



# Tax Card

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# 1. Personal Income Tax

## 1.1 Tax Rates

Chargeable Income €	Tax Rate %	Tax Amount €	Cumulative Tax €
0-19.500	0	–	–
19.501-28.000	20	1.700	1.700
28.001-36.300	25	2.075	3.775
36.301-60.000	30	7.110	10.885
Over 60.000	35		

## 1.2 Tax Exemptions

Interest income.	100%
Dividend income.	100%
Profits from the sale of securities.	100%
Remuneration from salaried services rendered outside the Republic to a permanent establishment or to a foreign employer for more than 90 days in a tax year.	100%
Remuneration from employment exercised in the Republic commencing from 1.1.2012 by an individual who was not resident in the Republic before the commencement of employment (applicable for 10 years for emoluments exceeding €100.000 p.a. beginning from the year of employment).*	50%
Remuneration from employment exercised in the Republic commencing from 1.1.2012 by an individual who was not resident in the Republic before the commencement of employment (applicable for 5 years beginning from the 1st of January following the year of employment until the year 2020).	20% of remuneration or €8.550 (the lower)
Rental Income from buildings in respect of which there is a Preservation Order.*	100%
Capital payments from life insurance plans* or approved provident funds.	100%
Foreign pensions (special tax rate 5%).**	€3.420
Widows pension up to €19.500. ***	100%
Profits from a permanent establishment abroad.*	100%

\* Under certain conditions.

\*\* Annual Election

\*\*\*Over €19.500 special tax rate 20%.

## 1.3 Tax Deductions

Annual life insurance premiums (<7% of insured amount), Social Insurance Contributions, Provident and Pension Fund contributions, contributions to Medical Funds*, contributions to equivalent foreign funds** and contributions to the General Health System.	Restricted to 1/6 of the taxable income before deduction of these allowances	
Subscriptions to trade unions and professional bodies.	100%	
Rental Income.	20% of gross rental income before interest and wear and tear allowance	
Contributions and donations to approved charities (with receipts).	100%	
Losses of current and previous five years (only with audited financial statements).	100%	
Amount invested in an approved small and medium innovative company.**	50% of taxable income (maximum annual deduction of €150.000)	
Expenditure for a building in respect of which there is in force a Preservation Order.	EUR €	Per m <sup>2</sup>
	1.200	1 - 120
	1.100	121 - 1.000
	700	1.001 - over

\*Maximum 1.5% of remuneration.

\*\* Under certain conditions.

## 1.4 Tax assessed on Directors' and Shareholders' Loans

Whenever a company grants a loan or other financial facility to its directors or shareholders (and up to their 2nd degree relatives) who are physical persons, the recipient is deemed to have a monthly benefit of 9% p.a. calculated on a monthly basis.

The tax on such benefit is assessed and collected via the PAYE system for emoluments.

## 1.5 Child Benefit for 2019

Family Income* €	Family with 1 child €	Family with 2 children (per child) €	Family with 3 children (per child) €	Family with 4 or more children (per child) €
0 - 19.500	482	579	1.061	1.700
19.501 - 39.000	431	528	1.010	1.548
39.001 - 49.000	386	386	771	1.279
49.001- 59.000**	-	350	700	1.152

\* Based on 2018 family income.

\*\* The amount of €59.000 is increased by €5.000 per child, for a family with more than 2 children.

The child benefit will not be granted if the total value, at market values, of the family's assets (immovable property, shares, bonds, securities, deposits) exceeds €1.200.000.

## 1.6 Submission of Tax Returns

Individuals with gross income in excess of €19.500 in a tax year have an obligation to file an income tax return.

Sole proprietors with an annual turnover of more than €70.000 are obliged to prepare audited financial statements.

As of tax year 2017, the income tax return of an individual can only be submitted electronically through Taxisnet.

