



Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003

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PART 3

EMPLOYMENT INCOME: EARNINGS AND BENEFITS ETC. TREATED AS EARNINGS

CHAPTER 6

TAXABLE BENEFITS: CARS, VANS AND RELATED BENEFITS

General

114 Cars, vans and related benefits

- (1) This Chapter applies to a car or a van in relation to a particular tax year if in that year the car or van—
 - (a) is made available (without any transfer of the property in it) to an employee or a member of the employee's family or household,
 - (b) is so made available by reason of the employment (see section 117), and
 - (c) is available for the employee's or member's private use (see section 118).
- (2) Where this Chapter applies to a car or van—
 - (a) sections 120 to 148 provide for the cash equivalent of the benefit of the car to be treated as earnings,
 - (b) sections 149 to 153 provide for the cash equivalent of the benefit of any fuel provided for the car to be treated as earnings,^{F1}...
 - (c) sections 154 to [^{F2}159] provide for the cash equivalent of the benefit of the van to be treated as earnings^[F3]; and
 - (d) sections 160 to 164 provide for the cash equivalent of the benefit of any fuel provided for the van to be treated as earnings in certain circumstances.]

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- (3) This Chapter does not apply if an amount constitutes earnings from the employment in respect of the benefit of the car or van by virtue of any other provision (see section 119).
- [^{F4}(3A) This Chapter does not apply to a van in relation to a tax year if the private use of the van during the tax year by the employee or member of the employee’s family or household is insignificant.]
- (4) The following provisions of this Chapter provide for further exceptions—
- section 167 (pooled cars);
 - section 168 (pooled vans);
 - section 169 (car available to more than one member of family or household employed by same employer).
 - [^{F5}section 169A (van available to more than one member of family or household employed by same employer).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 114(2)(b) repealed (22.7.2004) by [Finance Act 2004 \(c. 12\)](#), [Sch. 42 Pt. 2\(9\)](#)
- F2** Word in s. 114(2)(c) substituted (with effect in accordance with s. 80(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2004 \(c. 12\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 2\(2\)](#)
- F3** S. 114(2)(d) and preceding word inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 80(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2004 \(c. 12\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 2\(2\)](#)
- F4** S. 114(3A) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 80(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2004 \(c. 12\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 2\(3\)](#)
- F5** Words in s. 114(4) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 80(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2004 \(c. 12\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 2\(4\)](#)

115 Meaning of “car” and “van”

- (1) In this Chapter—
- “car” means a mechanically propelled road vehicle which is not—
 - (a) a goods vehicle,
 - (b) a motor cycle,
 - (c) an invalid carriage, or
 - (d) a vehicle of a type not commonly used as a private vehicle and unsuitable to be so used;
 - “van” means a mechanically propelled road vehicle which—
 - (a) is a goods vehicle, and
 - (b) has a design weight not exceeding 3,500 kilograms,
 and which is not a motor cycle.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—
- “design weight” means the weight which a vehicle is designed or adapted not to exceed when in normal use and travelling on a road laden;
 - “goods vehicle” means a vehicle of a construction primarily suited for the conveyance of goods or burden of any description;
 - “invalid carriage” has the meaning given by section 185(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (c. 52);

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“motor cycle” has the meaning given by section 185(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

116 Meaning of when car or van is available to employee

- (1) For the purposes of this Chapter a car or van is available to an employee at a particular time if it is then made available, by reason of the employment and without any transfer of the property in it, to the employee or a member of the employee’s family or household.
- (2) References in this Chapter to—
 - (a) the time when a car [F6 or van] is first made available to an employee are to the earliest time when the car [F6 or van] is made available as mentioned in subsection (1), and
 - (b) the last day in a year on which a car [F6 or van] is available to an employee are to the last day in the year on which the car [F6 or van] is made available as mentioned in subsection (1).
- (3) This section does not apply to section [F7 124A or] 138 (automatic car [F6 or van] for a disabled employee).

Textual Amendments

- F6** Words in s. 116(2) inserted (22.7.2004) by [Finance Act 2004 \(c. 12\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 3](#)
- F7** Words in s. 116(3) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 54(6) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2009 \(c. 10\)](#), [s. 54\(2\)](#)

117 Meaning of car or van made available by reason of employment

For the purposes of this Chapter a car or van made available by an employer to an employee or a member of the employee’s family or household is to be regarded as made available by reason of the employment unless—

- (a) the employer is an individual, and
- (b) it is so made available in the normal course of the employer’s domestic, family or personal relationships.

118 Availability for private use

- (1) For the purposes of this Chapter a car or van made available in a tax year to an employee or a member of the employee’s family or household is to be treated as available for the employee’s or member’s private use unless in that year—
 - (a) the terms on which it is made available prohibit such use, and
 - (b) it is not so used.
- (2) In this Chapter “private use”, in relation to a car or van made available to an employee or a member of the employee’s family or household, means any use other than for the employee’s business travel (see section 171(1)).

119 Where alternative to benefit of car [F8 or van] offered

- (1) This section applies where in a tax year—

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- (a) a car [^{F8}or van] is made available as mentioned in section 114(1), and
 - (b) an alternative to the benefit of the car [^{F8}or van] is offered.
- (2) The mere fact that the alternative is offered does not result in an amount in respect of the benefit constituting earnings by virtue of Chapter 1 of this Part (earnings).

Textual Amendments

F8 Words in s. 119 inserted (22.7.2004) by [Finance Act 2004 \(c. 12\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 4](#)

Cars: benefit treated as earnings

120 Benefit of car treated as earnings

- (1) If this Chapter applies to a car in relation to a particular tax year, the cash equivalent of the benefit of the car is to be treated as earnings from the employment for that year.
- (2) In such a case the employee is referred to in this Chapter as being chargeable to tax in respect of the car in that year.

121 Method of calculating the cash equivalent of the benefit of a car

- (1) The cash equivalent of the benefit of a car for a tax year is calculated as follows—

Step 1

Find the price of the car in accordance with sections 122 to [^{F9}124A].

Step 2

Add the price of any accessories which fall to be taken into account in accordance with sections 125 to 131.

Step 3

Make any deduction under section 132 for capital contributions made by the employee to the cost of the car or accessories. [^{F10}The resulting amount is the interim sum.]

Step 4

^{F11} ...

Step 5

Find the appropriate percentage for the car for the year in accordance with sections 133 to 142.

Step 6

Multiply the interim sum by the appropriate percentage for the car for the year.

Step 7

Make any deduction under section 143 for any periods when the car was unavailable.

The resulting amount is the provisional sum.

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Step 8

Make any deduction from the provisional sum under section 144 in respect of payments by the employee for the private use of the car.

The result is the cash equivalent of the benefit of the car for the year.

