home because of coronavirus (COVID-19).

You cannot claim tax relief if you choose to work from home.

Additional costs include things like heating, metered water bills, home contents insurance, business calls or a new broadband connection. They do not include costs that would stay the same whether you were working at home or in an office, such as mortgage interest, rent or council tax.

You may also be able to claim tax relief on equipment you have bought (www.gov.uk/tax-relief-for-employees/buying-other-equipment), such as a laptop, chair or mobile phone.

How much you can claim

You can either claim tax relief on:

- £6 a week from 6 April 2020 (for previous tax years the rate is £4 a week) you will not need to keep evidence of your extra costs
- the exact amount of extra costs you have incurred above the weekly amount you will need evidence such as receipts, bills or contracts

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You will get tax relief based on the rate at which you pay tax. For example, if you pay the 20% basic rate of tax and claim tax relief on £6 a week you would get £1.20 per week in tax relief (20% of £6).

How to claim

Check if you can claim work related expenses:

www.tax.service.gov.uk/claim-tax-relief-expenses/only-claiming-working-from-home-tax-relief? ga=2.108017857.213019691.1610156764-1999887788.1609610756&_gac=1.194346207.16099 47235.Cj0KCQiA3NX_BRDQARIsALA3fII76nAllbYJJ2XYlOxigdupnDUuXpKOmqgXEZsyNFi3-vquYz 3nD_8aAgXjEALw_wcB

Claim Online: www.access.service.gov.uk/login/signin/creds

To create a Government Gateway ID you will usually need:

- your National Insurance number
- a recent payslip or P60 or a valid UK passport

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