



Chancellor's Autumn Statement Summary

2013

Autumn Statement: At-a-glance summary of key points:

- Economic Growth forecasts for this year more than doubled from 0.6% to 1.4%, for next year revised up from 1.8% to 2.4%.
- State pension age to increase to 68 in the mid-2030s and to 69 in the late 2040s. In April 2014, the state pension will rise by £2.95 a week.
- Overall welfare spending to be capped.
- From April 2015, capital gains tax will be imposed on future gains made by non-residents who sell residential property in the UK.
- The personal income tax allowance will rise to £10,000 from April 2014. It will then increase by the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) measure of inflation from 2015-16.
- Unemployment benefit claimants down 200,000, with forecasts for unemployment to fall from 7.6% this year to 7% in 2015.
- An extra 30,000 student places in 2014-15. The following year, cap on student numbers abolished.
- £1bn in loans to help boost housing developments in Manchester and Leeds, among other sites.
- The Housing Revenue Account borrowing limit to rise by £300m.
- ISA investors: Based on a previously announced formula sees the maximum allowance growing each year in line with inflation, investors will be able to save £11,880 in a stocks-and-shares ISA for the year 2014-15.
- Energy bill payers: Plans have been outlined to remove some of the green levies currently wrapped up in household energy bills. This is expected to save households £50 a year.
- Young schoolchildren: All six and seven-year-olds will be provided with free school meals.
- Next year's fuel duty rise was cancelled.
- Average rail fares will remain flat in real terms, rising only in line with inflation.
- Millions of over-60s will receive a one-off chance to "buy" extra state pension income.
- The tax disc to show motorists have paid vehicle excise duty is to be replaced with an electronic system.

Autumn Statement: Winners

- **Lower earners:** From April 2014 the basic personal allowance – the amount you can earn before tax is applied – will rise from £9,440 to £10,000.
- **Married couples:** A new £1,000 transferable tax allowance for married couples from April 2015 - Only available when neither person pays higher rate of Tax.

Autumn Statement: Losers

- **Younger workers:** Those aged under 50 have lost out to the tune of thousands of pounds. Plans to raise the state retirement age have been mapped out before, but those increases are being accelerated – again.
- **Well-off pension savers:** Wealthier workers will feel the pinch under plans already outlined. The total size of a pension pot that can be accrued will be reduced from £1.5m to £1.25m in April.
- **Foreign property owners:** Capital gains tax will be imposed on non-residents who sell residential property in the UK from April 2015.