(2) The method of calculation set out in subsection (1) is modified in the special cases dealt with in—

section 146 (cars that run on road fuel gas), and

section 147 (classic cars: 15 years of age or more).

[^{F12}(3) Where the car is shared the cash equivalent is calculated under this section in accordance with section 148.]

Textual Amendments

F9 Word in s. 121(1) substituted (with effect in accordance with s. 54(6) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2009 \(c. 10\), s. 54\(3\)](#)

F10 Words in s. 121(1) inserted (with effect in accordance with Sch. 28 para. 10(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2009 \(c. 10\), Sch. 28 para. 2\(2\)](#)

F11 Words in s. 121(1) omitted (with effect in accordance with Sch. 28 para. 10(2) of the amending Act) by virtue of [Finance Act 2009 \(c. 10\), Sch. 28 para. 2\(3\)](#)

F12 S. 121(3) substituted (1.3.2012) by [The Enactment of Extra-Statutory Concessions Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/266\), arts. 1, 3\(2\)](#)

Cars: the price of a car

122 The price of the car

[^{F13}(1) For the purposes of this Chapter the price of a car means—

This is subject to section 124A (automatic car for a disabled employee).

(a) its list price, if it has one, or

(b) its notional price, if it has no list price.]

[^{F14}(2) This is subject to section 124A (automatic car for a disabled employee).]

Textual Amendments

F13 S. 122 renumbered as s. 122(1) (with effect in accordance with s. 54(6) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2009 \(c. 10\), s. 54\(4\)](#)

F14 S. 122(2) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 54(6) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2009 \(c. 10\), s. 54\(4\)](#)

123 The list price of a car

(1) In this Chapter a car's "list price" means the price published by the car's manufacturer, importer or distributor (as the case may be) as the inclusive price appropriate for a car of that kind if sold—

(a) in the United Kingdom,

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- (b) singly,
 - (c) in a retail sale,
 - (d) in the open market, and
 - (e) on the day immediately before the date of the car’s first registration.
- (2) The “inclusive price” means the price inclusive of—
- (a) any charge for delivery by the manufacturer, importer or distributor to the seller’s place of business, and
 - (b) any relevant taxes (see section 171(1)).

124 The notional price of a car with no list price

- (1) In this Chapter a car’s “notional price” means the price which might reasonably have been expected to be its list price if its manufacturer, importer or distributor (as the case may be) had published a price as the inclusive price appropriate for a sale of a car of the same kind sold—
- (a) in the United Kingdom,
 - (b) singly,
 - (c) in a retail sale,
 - (d) in the open market,
 - (e) on the day immediately before the date of the car’s first registration, and
 - (f) with accessories equivalent to the qualifying accessories (see section 125) available with the car at the time when it was first made available to the employee.
- (2) In this section “inclusive price” has the same meaning as in section 123.

[^{F15}124A Automatic car for a disabled employee

- (1) This section applies where—
- (a) a car has automatic transmission (“the automatic car”),
 - (b) at any time in the year when the automatic car is available to the employee (“E”), E holds a disabled person's badge, and
 - (c) by reason of E's disability, E must, in the event of wanting to drive a car, drive a car which has automatic transmission.
- (2) If, under section 122 to 124, the price of the automatic car is more than it would have been if the automatic car had been an equivalent manual car, the price of the automatic car is to be the price of an equivalent manual car.
- (3) In subsection (2) “an equivalent manual car” means a car which—
- (a) is first registered at or about the same time as the automatic car, and
 - (b) does not have automatic transmission, but otherwise is the closest variant available of the make and model of the automatic car.
- (4) For the purposes of this section a car has automatic transmission if—
- (a) the driver of the car is not provided with any means by which the driver may vary the gear ratio between the engine and the road wheels independently of the accelerator and the brakes, or
 - (b) the driver is provided with such means, but they do not include—
 - (i) a clutch pedal, or

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(ii) a lever which the driver may operate manually.

(5) For the purposes of this section a car is available to an employee at a particular time if it is then made available, by reason of the employment and without any transfer of the property in it, to the employee.]

Textual Amendments

F15 S. 124A inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 54(6) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2009 \(c. 10\), s. 54\(5\)](#)

Cars: treatment of accessories

125 Meaning of “accessory” and related terms

- (1) In this Chapter “qualifying accessory” means an accessory which—
 - (a) is made available for use with the car without any transfer of the property in the accessory,
 - (b) is made available by reason of the employment, and
 - (c) is attached to the car (whether permanently or not).
- (2) For the purposes of this Chapter “accessory” includes any kind of equipment but does not include—
 - (a) equipment necessarily provided for use in the performance of the duties of the employment;
 - (b) equipment by means of which a car is capable of running on road fuel gas;
 - (c) equipment to enable a disabled person to use a car (see section 172);
 - (d) a mobile telephone (within the meaning given in section 319(2)).
- (3) But subsection (2)(b) does not apply in relation to a car to which section 137 (different CO₂ emissions figure for bi-fuel cars) applies.
- (4) In this Chapter—

“standard accessory” means an accessory equivalent to an accessory assumed to be available with cars of the same kind as the car in question in arriving at the list price, and

“non-standard accessory” means any other accessory.

126 Amounts taken into account in respect of accessories

- (1) The price of the following accessories is to be taken into account under step 2 of section 121(1)—
 - (a) in the case of a car with a list price, the price of any initial extra accessory, and
 - (b) in the case of any car, the price of any later accessory.
- (2) In this Chapter an “initial extra accessory” means a qualifying accessory which—
 - (a) is a non-standard accessory,
 - (b) is available with the car at the time when it is first made available to the employee, and

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- (c) if it is an accessory in relation to which there is no published price of the manufacturer, importer or distributor of the car (see section 128), is available with the car in the tax year in question.
- (3) In this Chapter a “later accessory” means a qualifying accessory which—
- (a) is available with the car in the tax year in question,
 - (b) was not available with the car at the time when it was first made available to the employee,
 - (c) was not made available with the car before 1st August 1993, and
 - (d) has a price of at least £100.
- (4) In this section references to the price of an accessory are to—
- (a) its list price, if it has one, or
 - (b) its notional price, if it has no list price.
- (5) This section is subject to section 131 (replacement accessories).

127 The list price of an accessory

- (1) For the purposes of this Chapter the list price of an initial extra accessory is—
- (a) the published price of the manufacturer, importer or distributor of the car (see section 128), or
 - (b) if there is no such price, the published price of the manufacturer, importer or distributor of the accessory (see section 129).
- (2) For the purposes of this Chapter the list price of a later accessory is the published price of the manufacturer, importer or distributor of the accessory (see section 129).

