

# Understanding Benefit in Kind (Company Car Tax)

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## What is Benefit in Kind (BiK)?

Benefit in Kind (BiK) is a tax on benefits or perks provided by your employer in addition to your salary, often referred to as company car tax. If you have a company car or salary sacrifice car then this is considered an employee benefit and so you will have to pay tax on the Benefit in Kind.

## How is company car tax calculated?

All taxable benefits have to be valued so HMRC can determine the correct amount of tax to be charged. Some employee benefits will have a specific value but with a car, the tax is based on the 'use' of the car so is calculated differently to other benefits.

#### Cars with less than 75g/km

For Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVs), which are cars with  $\rm CO_2$  emissions less than 75g/km, you will pay tax on the Benefit in Kind value. This value is determined by the car's P11D value (list price, including extras and VAT, but without the first year registration fee and vehicle tax) and then multiplied by the BiK rate (see overleaf) which is based on the  $\rm CO_2$  emissions and fuel type. This figure is then multiplied by your tax rate (e.g. 20%, 40% or 45%) to calculate the annual amount of company car tax to be paid. For cars that are pure electric, you will pay 2% Benefit in Kind from April 2022 which will remain at 2% until April 2025.

#### Please note that the Benefit in Kind rates beyond 6th April 2025 have not yet been confirmed by Government.

If your new or existing agreement takes you beyond 6th April 2025, Tusker's gross pricing remains fixed for the remainder of your term.

However, if Government increases BIK rates as we have stated in your scheme documentation, your monthly take home pay will decrease by the amount which the Benefit in Kind rate has increased by, for example from 2% on an electric vehicle to 5%, therefore an increase of 3% in BIK. You can check your quote details to see the current BIK rates which are fixed until 5th April 2025 to better understand the potential impact on your take home pay. Please note, this is an illustrative example only.



#### **Company Car Tax Bands\***

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CO2 emissions g/km	Electric range	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
0	N/A	2%	2%	2%
1-50	>130	2%	2%	2%
1-50	70-129	5%	5%	5%
1-50	40-69	8%	8%	8%
1-50	30-39	12%	12%	12%
1-50	<30	14%	14%	14%
51-54		15%	15%	15%
55-59		16%	16%	16%
60-64		17%	17%	17%
65-69		18%	18%	18%
70-74		19%	19%	19%



#### **Benefit in Kind calculation**

The Benefit in Kind is calculated in the following way:



Vehicles CO2 percentage (as shown in the previous table)

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Your Income Tax Band

Divide by 12 for the monthly amount of Benefit in Kind

£322\*

Monthly net amount (effect on take home salary)

Nissan Leaf Hatch 5Dr 0 0Flec 39kWh 150 Acenta Auto

P11D Value: **£28,440** 

Benefit in Kind rate 2%

Amount taken from gross salary: £469
Income Tax saving: -£94
National Insurance saving: -£62
Benefit in Kind: +£9
Effect on net salary: £322

While Tusker's monthly gross reduction pricing remains consistent. Benefit in Kind amount change annually based on CO2 emissions. This will affect your net monthly amounts from 6th April each year.

Total net monthly amount: £322 Length of agreement: 36 months Annual mileage: 10,000 miles

\*This is based on a 20% tax payer, 40yr old driver and living in area code HP14.

Prices are subject to personal details such as salary, age, postcode.



## Where can I see the Benefit in Kind value?

Our online quotation system will automatically calculate the correct BiK value of the car you've chosen based upon the CO2 emissions, additional options, fuel type, P11D value and applicable tax rate according to the salary you've entered in the system. It will also take into account whether or not the car is a ULEV.

We'll also display the 'Net Amount' (which is the impact on your take home salary) for the next three years as the tax rates charged by HMRC change in 2022, as shown in the table on page 6.

You can visit the online system to view quotations, or if you have already had your car delivered, you can still view your car details under the 'My Account' menu once you've logged in to the system.

## How do HMRC collect company car tax?

There are two main ways of paying company car tax and it's important you check with your employer as to which will apply as this will affect whether you need to contact HMRC to advise them about your car.

Deduction (tax) at source - this means it's deducted directly from your salary by your employer and you won't need to notify HMRC.

Via PAYE coding notice - HMRC will collect your company car tax by issuing you with an amended PAYE Coding Notice, which means that the tax generated by the Benefit in Kind will reduce your personal tax free allowance.

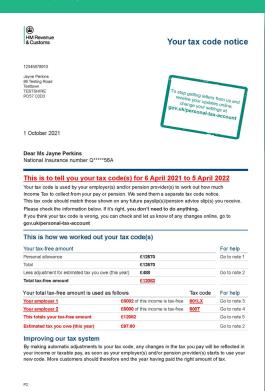
If your employer doesn't deduct at source then HMRC need to be notified that you

have this employee benefit. If the tax is not collected via your tax code for the year the benefit is received, it could mean an underpayment of tax which will be due the following tax year.

When contacting HMRC about your car, you may also be asked if you're making any personal contributions towards your vehicle. As HMRC view salary sacrifice as a reduction in salary and not a personal contribution, you'll need to answer 'no' to this question to ensure you are charged correctly.

#### **PAYE** coding notice

Below is an example of a HMRC PAYE coding notice that you should receive if your company car tax is not deducted at source.



This document has been created as a useful guide to the rules surrounding Benefit in Kind, based on Government legislation and rates at the time of publication. Such legislation and rates may change from time to time. This guide is not intended to provide, nor should it be relied on for, tax advice.

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