



# 10 Things to Consider Before the End of the Tax Year

-  **1. Invest in an ISA**
  - Income and capital gains from ISAs are tax free
  - UK residents over 16 years of age can invest up to £15,240 in an ISA (stocks and shares ISAs available to over 18s)
  - Parents can contribute up to £4,080 into a junior ISA or child trust fund for children under 18
  - Help-to-buy ISAs are available from Autumn 2015
-  **2. Contribute to your pension**
  - If you own a business, making pension contributions to your pension can be a tax efficient way to extract profit from your business (there is a corporate tax deduction as well as the reduced personal taxable income).
-  **3. Contribute to your employees' pensions**
  - Calculating the amount of contributions you can make in 2015/16 and receive tax relief on is fairly complicated. There are transitional rules, two Pension Input Periods, plus unused allowances from previous years - this is a great opportunity to top up your/your employees' pensions - ask us for advice.
-  **4. Consider when to pay dividends**
  - From 6 April 2016, most individuals that receive more than £5,000 of taxable dividend income will pay more tax on this dividend income. There could be advantages to bringing forward dividends... or to deferring them.
-  **5. Transfer assets to your spouse**
  - If your spouse is a lower rate taxpayer, transferring assets into their name can reduce your tax liability. The transfer is exempt from CGT and won't incur inheritance tax.
-  **6. Give money away**
  - If your estate is likely to be valued above £325,000 you can reduce the inheritance tax liability by making gifts now. You can also reduce the rate of Inheritance Tax charged by gifting 10% of your net estate to charity in your will.
-  **7. Incorporate**
  - If you run your own business it can be beneficial from a tax perspective to operate as a limited company rather than as a self employed individual - ask us for advice.
-  **8. Invest in an EIS/VCT/SEIS Scheme**
  - Potential income and capital gains tax relief available – may be worth considering if you have a substantial income/capital gains tax liability you would like to offset. Handle with care - ask us for guidance.
-  **9. Leave the UK**
  - Achieving Non Resident status can have significant tax advantages, our experts can advise you.
-  **10. Remain outside the UK**
  - If you have been outside of the UK for some time and have established yourself as a Non Resident you need to closely monitor how much time you spend back in the UK to ensure you don't jeopardise your Non Resident status

**Bonus tip: If you're a Non Domiciled individual, review your remittances**

**If you would like to discuss any of the announcements detailed above, just contact us.**

We will be pleased to advise you or to invite you into our offices in Paulton.

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