128 Accessory: published price of the car manufacturer etc.

- (1) In this Chapter the “published price of the manufacturer, importer or distributor of the car” in relation to an accessory means the price published by the car’s manufacturer, importer or distributor (as the case may be) as the inclusive price appropriate for an equivalent accessory if sold with a car of the same kind—
- (a) in the United Kingdom,
 - (b) singly,
 - (c) in a retail sale,
 - (d) in the open market, and
 - (e) on the day immediately before the date of the car’s first registration.
- (2) The “inclusive price” means the price inclusive of—
- (a) any charge for delivery by the manufacturer, importer or distributor to the seller’s place of business,
 - (b) any relevant taxes other than car tax (see section 171(1)), and
 - (c) any charge for fitting the accessory.

129 Accessory: published price of the accessory manufacturer etc.

- (1) In this Chapter the “published price of the manufacturer, importer or distributor of the accessory” in relation to an accessory means the price published by or on behalf of

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the manufacturer, importer or distributor of the accessory (as the case may be) as the inclusive price appropriate for such an accessory if sold—

- (a) in the United Kingdom,
- (b) singly,
- (c) in a retail sale,
- (d) in the open market, and
- (e) at the time immediately before the accessory concerned is first made available for use with the car.

(2) The “inclusive price” means the price inclusive of—

- (a) any charge for delivery by the manufacturer, importer or distributor to the seller’s place of business,
- (b) any relevant taxes other than car tax (see section 171(1)), and
- (c) in the case of an accessory permanently attached to the car, the price which the seller would charge for attaching it.

(3) In the case of an initial extra accessory, the time referred to in subsection (1)(e) may be a time before the car is first made available to the employee.

130 The notional price of an accessory

(1) In this Chapter the “notional price” of an accessory means the inclusive price which it might reasonably have been expected to fetch if sold—

- (a) in the United Kingdom,
- (b) singly,
- (c) in a retail sale,
- (d) in the open market, and
- (e) at the time immediately before the accessory concerned is first made available for use with the car.

(2) The “inclusive price” means the price inclusive of—

- (a) any charge for delivery by the manufacturer, importer or distributor to the seller’s place of business,
- (b) any relevant taxes other than car tax (see section 171(1)), and
- (c) in the case of an accessory permanently attached to the car, the price which the seller would charge for attaching it.

(3) In the case of an initial extra accessory, the time referred to in subsection (1)(e) may be a time before the car is first made available to the employee.

131 Replacement accessories

(1) This section applies where—

- (a) a later accessory is available with the car in the tax year in question,
- (b) that accessory (“the new accessory”) replaced another qualifying accessory (“the old accessory”) in that year or an earlier tax year, and
- (c) the new accessory is of the same kind as the old accessory.

(2) If the new accessory is not superior to the old accessory, the cash equivalent of the benefit of the car for the tax year is to be calculated under step 2 of section 121(1) as if—

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- (a) the replacement has not been made, and
 - (b) the new accessory is a continuation of the old accessory.
- (3) If the new accessory is superior to the old accessory and the conditions in subsection (4) are met, the cash equivalent of the benefit of the car for the tax year is to be calculated under step 2 of section 121(1)—
- (a) as if the old accessory was not available with the car in that tax year, or
 - (b) where the price of the old accessory would (apart from this section) be added to the price of the car under step 2 of section 121(1) as an initial extra accessory, as if it was not available with the car at the time when the car was first made available to the employee.
- (4) The conditions mentioned in subsection (3) are that—
- (a) the old accessory was a non-standard accessory, and
 - (b) both the old and the new accessory would (apart from this section) be taken into account under step 2 of section 121(1) in calculating the cash equivalent of the benefit of the car for the year.
- (5) For the purposes of this section a new accessory is superior to an old accessory if the price of the new accessory exceeds whichever is the greater of—
- (a) the price of the old accessory, and
 - (b) the price of an accessory equivalent to the old accessory at the time immediately before the new accessory is first made available for use with the car.
- (6) In this section references to the price of an accessory are to—
- (a) its list price, if it has one, or
 - (b) its notional price, if it has no list price.

Cars: capital contributions by employee

132 Capital contributions by employee

- (1) This section applies if the employee contributes a capital sum to expenditure on the provision of—
- (a) the car, or
 - (b) any qualifying accessory which is taken into account in calculating the cash equivalent of the benefit of the car.
- (2) A deduction is to be made from the amount carried forward from step 2 of section 121(1)—
- (a) for the tax year in which the contribution is made, and
 - (b) for all subsequent years in which the employee is chargeable to tax in respect of the car by virtue of section 120.
- (3) The amount of the deduction allowed in any tax year is the lesser of—
- (a) the total of the capital sums contributed by the employee in that year and any earlier years to expenditure on the provision of—
 - (i) the car, or

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- (ii) any qualifying accessory which is taken into account in calculating the cash equivalent of the benefit of the car for the tax year in question, and
- (b) £5,000.

Cars: the appropriate percentage

133 How to determine the “appropriate percentage”

- (1) The “appropriate percentage” for a car for a year depends upon when the car was first registered.
- (2) If the car was first registered on or after 1st January 1998, the “appropriate percentage” depends upon whether the car—
 - (a) is a car with a CO₂ emissions figure (see section 134(1)),
 - (b) is a car without a CO₂ emissions figure (see section 134(2)), or
 - (c) is a diesel car to which section 141 applies,and is determined under sections 139 to 141.
- (3) If the car was first registered before 1st January 1998, the “appropriate percentage” is determined under section 142.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Ss. 133-142 applied by S.I. 2001/1123, reg. 2 (as amended (6.4.2008) by [The Income Tax \(Car Benefits\) \(Reduction of Value of Appropriate Percentage\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3068\)](#), [regs. 1, 3](#))

134 Meaning of car with or without a CO₂ emissions figure

- (1) In this Chapter a “car with a CO₂ emissions figure” means—
 - (a) a car first registered on or after 1st January 1998 but before 1st October 1999 to which section 135 applies,
 - (b) a car first registered on or after 1st October 1999 to which section 136 applies, or
 - (c) a car first registered on or after 1st January 2000 which is a car to which section 137 (bi-fuel cars) applies.
- (2) In this Chapter a “car without a CO₂ emissions figure” means any other car first registered on or after 1st January 1998.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Ss. 133-142 applied by S.I. 2001/1123, reg. 2 (as amended (6.4.2008) by [The Income Tax \(Car Benefits\) \(Reduction of Value of Appropriate Percentage\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3068\)](#), [regs. 1, 3](#))

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Cars: appropriate percentage: first registered on or after 1st January 1998

