THE ANNUAL ALLOWANCES



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UNDERSTANDING THE ANNUAL ALLOWANCES (RESTRICTIONS)





THE ANNUAL ALLOWANCE FAMILY





THE STANDARD ANNUAL ALLOWANCE





EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS AND TAX RELIEF MAXIMUM TAX RELIEVABLE CONTRIBUTIONS



Tax relief on individual contributions is restricted to the higher of 100% of earnings or the annual allowance, including any carry forward



Employer contributions are restricted by the annual allowance only, including any carry forward



Corporation tax relief based on wholly and exclusively rules



THE TAPERED ANNUAL ALLOWANCE





ANNUAL ALLOWANCE TAPERING WHO WILL BE AFFECTED? FIVE STEPS TO CONSIDER



STEP 1 – IDENTIFY ALL SOURCES OF TAXABLE INCOME AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION



STEP 2 – CALCULATE NET INCOME



IF IN DOUBT INVOLVE CLIENT'S ACCOUNTANT

* This relates to sections 23, 24 and 25 of the Income Tax Act 2007



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STEP 3 – DETERMINE THRESHOLD INCOME \leq or > £200,000





STEP 4 –DETERMINE ADJUSTED INCOME < = or > £240,000





CASE STUDY – DOCTOR JAYNE: £32,000 GROSS PENSION INPUT AMOUNT

Adjusted Income in 2020/21	Annual Allowance
Up to £240,000	£40,000
£250,000	£35,000
£260,000	£30,000
£270,000	£25,000
£280,000	£20,000
£290,000	£15,000
£300,000	£10,000
£312,000 +	£4,000

- An Adjusted income of £280,000 leaves an Annual Allowance of £20,000.
- This is £12,000 less than our member needs without any carry forward
- The £12,000 is added to his taxable income in 2020/21.
- The member's tax bill will increase by £5,400* as the excess would be taxed at their marginal rate, likely to be 45%.



12 * HMRC help sheet HS345 has details required to pay excess tax charge via self assessment process

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO PAY AN ANNUAL ALLOWANCE TAX CHARGE?

When contributions are in excess of any of the annual allowances the options could be:



Client pays directly

Client pays from their DB scheme

Client pays from their DC scheme

YOU NEED TO CONSIDER ALL OPTIONS AVAILABLE, COMPARE AND CONTRAST EACH, AND IDENTIFY ANY TRADE OFFS



PAYING THE ANNUAL ALLOWANCE CHARGE COMPARE AND CONTRAST CHECK LIST



Does the client have the money?



Does paying the tax charge create a debt? If so, what is the interest rate?



Will any of their pension schemes facilitate the tax charge? (Mandatory vs Voluntary)



What conversion factors and assumptions are being used by the DB scheme?



What impact does the tax charge have on their benefits? (income, lump sums and death benefits)



What impact does the tax charge have on the Lifetime Allowance?



Are there any deadlines or cut offs for paying the charge?



CASE STUDY: DOCTOR JAYNE



If Doctor Jayne pays directly, it would cost £5,400 out of their savings.



If Doctor Jayne has a DC pension scheme, $\pounds 5,400$ could be deducted from their fund value.



NHS scheme pays likely to reduce member's scheme pension by £295 pa *** at 60, plus £885*** off their PCLS.

- Except for current tax year

HOW WOULD YOU COMPARE AND CONTRAST DB BENEFITS AND DC BENEFITS?

15 * Scheme pays available for 2019/20 tax year till 31st July 2021 *** Debt grows by 2.4% plus CPI inflation rate (2% used for illustration purposes) *** 22.7 factor applied to scheme pension and PCLS reduced by three times the reduction in scheme pension

PAYING THE ANNUAL ALLOWANCE CHARGE MANDATORY SCHEME PAYS

An individual can elect to require the scheme administrator to pay all or some of the annual allowance charge if:

- The **charge** exceeds £2,000, and
- The standard annual allowance has been breached in that scheme



THE SCHEME ADMINISTRATOR BECOMES JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE WITH THE INDIVIDUAL TO PAY THE CHARGE



PAYING THE ANNUAL ALLOWANCE CHARGE VOLUNTARY SCHEME PAYS

Scheme administrators can **choose** to pay an individual's annual allowance charge voluntarily. NHS will do this.



THE INDIVIDUAL REMAINS SOLELY LIABLE TO PAY THE CHARGE



HOW THE COLLECTIVE RETIREMENT ACCOUNT CAN HELP



Requests for mandatory payments must reach us by the 31 July following the end of the

- relevant tax year
- Requests for voluntary payments can be made at any time



A NOTE ABOUT SELF-ASSESSMENT



All annual allowance charge and scheme pays amount must be stated on selfassessment



We **cannot guarantee** that we will be able to make a payment in time for the selfassessment deadline



The individual is **liable** for any penalties and interest accrued





THE MONEY PURCHASE ANNUAL ALLOWANCE





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HM Treasury

Freedom and choice in pensions:

government response to the consultation

"...an individual over the age of 55 could divert their salary each year into their pension, take it out immediately and receive 25% of it tax-free, thus avoiding income tax and National Insurance Contributions on their employment income."

Cm 8901

July 2014



Source: https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/freedom-and-choice-in-pensions

EXCESS TAX CHARGES DUE TO MPAA BREACH

HMRC doesn't know how many people face MPAA fines Tax 52 minutes ago

In response to an FOI submitted by Royal London, HMRC said it does n

people are facing fines over money purchase annual allowance rules bre Savers unaware of pensions cap bypass

MISTAKES IN PENSION LATER LIFE CAN BE FINANCIALLY CATASTOPHIC PHASING SLOWLY INTO RETIREMENT NOW FAR MORE DIFFICULT

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22 Source: https://citywire.co.uk/new-model-adviser/news/hmrc-doesnt-know-how-many-people-face-mpaa-fines/a1252168

THE MONEY PURCHASE ANNUAL ALLOWANCE

Action	MPAA trigger
Take PCLS only (FAD)	No
Take PCLS and income (FAD)	Yes
Take UFPLS	Yes
Remain in capped DD	No
Exceed GAD in capped DD	Yes
Take annuity	Maybe!
Take "small pots" less than £10,000 x 3	No



THE MONEY PURCHASE ANNUAL ALLOWANCE



Applies to money purchase pension saving only

Once it's triggered, it doesn't go away

Currently set at £4,000

unused MPAA



Cannot carry forward any

Has no impact on other pension savings (DB) if MPAA not breached

If MPAA breached, **Alternative Annual Allowance** for other pension savings kicks in.



Alternative Annual Allowance

= £36,000



A MODERN PENSION PROPOSITION - SMALL POTS WITHDRAWAL



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Be aware, it will not work for clients:



who are younger than 55



registered for Enhanced Protection, Fixed Protection 2012, 2014 and 2016 funds> £10,000 *



or who are going to apply and rely on Fixed 2016 in future



with protected tax free cash small pots cash limited to 25%



with crystallised monies only greater than $\pounds10,000$



with no unused LTA available*



²⁶ * These are OMW, rather than legislative requirements, and might not need to be met in certain circumstances.

CARRY FORWARD





CARRY FORWARD RULES



Can go back three tax years



Registered scheme membership required



Beware MPAA trigger events and the Alternative Allowance



Member contributions and employer

TIMING AND PLANNING IS ESSENTIAL – USE IT OR LOSE IT!



MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION CALCULATOR HELP WORK OUT CLIENT FUNDING OPTIONS

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We can check calculations as required but cannot produce these for you

KEY POINTS







Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of your client's investments may fall as well as rise and they may not get back what they put in.

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