
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 3215

INCOME TAX

The Income Tax (Indexation) (No.2) Order 2003

Made - - - - 10th December 2003

The Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 257C(3) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988(1), hereby make the following Order:

Citation

1. This order may be cited as the Income Tax (Indexation) (No. 2) Order 2003.

Amounts of personal allowance, married couple's allowance and blind person's allowance for 2004-05

2.—(1) The amounts which, unless Parliament otherwise determines, will be treated by virtue of sections 257C(1) and 265(1A) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 as specified for the year 2004-05 in sections 257 and 257A(2), and 265(3) of that Act are set out in paragraphs (2) to (4) below.

- (2) In section 257 of that Act (personal allowance)—
 - (a) in subsection (1) (personal allowance)—£4,745;
 - (b) in subsection (2) (personal allowance – age 65-74)—£6,800;
 - (c) in subsection (3) (personal allowance – age 75 and over)—£6,910;
 - (d) in subsection (5) (income limit for age-related allowances)—£18,900.

(1) 1988 c. 1. Sections 257 to 257F were substituted for section 257 by section 33 of the Finance Act 1988 (c. 39) with effect for the year 1990-91 and subsequent years of assessment. Section 257C was amended by Part IV of Schedule 19 to the Finance Act 1990 (c. 29), and Part III (10) of Schedule 23 to, the Finance Act 1993 (c. 34), extended by section 56 (2) of the Finance Act 1997 (c. 16), and further amended by section 25(3) of the Finance Act 1999 (c. 16), and section 27(b) of the Finance Act 2002 (c. 23).

(2) Sections 257 and 257A as substituted by section 33 of the Finance Act 1988 were amended by section 33 of the Finance Act 1989 (c. 26). Section 257 was further amended by paragraph 13 of Schedule 20 and Part V(10) of Schedule 41 to the Finance Act 1996 (c. 8); and section 257A was further amended by paragraph 1 of Schedule 8 to, the Finance Act 1994 (c. 9) and by paragraph 14 of Schedule 20 to the Finance Act 1996, and was amended and extended by section 31 of the Finance Act 1999.

(3) Section 265 was substituted by paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 to the Finance Act 1988 with effect for the year 1990-91 and subsequent years of assessment, and was amended by sections 33(10) and 57(4) of the Finance Act 1989 (c. 26), by section 33(4) of the Finance Act 1991 (c. 31), by paragraph 8 of Schedule 5 and Part VII(1) of Schedule 18 to the Finance (No. 2) Act 1992 (c. 48), by paragraph 3 of Schedule 10, paragraph 6 of Schedule 21 and Part V(10) of Schedule 41 to the Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), by section 56 of the Finance Act 1997 (c. 16), and by Part III(15) of Schedule 20 to the Finance Act 1999.

- (3) In section 257A of that Act (married couple's allowance)—
- (a) in subsection (2) (married couple's allowance – age 69 to 74 and born before 6th April 1935) — £5,725;
 - (b) in subsection (3) (married couple's allowance – age 75 and over)—£5,795;
 - (c) in subsection (5) (income limit for age-related married couple's allowance—£18,900;
 - (d) in subsection (5A) (minimum married couple's allowance)—£2,210.
- (4) In section 265(1) of that Act (blind person's allowance)—£1,560.

10th December 2003

Jim Murphy
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Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her
Majesty's Treasury

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 257C(3) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (“the Act”) operates to provide that the Treasury shall by order made by statutory instrument before 6th April 2004 specify the amounts which by virtue of that section shall, unless Parliament otherwise determines, be treated as specified for the purposes of sections 257 (personal allowances), 257A (married couples allowances for those born before 6th April 1935), and 265 (blind person’s allowance) of the Act for the year of assessment 2004-5.

The relevant amounts for the purposes of sections 257(5) (income limit for age-related personal allowances), section 257A (married couple’s allowances) and section 265(1) (blind person’s allowance) of the Act were specified for the year 2003-4 by the Income Tax (Indexation) (No.2) Order 2002 (S.I.2002/2930). As far as sections 257(1), (2) and (3) were concerned, those amounts were specified in sections 28 and 29 of the Finance Act 2002 for 2003-04.

For 2004-05, the amounts in section 257, 257A and 265(1) of the Act are increased by this Order in accordance with the percentage increase in the retail prices index for September 2003 over that for September 2002. Certain of the amounts have been rounded up to the nearest £100 in accordance with section 257C(1)(a) of the Act, and, in the case of other amounts, the increases have been rounded up to the nearest £10 in accordance with 257(C)(1)(b) of the Act.

The retail prices index is defined in section 833(2) of the Act, as amended by paragraph 22 of Schedule 2 to the Transfer of Functions (Registration and Statistics) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/273), as the “general index of retail prices (for all items) published by the Office for National Statistics”. The retail prices index for September 2002 is 177.6 and for September 2003 is 182.5.