New tax year checklist: after 6 April

When the 2026/27 tax year starts on 6 April 2026, check your tax code, and employers should update payroll software and new minimum wage rates. Employees get a P60 by 31 May. Employers report benefits by 6 July 2027. The second payment on account is due on 31 July. Self-employed people and landlords in Making Tax Digital send their first quarterly update by 7 August.

Everyone

- [ ] Check your tax code and estimated income for the new year in your personal tax account or the HMRC app.
- [ ] Tell HMRC about changes that affect your tax code, such as a new job, a pension or a benefit like a company car.
- [ ] Look out for your P60 for last year from each employer you worked for on 5 April.
- [ ] Start a fresh set of records for the new tax year.

Employers

- [ ] Update payroll software from 6 April, or earlier if your provider asks.
- [ ] Apply new minimum wage rates, which change on 1 April.
- [ ] Check employer rates and thresholds for the new year.
- [ ] Give employees their P60 by 31 May.
- [ ] Report expenses and benefits and give employees their copies by 6 July 2027; pay Class 1A by 22 July 2027.

Self Assessment

- [ ] Pay the second payment on account for last year by 31 July.
- [ ] If this year's income will be lower, consider reducing payments on account.
- [ ] Gather records for the 2025/26 return, due online by 31 January 2027.
- [ ] If you need to file for the first time, register by 5 October 2027 at the latest.

Making Tax Digital for Income Tax

- [ ] Check whether your qualifying income means you must use Making Tax Digital this year.
- [ ] If you use calendar update periods, choose them in your software before your first update.
- [ ] Send quarterly updates by 7 August, 7 November, 7 February and 7 May.

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