135 Car with a CO₂ emissions figure: pre-October 1999 registration

- (1) This section applies to a car first registered on or after 1st January 1998 but before 1st October 1999 if when it was so registered—
 - (a) it conformed to a vehicle type with an EC type-approval certificate (see section 171(1)), or
 - (b) it had a UK approval certificate (see section 171(1)),
 which specifies a CO₂ emissions figure in terms of grams per kilometre driven.
- (2) The car's CO₂ emissions figure is that specified figure.
- (3) This is subject to section 138 (automatic car for a disabled employee).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 133-142 applied by S.I. 2001/1123, reg. 2 (as amended (6.4.2008) by [The Income Tax \(Car Benefits\) \(Reduction of Value of Appropriate Percentage\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3068\)](#), **regs. 1, 3**)

136 Car with a CO₂ emissions figure: post-September 1999 registration

- (1) This section applies to a car first registered on or after 1st October 1999 if it is so registered on the basis of—
 - (a) an EC certificate of conformity (see section 171(1)), or
 - (b) a UK approval certificate (see section 171(1)),
 which specifies a CO₂ emissions figure in terms of grams per kilometre driven.
- (2) The car's CO₂ emissions figure is that specified figure unless more than one figure is specified, in which case the car's CO₂ emissions figure is the figure specified as the CO₂ emissions (combined) figure.
- (3) This is subject to—
 - (a) section 137 (bi-fuel cars), and
 - (b) section 138 (automatic car for a disabled employee).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 133-142 applied by S.I. 2001/1123, reg. 2 (as amended (6.4.2008) by [The Income Tax \(Car Benefits\) \(Reduction of Value of Appropriate Percentage\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3068\)](#), **regs. 1, 3**)

137 Car with a CO₂ emissions figure: bi-fuel cars

- (1) This section applies to a car first registered on or after 1st January 2000 if it is so registered on the basis of—
 - (a) an EC certificate of conformity (see section 171(1)), or
 - (b) a UK approval certificate (see section 171(1)),

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which specifies separate CO₂ emissions figures in terms of grams per kilometre driven for different fuels.

- (2) The car's CO₂ emissions figure is—
 - (a) the lowest figure specified, or
 - (b) if there is more than one figure specified in relation to each fuel, the lowest CO₂ emissions (combined) figure specified.
- (3) This is subject to section 138 (automatic car for a disabled employee).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 133-142 applied by S.I. 2001/1123, reg. 2 (as amended (6.4.2008) by [The Income Tax \(Car Benefits\) \(Reduction of Value of Appropriate Percentage\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3068\)](#), [regs. 1, 3](#))

138 Car with a CO₂ emissions figure: automatic car for a disabled employee

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) a car with a CO₂ emissions figure has automatic transmission (“the automatic car”),
 - (b) at any time in the year when the automatic car is available to the employee (“E”), E holds a disabled person's badge, and
 - (c) by reason of E's disability, E must, in the event of wanting to drive a car, drive a car which has automatic transmission.
- (2) If, under sections 135 to 137, the automatic car's CO₂ emissions figure is more than it would have been if the automatic car had been an equivalent manual car, the CO₂ emissions figure for the automatic car is to be the CO₂ emissions figure for an equivalent manual car.
- (3) In subsection (2) “an equivalent manual car” means a car which—
 - (a) is first registered at or about the same time as the automatic car, and
 - (b) does not have automatic transmission, but otherwise is the closest variant available of the make and model of the automatic car.
- (4) For the purposes of this section a car has automatic transmission if—
 - (a) the driver of the car is not provided with any means by which the driver may vary the gear ratio between the engine and the road wheels independently of the accelerator and the brakes, or
 - (b) the driver is provided with such means, but they do not include—
 - (i) a clutch pedal, or
 - (ii) a lever which the driver may operate manually.
- (5) For the purposes of this section a car is available to an employee at a particular time if it is then made available, by reason of the employment and without any transfer of the property in it, to the employee.

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 133-142 applied by S.I. 2001/1123, reg. 2 (as amended (6.4.2008) by [The Income Tax \(Car Benefits\) \(Reduction of Value of Appropriate Percentage\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3068\)](#), [regs. 1, 3](#))

139 Car with a CO₂ emissions figure: the appropriate percentage

- (1) The appropriate percentage for a year for a car with a CO₂ emissions figure depends upon ^[F16]whether—
- (a) the car is a qualifying low emissions car for that year, or
 - (b) the car’s CO₂ emissions figure exceeds the lower threshold for that year.]
- ^[F17](1A) A car is a qualifying low emissions car for any year if it has a low CO₂ emissions figure for that year.]
- ^[F18](1B) If the car is a qualifying low emissions car for the year, the appropriate percentage is
- ^[F19](a) in a case where the car’s CO₂ emissions figure for the year does not exceed 75 grams per kilometre driven, 5%, and
 - (b) otherwise, 10%.]
- ^[F20](2) If—
- (a) the car is not a qualifying low emissions car for the year, but
 - (b) its CO₂ emissions figure does not exceed the lower threshold for the year, the appropriate percentage for the year is 15% (“the basic percentage”).]
- (3) If the car’s CO₂ emissions figure does exceed the lower threshold for the year, the appropriate percentage for the year is whichever is the lesser of—
- (a) the basic percentage increased by one percentage point for each 5 grams per kilometre by which the CO₂ emissions figure exceeds the lower threshold for the year, and
 - (b) 35%.
- ^[F21](3A) A car has a low CO₂ emissions figure for a year if its CO₂ emissions figure does not exceed the limit for that year in the following Table—

TABLE

| <i>Tax year</i> | <i>Limit (in g/km)</i> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 2008-09 and subsequent tax years | 120] |

- (4) The lower threshold is—

^[F22]TABLE

| <i>Tax year</i> | <i>Lower threshold (in g/km)</i> |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 2009-10 | 135 |
| 2010-11 | 130 |

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| <i>Tax year</i> | <i>Lower threshold (in g/km)</i> |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2011-12 and subsequent tax years | 125] |

(5) If the car's CO₂ emissions figure is not a multiple of 5, it is to be rounded down to the nearest multiple of 5 for the purposes of [F²³subsections (2)(b) and (3)(a)].

F²⁴(5A)

- (6) This section is subject to—
- section 141 (diesel cars), and
 - any regulations made by the Treasury under section 170(4) (power to reduce the appropriate percentage).