# 2. Corporation Tax

## 2.1 Tax Rates

Companies and Semi Governmental Organizations.	12,5%
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## 2.2 Tax Deductions

Expenditure incurred wholly and exclusively for the production of income.	100%
Subscriptions and donations to approved charities (with receipts).	100%
Employer's contributions.*	100%
Expenses for business entertainment.	1% of gross income with a maximum amount of €17.086
Net royalty income arising from intangible assets.*	80%
Amortization of the cost of acquisition or development of intangible assets.	Lower of 20 years or useful life of IP asset
Interest expense incurred for the acquisition, after 1.1.2012, of the share capital of a subsidiary company when the participation in the subsidiary is 100%, directly or indirectly, and provided that the subsidiary does not own any assets that are not used in the business.	100%
Notional interest deduction on new equity (fully paid share capital and share premium) introduced in the business on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2015. It is calculated by multiplying the new equity with a reference interest rate. The reference interest rate is the yield of the 10-year Governmental bond of the country in which the new equity is invested, increased by 3%. The bond yield is the one applicable as of 31 <sup>st</sup> December of the year preceding the tax year.	80% of taxable profit arising from new equity

\* Under certain conditions.

## 2.3 Tax Exemptions

Interest income not accruing from or not closely connected with the ordinary activities of the business.	100%
Income from dividends.*	100%
Profits from sale of securities.	100%
Capital gains from the sale of IP assets.	100%
Profits of a permanent establishment abroad.**	100%
Forex gains (other than FOREX gains arising from trade and related derivatives).	100%

\*As of 1.1.2016, dividends will only be exempt to the extent that these are not tax deductible by the paying company.

\*\* Under certain conditions.

## 2.4 Annual Wear and Tear Allowance

<b>Buildings</b>	<b>%</b>
Commercial buildings and apartments.	3
Industrial, agricultural and hotel buildings.	4 *
<b>Plant and machinery</b>	<b>%</b>
Machinery.	10 **
Furniture and fittings.	10 **
Computer hardware and operating systems.	20
Application software.	33 1/3
Application software up to a cost of EUR €1.708.	100
Commercial vehicles.	20
Tools.	33 1/3
Boreholes.	10 **
Agricultural machinery.	15 **
<b>Boats</b>	<b>%</b>
New cargo vessels.	8
New passenger vessels.	6
Sailing vessels.	4 1/2
Motor launches.	12 1/2
Used vessels.	useful life

\* 7% for the period 2012-2018.

\*\* 20% for the period 2012-2018.

## 2.5 Tax Incentives

Current year tax losses of a company can be set-off against the taxable profits of another company within the same tax year, provided that both companies are members of the same group for the whole tax year. \*

Current year tax losses which cannot be utilised can be carried forward for a period of 5 years, commencing from the end of the year to which those losses relate.

Reorganizations of companies carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Law are tax neutral. \*

Investments in Innovative Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs): A deduction of 50% from the investor's taxable income (Capped at €150.000 per year). The portion of investment not claimed in a tax year, can be carried forward and claimed in the next 5 years, subject to the annual capped amount.

\* Under certain conditions.

## 3. Social Insurance

### 3.1. Rates

Employer contribution.	8,3%*
Employee contribution.	8,3%*
Self - employed contribution.	15,6%*

\* Restricted to the maximum level of annual income as per 3.2 below.

### 3.2 Maximum Level of Income

	Monthly €	Per annum €
Weekly employees.	1.051	54.652
Monthly employees.	4.554	54.648

### 3.3 Other Employer's Contributions

	Employer's contribution
Social Cohesion Fund.	2,0%
Redundancy Fund.*	1,2%
Human Resource Development Fund.*	0,5%
Holiday Fund.*	8,0%

\* Restricted to the maximum level of income as per 3.2 above.

## 4. General Health System (GHS)\*

Contributions relating to the General Health System (GHS) with effect as of 1 March 2019 are as follows:

	Contributions	
	1/3/2019 - 28/2/2020	1/3/2020 - onwards
Employee.	1,70%	2,65%
Employer.	1,85%	2,90%
Self- Employed.	2,55%	4,00%
Pensioner.	1,70%	2,65%
Person who holds or exercises an office.	1,70%	2,65%
The Government or any physical or legal person who is responsible for paying the emoluments of any person who holds or exercises an office.	1,85%	2,90%
Person earning income (e.g. rent, dividends, interest etc).	1,70%	2,65%
The Republic's Consolidated Fund	1,65%	4,70%

\* Contributions are capped at €180.000 of salaries, pensions and other income.

## 5. Capital Gains Tax\*

### Tax Rate

The gain arising after the deduction from sale proceeds, of the value of the property as at 1.1.1980 or the cost of acquisition after 1.1.1980 adjusted for inflation, is taxed at the rate of 20%.

