

Tax-saving opportunities for Employees

If you are an **employee** who feels you are paying too much tax, the good news is that you may be entitled to a refund of some of the Income Tax you paid in 2023.

This can be achieved by personally making a lump sum Personal Pension, Personal Retirement Savings Account (PRSA) or PRSA AVC contribution, depending on your employment circumstances, by 31 October 2024 (or 14 November 2024 for ROS users) and electing to backdate the tax relief to 2023.

Your pension contributions are subject to age-related limits

Age Band	% of Net Relevant Earnings
Up to age 29	15 %
30 – 39	20 %
40 – 49	25 %
50 – 54	30 %
55 – 59	35 %
60 and over	40 %

Notes:

1. An earnings cap of €115,000 applies to contributions. Pension contributions made by you in 2023 must be deducted from the maximum tax-allowable contribution calculated based on these limits.
2. Age is age on your birthday in 2023.
3. Retirement benefits are subject to separate Revenue limits.
4. Reference throughout this document to 'Tax' refers to 'Income Tax'.



Note: If you use the Revenue Online Service (ROS) to both file your tax returns and pay your taxes you have until 14 November 2024 to file and pay for 2023.



Example

Jane is a 35 year old employee who paid Income Tax at the 40% rate in 2023. She makes a pension contribution of €10,000 by 31 October 2024 and informs her local tax office by 31 October 2024 that she wishes to backdate relief on this to 2023. She is entitled to the following refund:

	40% Taxpayer
Gross Pension Contribution	€10,000
Tax Refund	€4,000
Net Outlay	€6,000

Important! Tax refunds are claimed by the individual informing their tax district by 31 October 2024 that the tax relief on the contribution paid by this date is to be backdated to 2023.

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What type of pension plan?

- If you are an employee that is a member of your employers occupational pension scheme, you can make additional voluntary contributions (AVC's) to your occupational pension scheme (subject to scheme rules allowing same), to a Group Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC) arrangement or to a PRSA AVC plan.
- If you are an employee that is included in a PRSA to which your employer is contributing, you can make employee contributions to that PRSA plan or another PRSA plan of your choice.
- If you are an employee that is not included in an occupational pension scheme or PRSA to which your employer is contributing, you can make contributions to a Personal Pension plan or a PRSA plan.

Make the most of the tax-efficiency of pension contributions now – you may never get such good value again!

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