Textual Amendments

- F16** Words in s. 139(1) substituted (with effect for the tax year 2008-09 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 59(10) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2006 \(c. 25\), s. 59\(2\)](#)
- F17** S. 139(1A) substituted (with effect for the tax year 2010-11 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 58(18) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\), s. 58\(3\)](#)
- F18** S. 139(1A)(1B) inserted (with effect for the tax year 2008-09 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 59(10) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2006 \(c. 25\), s. 59\(3\)](#)
- F19** Words in s. 139(1B) substituted (with effect for the tax year 2010-11 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 58(18) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\), s. 58\(4\)](#)
- F20** S. 139(2) substituted (with effect for the tax year 2008-09 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 59(10) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2006 \(c. 25\), s. 59\(4\)](#)
- F21** S. 139(3A) inserted (with effect for the tax year 2008-09 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 59(10) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2006 \(c. 25\), s. 59\(5\)](#)
- F22** S. 139(4) Table substituted (with effect in accordance with Sch. 28 para. 10(1) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2009 \(c. 10\), Sch. 28 para. 6](#)
- F23** Words in s. 139(5) substituted (with effect for the tax year 2010-11 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 58(18) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\), s. 58\(5\)](#)
- F24** S. 139(5A) omitted (with effect for the tax year 2010-11 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 58(18) of the amending Act) by virtue of [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\), s. 58\(6\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 133-142 applied by S.I. 2001/1123, reg. 2 (as amended (6.4.2008) by [The Income Tax \(Car Benefits\) \(Reduction of Value of Appropriate Percentage\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3068\), regs. 1, 3](#))

140 Car without a CO₂ emissions figure: the appropriate percentage

- The appropriate percentage for a year for a car without a CO₂ emissions figure is determined under this section.
- If the car has an internal combustion engine with one or more reciprocating pistons, the appropriate percentage for the year is—

TABLE

| <i>Cylinder capacity of car in cubic centimetres</i> | <i>Appropriate percentage</i> |
|--|-------------------------------|
|--|-------------------------------|

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| | |
|---|-----|
| 1,400 or less | 15% |
| More than 1,400 but not more than 2,000 | 25% |
| More than 2,000 | 35% |

For this purpose a car's cylinder capacity is the capacity of its engine as calculated for the purposes of VERA 1994.

- (3) If subsection (2) does not apply, the appropriate percentage for the year is—
- [^{F25}(a) the special percentage if the car cannot in any circumstances emit CO₂ by being driven, and
 - (a) 35% in any other case.]

- [^{F26}(3A) The special percentage is—
- (a) for the tax years 2010-11 to 2014-15, 0%, and
 - (b) for the tax year 2015-16 and subsequent tax years, 9%.]

[^{F27}(4)]

- (5) This section is subject to—
- (a) section 141 (diesel cars), and
 - (b) any regulations made by the Treasury under section 170(4) (power to reduce the appropriate percentage).

Textual Amendments

- F25** S. 140(3)(a)(b) substituted for words (with effect for the tax year 2010-11 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 58(18) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\), s. 58\(8\)](#)
- F26** S. 140(3A) inserted (with effect for the tax year 2010-11 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 58(18) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\), s. 58\(9\)](#)
- F27** S. 140(4) omitted (with effect for the tax year 2010-11 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 58(18) of the amending Act) by virtue of [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\), s. 58\(10\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 133-142 applied by S.I. 2001/1123, reg. 2 (as amended (6.4.2008) by [The Income Tax \(Car Benefits\) \(Reduction of Value of Appropriate Percentage\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3068\)](#), [regs. 1, 3](#))

141 Diesel cars: the appropriate percentage

- (1) This section applies to a diesel car first registered on or after 1st January 1998.
- (2) To determine the appropriate percentage for such a car for a year—

Step 1

Determine whether the car is a car with a CO₂ emissions figure or a car without a CO₂ emissions figure (see section 134).

Step 2

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Take what would be the appropriate percentage for the car for the year under section 139 or 140 as appropriate.

Step 3

The appropriate percentage for the car for the year is whichever is the smaller of—

- (a) the figure resulting from the addition of 3 percentage points to the figure found under step 2, and
 - (b) 35%.
- (3) In this section “diesel car” means a car which is propelled solely by diesel.
- (4) This section is subject to any regulations made by the Treasury under section 170(4) (power to reduce the appropriate percentage).

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Ss. 133-142 applied by S.I. 2001/1123, reg. 2 (as amended (6.4.2008) by [The Income Tax \(Car Benefits\) \(Reduction of Value of Appropriate Percentage\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2007](#) (S.I. 2007/3068), [regs. 1, 3](#))

Cars: appropriate percentage: first registered before 1st January 1998

142 Car first registered before 1st January 1998: the appropriate percentage

- (1) The appropriate percentage for a car first registered before 1st January 1998 is determined under this section.
- (2) If the car has an internal combustion engine with one or more reciprocating pistons, the appropriate percentage for the year is—

TABLE

| <i>Cylinder capacity of car in cubic centimetres</i> | <i>Appropriate percentage</i> |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1,400 or less | 15% |
| More than 1,400 but not more than 2,000 | 22% |
| More than 2,000 | 32% |

For this purpose a car’s cylinder capacity is the capacity of its engine as calculated for the purposes of VERA 1994.

- (3) If subsection (2) does not apply, the appropriate percentage for the year is [^{F28}32%].

^{F29}(4)

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Textual Amendments

- F28** Word in s. 142(3) substituted (with effect in accordance with Sch. 28 para. 10(2) of the amending Act and with [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\), s. 58\(20\)](#)) by [Finance Act 2009 \(c. 10\), Sch. 28 para. 8\(a\)](#)
- F29** S. 142(4) omitted (with effect in accordance with Sch. 28 para. 10(2) of the amending Act and with [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\), s. 58\(20\)](#)) by virtue of [Finance Act 2009 \(c. 10\), Sch. 28 para. 8\(b\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 133-142 applied by S.I. 2001/1123, reg. 2 (as amended (6.4.2008) by [The Income Tax \(Car Benefits\) \(Reduction of Value of Appropriate Percentage\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/3068\)](#), [regs. 1, 3](#))

Cars: unavailability or payments for private use

143 Deduction for periods when car unavailable

- (1) A deduction is to be made from the amount carried forward from step 6 of section 121(1) if the car has been unavailable on any day during the tax year in question.
- (2) For the purposes of this section a car is unavailable on any day if the day—
 - (a) falls before the first day on which the car is available to the employee,
 - (b) falls after the last day on which the car is available to the employee, or
 - (c) falls within a period of 30 days or more throughout which the car is not available to the employee.
- (3) The amount of the deduction is given by the formula—

$$\frac{U}{Y} \times A$$

where—

U is the number of days in the year on which the car is unavailable,

Y is the number of days in that year, and

A is the amount carried forward from step 6.

- (4) This section is subject to section 145 (modification where car temporarily replaced).

144 Deduction for payments for private use

- (1) A deduction is to be made from the provisional sum calculated under step 7 of section 121(1) if, as a condition of the car being available for the employee's private use, the employee—
 - (a) is required in the tax year in question to pay (whether by way of deduction from earnings or otherwise) an amount of money for that use, and
 - (b) makes such payment.