Lifetime exemptions applicable to individuals for gains from the sale of immovable property are as follows:

	Gain up to €
Any disposal of immovable property.	17.086
Disposal of agricultural land.	25.629
Disposal of private residence.**	85.430

\* Capital gains tax is only imposed on the sale of immovable property situated in Cyprus.

\*\* Under certain conditions.

## 6. Land Transfer Fees

### Tax Rates

Value €	Tax rate %	Transfer fees €	Cumulative €
Up to 85.000	3	2.550	2.550*
85.001 -170.000	5	4.250	6.800*
Over 170.000	8		

\* No transfer fees are paid in the event of an immovable property transferred that is subject to VAT. In the event where the transfer is not subject to VAT, land transfer fees are reduced by 50%.

*Note: No transfer fees apply in the case of companies' reorganizations.*

## 7. Stamp Duty

Cyprus stamp duty is levied only on 'documents' (i.e. written agreements/contracts) concerning assets situated in Cyprus and transactions or matters that will be carried out in Cyprus.

The stamp duty on agreements with a fixed value is levied as follows:

Value of contract	Stamp Duty
≤ €5.000	0%
€5.001 ≤ €170.000	0,15%
≥ €170.001	0,20% but capped at €20.000

## 8. Immovable Property Tax

Immovable property tax has been abolished from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.



## 9. Tax Calendar

The most important dates of 2019 for tax purposes are as follows:

	31/1	31/3	30/4	30/6	31/7	1/8	31/12
Payment of Special Contribution for the Defence for deemed dividend distribution purposes (2016 profits).	√						
Electronic submission of the 2017 corporate tax return.*		√					
Submission of 2018 personal tax return for employees not preparing accounts** and payment of outstanding tax.			√	√			
Submission of personal income tax return and payment of final tax for year 2018 of self-employed individuals not preparing audited accounts.**				√			
Payment of special contribution for the defence for the first/second semester of 2019.				√			√
Electronic submission by employers of the total payroll of the previous year (I.R. 7 Form for year 2018).					√		
Submission of provisional tax declaration and payment of first/second installment of 2019.					√		√
Last day for submission of revised temporary tax for 2019.							√
Payment of final tax of 2018 with self-assessment for individuals and companies that prepare audited accounts.						√	
Payment of tax withheld from employee's salary (PAYE).	End of the following month. (TD61)						
Payment of Special Contribution for the Defence withheld on payments of dividend, interest and rents made by companies, partnerships, the State or local authorities, to Cypriot tax residents.	End of the following month. (TD61AM, TD61T, TD614)						
Payment of tax withheld on payments made to non-Cypriot tax residents.	End of the following month. (TD11)						
<b>Charges: If the above mentioned deadlines are not adhered to, interest at the rate of 2% per annum (from 1/1/2019) as well as a penalty is imposed depending on the circumstances.</b>							

\*An extension has been granted up to 30/04/2019.

\*\*Deadline extended by 3 months for electronic submission.

## 10. Special Contribution for the Defence

Type of income:	Rates
Interest income earned from sources within and outside the Republic.	30%
Rental income minus 25%.	3%
Interest received by provident funds.	3%
Foreign dividend income (exempted under certain conditions).	17%
Additionally for individuals only:	Rates
Interest income from Government development bonds and Government saving bonds.	3%
Interest when total income does not exceed €12.000.	3%
Dividends received by individuals.	17%

\*From 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015 there is no Special Defence Contribution for individuals who are Cyprus Tax Residents but are not domiciled in Cyprus.

## 11. Value Added Tax (VAT)

### 11.1 VAT Rates

Standard VAT rate (Effective up to 29 February 2012).	15%
Standard VAT rate (Effective from 1 March 2012 up to 13 January 2013).	17%
Standard VAT rate (Effective from 14 January 2013 up to 12 January 2014).	18%
Standard VAT rate (Effective from 13 January 2014 onwards).	19%
Reduced VAT rate (catering services, restaurant services, etc.) up to 12 January 2014.	8%
Reduced VAT rate (catering services, restaurant services, etc.) from 13 January 2014 and onwards.	9%
Reduced VAT rate (medicine, foodstuff, books, supplies of liquid gas (LPG) in cylinders, renovation and repair services of private residencies under conditions, etc.).	5%
Zero VAT rate (export of goods, leasing of vessels and aircraft, etc.).	0%
Reduced VAT rate of 5% with regards to repairs and renovations of private dwellings subject to conditions.	5%
Standard VAT rate on long term leases of immovable properties which in essence transfer ownership to lessee (Effective from 1 January 2019 onwards).	19%
Reduced VAT rate on repairs and renovations of residential houses over 3 years, including holiday houses.	5%
Standard VAT rate on the supply of undeveloped buildable land (Effective from 2 January 2018 onwards).	19%
Standard VAT rate on property rental to registered persons with full input VAT recovery right (Effective from 13 November 2017 onwards).	19%

## 11.2 Special VAT Concessions / Reliefs

VAT relief on the importation of certain categories of aircraft (covering small aircraft for business use).

