



MAD ABOUT BOOK-KEEPING

Who must send a tax return?

The tax year is from 6 April to 5 April the following year.

You'll need to send a tax return if, in the last tax year:

- your income from self-employment was more than £1,000 - this is your ['trading allowance'](#)
- you got more than £2,500 from [renting out property](#) – if it was between £1,000 and £2,500 contact HMRC
- you got more than £2,500 in other untaxed income, for example from tips or commission
- your income from savings or investments was £10,000 or more before tax - this includes money from [bare trusts or interest in possession trusts](#)
- your income from dividends from shares was £10,000 or more before tax - tell HMRC if it was over your [dividends allowance](#)
- you made profits from selling things like shares, a second home or other [chargeable assets](#) and need to pay [Capital Gains Tax](#)
- you were a company director - unless it was for a non-profit organisation (such as a charity) and you did not get any pay or benefits, like a company car
- your income (or your partner's) was over £50,000 and one of you claimed [Child Benefit](#)
- you had [income from abroad](#) that you needed to pay tax on
- you [lived abroad and had a UK income](#)
- your taxable income was over £100,000
- you were a trustee of a trust or registered pension scheme
- you had a P800 from HMRC saying you did not pay enough tax last year - and you did not pay what you owe through your tax code or with a voluntary payment
- your State Pension was more than your [Personal Allowance](#) and was your only source of income - unless you started getting your pension on or after 6 April 2016

You will also need to submit a tax return/self-assessment if you:

- need to prove you're self-employed, for example to claim Tax-Free Childcare or claim Maternity Allowance
- want to make voluntary Class 2 National Insurance payments to help you qualify for [benefits](#)

Certain other people may need to send a return (for example religious ministers or Lloyd's underwriters) - you can check whether you need to. You will not usually need to send a return if your only income is from your wages or pension.