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- (2) If the amount paid by the employee in respect of that year is equal to or exceeds the provisional sum, the provisional sum is reduced so that the cash equivalent of the benefit of the car for that year is nil.
- (3) In any other case the amount paid by the employee in respect of the year is deducted from the provisional sum in order to give the cash equivalent of the benefit of the car for that year.
- (4) In this section the reference to the car being available for the employee's private use includes a reference to the car being available for the private use of a member of the employee's family or household.
- (5) This section is subject to section 145 (modification where car temporarily replaced).

145 Modification of provisions where car temporarily replaced

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) the car normally available to an employee (“the normal car”) is not available to the employee for a period of less than 30 days,
 - (b) another car (“the replacement car”) is made available to the employee in order to replace the normal car for the whole or part of that period,
 - (c) the employee is chargeable to tax in respect of both the normal car and the replacement car by virtue of section 120, and
 - (d) the replacement car meets condition A or B.
- (2) Condition A is met if the replacement car is not materially better than the normal car.
- (3) Condition B is met if the replacement car is not made available to the employee under an arrangement of which the main purpose, or one of the main purposes, is to provide the employee with the benefit of a car which is materially better than the normal car.
- (4) If this section applies—
 - (a) section 143 (deduction for periods when car unavailable) applies so that the replacement car is to be treated as unavailable on the days of the period during which it replaces the normal car, and
 - (b) section 144 (deduction for payments for private use) applies as if the replacement had not been made and the replacement car were a continuation of the normal car.
- (5) A replacement car is regarded as materially better than the normal car if—
 - (a) it is materially better in quality, or
 - (b) when calculating the cash equivalent of the benefit of the replacement car, the interim sum calculated under [F30 step 3] of section 121(1) is materially higher than the interim sum calculated in relation to the normal car.

Textual Amendments

F30 Words in s. 145(5) substituted (with effect in accordance with Sch. 28 para. 10(2) of the amending Act) by Finance Act 2009 (c. 10), Sch. 28 para. 3

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Cars: special cases

146 Cars that run on road fuel gas

- (1) This section applies if the car—
 - (a) has been manufactured so as to be capable of running on road fuel gas, and
 - (b) is not a car to which section 137 (different CO₂ emissions figure for bi-fuel cars) applies.
- (2) The price of the car found under step 1 of section 121(1) is to be reduced by so much of that price as it is reasonable to attribute to the car being manufactured in such a way as to be capable of running on road fuel gas rather than in such a way as to be capable of running only on petrol.

147 Classic cars: 15 years of age or more

- (1) This section applies in calculating the cash equivalent of the benefit of a car for a tax year if—
 - (a) the age of the car at the end of the year is 15 years or more,
 - (b) the market value of the car for the year is £15,000 or more, and
 - (c) that market value exceeds the [^{F31}interim sum calculated under] step 3 of section 121(1).
- (2) For the [^{F32}interim sum calculated under] step 3 substitute the market value of the car for the tax year in question less any deductions under subsection (6).
- (3) The market value of a car for a tax year is the price which the car might reasonably have been expected to fetch on a sale in the open market on—
 - (a) the last day of that year, or
 - (b) the last day in that year on which the car is available to the employee if that is earlier.
- (4) It is assumed that any qualifying accessories available with the car on that day are included in the sale.
- (5) Subsection (6) applies if the employee contributes a capital sum to expenditure on the provision of—
 - (a) the car, or
 - (b) any qualifying accessory which is taken into account in determining the market value of the car.
- (6) A deduction is to be made from the market value of the car—
 - (a) for the tax year in which the contribution is made, and
 - (b) for all subsequent years in which the employee is chargeable to tax in respect of the car by virtue of section 120.
- (7) The amount of the deduction allowed in any tax year is the lesser of—
 - (a) the total of the capital sums contributed by the employee in that year and any earlier years to expenditure on the provision of—
 - (i) the car, or
 - (ii) any qualifying accessory which is taken into account in determining the market value of the car for the tax year in question, and

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(b) £5,000.

Textual Amendments

- F31** Words in s. 147(1) substituted (with effect in accordance with Sch. 28 para. 10(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2009 \(c. 10\)](#), [Sch. 28 para. 4](#)
- F32** Words in s. 147(2) substituted (with effect in accordance with Sch. 28 para. 10(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2009 \(c. 10\)](#), [Sch. 28 para. 4](#)

Cars: reduction where shared car

148 Reduction of cash equivalent where car is shared

- (1) This section applies if in a tax year a car—
- (a) is available to more than one employee concurrently,
 - (b) is so made available by the same employer, and
 - (c) is available concurrently for each employee’s private use,
- and two or more of those employees are chargeable to tax in respect of the car in that year by virtue of section 120.
- (2) The cash equivalent of the benefit of the car to each of those employees for that year—
- (a) is to be calculated separately under section 121, ^{F33}...
 - ^{F33}(b)
- [^{F34}(2A) The provisional sum calculated under step 7 in section 121(1) is to be reduced on a just and reasonable basis before making any deduction under step 8.]
- (3) If the employment of any of the employees mentioned in subsection (1)(a) is an excluded employment, the availability of the car to that employee is to be disregarded for the purposes of subsection [^{F35}(2A)] .
- (4) In this section the reference to the car being available for each employee’s private use includes a reference to the car being available for the private use of a member of the employee’s family or household.

Textual Amendments

- F33** S. 148(2)(b) and word omitted (1.3.2012) by virtue of [The Enactment of Extra-Statutory Concessions Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/266\)](#), arts. 1, [3\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- F34** S. 148(2A) inserted (1.3.2012) by [The Enactment of Extra-Statutory Concessions Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/266\)](#), arts. 1, [3\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- F35** Word in s. 148(3) substituted (1.3.2012) by [The Enactment of Extra-Statutory Concessions Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/266\)](#), arts. 1, [3\(3\)\(c\)](#)

Car fuel: benefit treated as earnings

149 Benefit of car fuel treated as earnings

- (1) If in a tax year—
- (a) fuel is provided for a car by reason of an employee’s employment, and

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- (b) that person is chargeable to tax in respect of the car by virtue of section 120, the cash equivalent of the benefit of the fuel is to be treated as earnings from the employment for that year.
- (2) The cash equivalent of the benefit of the fuel is calculated in accordance with sections 150 to 153.
- (3) Fuel is to be treated as provided for a car, in addition to any other way in which it may be provided, if—
- (a) any liability in respect of the provision of fuel for the car is discharged,
 - (b) a non-cash voucher or a credit-token is used to obtain fuel for the car,
 - (c) a non-cash voucher or a credit-token is used to obtain money which is spent on fuel for the car, or
 - (d) any sum is paid in respect of expenses incurred in providing fuel for the car.
- (4) References in this section to fuel do not include any facility or means for supplying electrical energy [^{F36}or any energy for a car which cannot in any circumstances emit CO₂ by being driven].