Reduced VAT (5%) on the sale or construction of new residential properties (subject to conditions) to both EU and non-EU beneficiaries.

## 11.3 Compulsory registration with the Cyprus VAT Register

Cases of compulsory registration	Registration threshold
Supply of goods and services within the Republic.	€15.600
Supply of goods and services to persons established in other Member States, where they do not hold a valid VAT number.	€15.600
Dispatch of goods and provision of services to persons established in other Member States, where they hold a valid VAT number. Immediate liability to register with the VIES system.	N/A
Acquisition of services from non Cypriot suppliers – Also applies for holding companies when involved in economic activities, e.g. provision of loans.	€15.600
Acquisition of goods in the Republic from VAT registered entities established in other Member States by Cypriot taxable persons or organizations, including those involved in exempt activities, such as educational institutions, hospitals, etc.	€10.000
Distance sales of goods from persons established in other Member States to individuals or non-VAT registered persons within the Republic.	€35.000
Acquisition of goods from other MS by holding companies	€10.000
Supply of telecommunication, television, radio broadcasting and electronically supplied services to non-taxable persons established in other Member States. (Mini One Stop Scheme effective since 1/1/2015).	N/A
Accountability of VAT under the reverse charge procedure by the customer regarding the supply in the Republic of services or services with goods in the building industry (Article 11B).	€15.600
Accountability of VAT under the reverse charge procedure by the customer regarding the supply of used and/or scrap metals in the Republic (Article 11C).	€15.600
Liability by licensed financial institutions to account for VAT when taxable immovable property is transferred to them with in the scope of loan restructuring or settlement (Article 11D).	€15.600

## 11.4 Liabilities after registration with the Cyprus VAT Register

Type of liability	Clarifying comments
Submission of VAT Returns.	Per month or per quarter electronically via TaxisNet system.
Issue of VAT invoices.	In relation to taxable supplies of goods or services to taxable persons in the Republic and/or to any EU established persons.
Issue of legal receipts.	To individuals or non-VAT registered persons for the taxable supply of goods or the provision of services with effect from 16/1/2012.
VIIES statement (monthly).	For dispatches of goods with destination to other Member States, for the provision of services to persons established in other Member States and for triangular trade, provided that the counterparty holds a valid VAT number. No registration threshold exists.
INTRASTAT declaration for dispatches (monthly).	For dispatch of goods to other Member States. The registration threshold for 2018 is €55.000.
INTRASTAT declaration for arrivals (monthly).	For acquisition of goods from other Member States. The registration threshold for 2018 is €100.000.
Deregistration from the Cyprus VAT Register.	Within 60 days from termination of trading operations.

## 11.5 Penalties for non-compliance

Non-compliance cases	Fine/Penalty
Failure to register with the Cyprus VAT Register.	€85/month
Delayed VAT return submission.	€51/VAT return
Delayed payment of output VAT.	10% one-off penalty
Delayed payment of output VAT.	3,5% annual interest
Delayed registration with the VIIES system.	€50/VIIES statement
Delayed submission of VIIES statement.	€50/VIIES statement
Delayed correction of VIIES statement.	€15/VIIES statement
Failure to submit VIIES statements - Criminal offence.	€850/VIIES statement
Delayed registration with the INTRASTAT system.	€15/INTRASTAT declaration
Delayed submission of INTRASTAT declarations.	€15/INTRASTAT declaration
Delayed correction of INTRASTAT declaration.	€15/INTRASTAT declaration
Failure to submit INTRASTAT declarations - Criminal offence.	Fine up to €2.562
Delayed deregistration from the Cyprus VAT Register.	€85 one-off penalty
Refusal, omission, delay, negligence in the settlement of any VAT amounts due.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Encumbrance on immovable property</li> <li>- Freezing and confiscation of funds in bank accounts</li> <li>- Confiscation of movable property</li> </ul>

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