Textual Amendments

F36 Words in s. 149(4) substituted (with effect for the tax year 2010-11 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 58(18) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\), s. 58\(11\)](#)

150 Car fuel: calculating the cash equivalent

- (1) The cash equivalent of the benefit of the fuel is the appropriate percentage of [^{F37}£20,200] .
- (2) The “appropriate percentage” means the appropriate percentage determined in accordance with sections 133 to 142 for the purpose of calculating the cash equivalent of the benefit of the car for which the fuel is provided.
- (3) But the cash equivalent may be—
- (a) nil where either of the conditions in section 151 is met;
 - (b) proportionately reduced under section 152;
 - (c) reduced under section 153.

Textual Amendments

F37 Word in s. 150(1) substituted (with effect in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by [The Car Fuel Benefit Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/915\), arts. 1\(2\), 2](#)

151 Car fuel: nil cash equivalent

- (1) The cash equivalent of the benefit of the fuel is nil if condition A or B is met.
- (2) Condition A is met if in the tax year in question—
- (a) the employee is required to make good to the person providing the fuel the whole of the expense incurred by that person in connection with the provision of the fuel for the employee’s private use, and

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(b) the employee does make good that expense.

(3) Condition B is met if in the tax year in question the fuel is made available only for business travel (see section 171(1)).

152 Car fuel: proportionate reduction of cash equivalent

(1) The cash equivalent of the benefit of the fuel is to be proportionately reduced if for any part of the tax year in question the car for which the fuel is provided is unavailable (within the meaning of section 143 (deduction for periods when car unavailable)).

(2) The cash equivalent of the benefit of the fuel is also to be proportionately reduced if for any part of the tax year in question—

(a) the facility for the provision of fuel as mentioned in section 149(1) is not available,

(b) the fuel is made available only for business travel (see section 171(1)), or

(c) the employee is required to make good to the person providing the fuel the whole of the expense incurred by that person in connection with the provision of the fuel for the employee's private use and the employee does make good that expense.

(3) The fact that any of the conditions specified in subsection (2) is met for part of a tax year is to be disregarded if there is a time later in that year when none of those conditions is met.

(4) Where the cash equivalent is to be proportionately reduced under subsection (1) or (2) (or under both those subsections), the reduced amount is given by the formula—

$$CE \times \frac{Y-D}{Y}$$

where—

CE is the amount of the cash equivalent before any reduction,

Y is the number of days in the tax year in question, and

D is the total number of days in that year on which either the car is unavailable or one or more of the conditions in subsection (2) is met.

153 Car fuel: reduction of cash equivalent

If a reduction of the cash equivalent of the benefit of the car for which the fuel is provided is made under section 148 (reduction of cash equivalent where car is shared), a corresponding reduction is to be made in relation to the cash equivalent of the benefit of the fuel.

Vans: benefit treated as earnings

154 Benefit of van treated as earnings

If this Chapter applies to a van in relation to a particular tax year, the cash equivalent of the benefit of the van is to be treated as earnings from the employment for that year.

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[^{F38}155 Cash equivalent of the benefit of a van

- [^{F39}(1)** The cash equivalent of the benefit of a van for a tax year is—
- (a) nil in a case to which subsection (2) applies, and
 - (b) £3,000 in any other case.
- (2) This subsection applies if—
- (a) the restricted private use condition is met in relation to the van for the tax year, or
 - (b) the van cannot in any circumstances emit CO₂ by being driven and the tax year is any of the tax years 2010-11 to 2014-15.]
- (4) The restricted private use condition is met in relation to a van for a tax year if—
- (a) the commuter use requirement is satisfied throughout the year (or the part of the year on which it is available to the employee) or the extent to which it is not satisfied during that period is insignificant, and
 - (b) the business travel requirement is satisfied throughout the year (or the part of the year on which it is available to the employee).
- (5) The commuter use requirement is satisfied at any time if—
- (a) the terms on which the van is available to the employee at the time prohibit its private use otherwise than for the purposes of ordinary commuting or travel between two places that is for practical purposes substantially ordinary commuting, and
 - (b) neither the employee nor a member of the employee’s family or household makes private use of the van at the time otherwise than for those purposes.
- (6) In subsection (5) “ordinary commuting” has the same meaning as in section 338 (travel for necessary attendance) (see subsection (3) of that section).
- (7) The business travel requirement is satisfied at a time if the van is available to the employee at the time mainly for use for the purposes of the employee’s business travel (see section 171(1)).
- (8) The cash equivalent of the van may be reduced—
- (a) under section 156 for any periods when the van is unavailable,
 - (b) under section 157 where the van is shared, and
 - (c) under section 158 in respect of payments by the employee for the private use of the van.]

Textual Amendments

F38 Ss. 155-164 substituted for ss. 155-166 (with effect in accordance with s. 80(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2004 \(c. 12\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 5](#)

F39 S. 155(1)(2) substituted for s. 155(1)-(3) (with effect for the tax year 2010-11 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 58(18) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\)](#), [s. 58\(12\)](#)

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[^{F38}Vans: reductions of cash equivalent

156 Meaning of “shared van”

- (1) The cash equivalent of the benefit of a van for a tax year under section [^{F40}155(1)] is to be reduced if the van has been unavailable on any day during the year.
- (2) For the purposes of this section a van is unavailable on any day if the day—
 - (a) falls before the first day on which the van is available to the employee,
 - (b) falls after the last day on which the van is available to the employee, or
 - (c) falls within a period of 30 days or more throughout which the van is not available to the employee.
- (3) The amount of the reduction is given by the formula—

$$UY \times CE$$

where—

U is the number of days in the year on which the van is unavailable,

Y is the number of days in the year, and

CE is the amount of the cash equivalent before any reduction.]

Textual Amendments

- F40** Words in s. 156(1) substituted (with effect for the tax year 2010-11 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 58(18) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\), s. 58\(13\)\(a\)](#)

[^{F38}Reduction of cash equivalent where van is shared

157 Reduction of cash equivalent where van is shared

- (1) This section applies if in a tax year a van—
 - (a) is available to more than one employee concurrently,
 - (b) is so made available by the same employer, and
 - (c) is available concurrently for each employee’s private use.
- (2) The cash equivalent of the benefit of the van to each of those employees for that year—
 - (a) is to be calculated separately under sections 155 and 156, and
 - (b) is then to be reduced on a just and reasonable basis.
- (3) If—
 - (a) any of the employees mentioned in subsection (1)(a) (“E”) is a member of the family or household of another of them (“M”), and
 - (b) E’s employment is an excluded employment,the availability of the van to E is to be disregarded when applying subsection (2)(b) in respect of M.
- (4) In this section the reference to the van being available for each employee’s private use includes a reference to the van being available for the private use of a member of the employee’s family or household.]

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[^{F38}Reduction for payments for private use

158 Reduction for payments for private use

- (1) The cash equivalent of the benefit of a van for a tax year under section [^{F41}155(1)] (after any reduction under sections 156 and 157) is to be reduced if, as a condition of the van being available for the employee’s private use, the employee—
 - (a) is required in that year to pay (whether by way of deduction from earnings or otherwise) an amount of money for that use, and
 - (b) makes such payment.
- (2) If the amount paid by the employee in respect of that year is equal to or exceeds that cash equivalent, it is reduced to nil.
- (3) In any other case that cash equivalent is reduced by the amount paid by the employee.
- (4) In this section the reference to the van being available for the employee’s private use includes a reference to the van being available for the private use of a member of the employee’s family or household.]

Textual Amendments

- F41** Word in s. 158(1) substituted (with effect for the tax year 2010-11 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 58(18) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\), s. 58\(13\)\(b\)](#)

[^{F38}Modification of provisions where van temporarily replaced

159 Modification of provisions where van temporarily replaced

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) the van normally available to an employee (“the normal van”) is not available to the employee for a period of less than 30 days,
 - (b) another van (“the replacement van”) is made available to the employee in order to replace the normal van for the whole or part of that period, and
 - (c) the employee is chargeable to tax in respect of both the normal van and the replacement van by virtue of section 154.
- (2) If this section applies—
 - (a) section 156 applies so that the replacement van is to be treated as unavailable on the days during the period on which it replaces the normal van, and
 - (b) sections 155, 157 and 158 apply as if the replacement van were the normal van.]

[^{F38}Van fuel: benefit treated as earnings

160 Benefit of van fuel treated as earnings

- (1) If in a tax year—
 - (a) fuel is provided for a van by reason of an employee’s employment,

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- (b) that person is chargeable to tax in respect of the van by virtue of section 154, and
 - (c) the cash equivalent of the van for that year is that under section [^{F42}155(1)(b)], the cash equivalent of the benefit of the fuel is to be treated as earnings from the employment for that year.
- (2) The cash equivalent of the benefit of the fuel is calculated in accordance with sections 161 to 164.
- (3) Fuel is to be treated as provided for a van, in addition to any other way in which it may be provided, if—
- (a) any liability in respect of the provision of fuel for the van is discharged,
 - (b) a non-cash voucher or a credit-token is used to obtain fuel for the van,
 - (c) a non-cash voucher or a credit-token is used to obtain money which is spent on fuel for the van, or
 - (d) any sum is paid in respect of expenses incurred in providing fuel for the van.

^{F43}(4)]

Textual Amendments

- F42** Word in s. 160(1) substituted (with effect for the tax year 2010-11 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 58(18) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\), s. 58\(14\)\(a\)](#)
- F43** S. 160(4) omitted (with effect for the tax year 2010-11 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 58(18) of the amending Act) by virtue of [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\), s. 58\(14\)\(b\)](#)

[^{F38}161 Van fuel: the cash equivalent

The cash equivalent of the benefit of the fuel is—

- (a) where the tax year is the tax year 2005-06 or 2006-07, nil, and
- (b) where the tax year is a later tax year, [^{F44}£550].]

Textual Amendments

- F44** Word in s. 161(b) substituted (with effect in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by [The Car and Van Fuel Benefit Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/406\), arts. 1\(2\), 3](#)

[^{F38}162 Van fuel: nil cash equivalent

- (1) The cash equivalent of the benefit of the fuel is nil if condition A or B is met.
- (2) Condition A is met if in the tax year in question—
- (a) the employee is required to make good to the person providing the fuel the whole of the expense incurred by that person in connection with the provision of the fuel for the employee’s private use, and
 - (b) the employee does make good that expense.
- (3) Condition B is met if in the tax year in question the fuel is made available only for business travel (see section 171(1)).]

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[^{F38}163 Van fuel: proportionate reduction of cash equivalent

- (1) The cash equivalent of the benefit of the fuel is to be proportionately reduced if for any part of the tax year in question the van for which the fuel is provided is unavailable (within the meaning of section 156 (reduction for periods when van unavailable)).
- (2) But if section 159 (van temporarily replaced) applies—
 - (a) section 160 applies as if the replacement van were the normal van, and
 - (b) for the purposes of subsection (1) the replacement van is to be treated as unavailable on the days during the period on which it replaces the normal van.
- (3) The cash equivalent of the benefit of the fuel is also to be proportionately reduced if for any part of the tax year in question—
 - (a) the facility for the provision of fuel as mentioned in section 160 (1) is not available,
 - (b) the fuel is made available only for business travel (see section 171(1)), or
 - (c) the employee is required to make good to the person providing the fuel the whole of the expense incurred by that person in connection with the provision of the fuel for the employee's private use and the employee does make good that expense.
- (4) The fact that any of the conditions specified in subsection (3) is met for part of a tax year is to be disregarded if there is a time later in that year when none of those conditions is met.
- (5) Where the cash equivalent is to be proportionately reduced under subsection (1) or (3) (or under both those subsections), the reduced amount is given by the formula—

$$CE \times YDY$$

where—

CE is the amount of the cash equivalent before any reduction,

Y is the number of days in the tax year in question, and

D is the total number of days in the tax year on which either the van is unavailable or one or more of the conditions in subsection (3) is met.]

[^{F38}164 Van fuel: reduction of cash equivalent

If a reduction of the cash equivalent of the benefit of the van for which the fuel is provided is made under section 157 (reduction of cash equivalent where van is shared), a corresponding reduction is to be made in relation to the cash equivalent of the benefit of the fuel.]

Cars and vans: exceptions

167 Pooled cars

- (1) This section applies to a car in relation to a particular tax year if for that year the car has been included in a car pool for the use of the employees of one or more employers.
- (2) For that tax year the car—

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- (a) is to be treated under section 114(1) (cars to which this Chapter applies) as not having been available for the private use of any of the employees concerned, and
 - (b) is not to be treated in relation to the employees concerned as an employment-related benefit within the meaning of Chapter 10 of this Part (taxable benefits: residual liability to charge) (see section 201).
- (3) In relation to a particular tax year, a car is included in a car pool for the use of the employees of one or more employers if in that year—
- (a) the car was made available to, and actually used by, more than one of those employees,
 - (b) the car was made available, in the case of each of those employees, by reason of the employee's employment,
 - (c) the car was not ordinarily used by one of those employees to the exclusion of the others,
 - (d) in the case of each of those employees, any private use of the car made by the employee was merely incidental to the employee's other use of the car in that year, and
 - (e) the car was not normally kept overnight on or in the vicinity of any residential premises where any of the employees was residing, except while being kept overnight on premises occupied by the person making the car available to them.

168 Pooled vans

- (1) This section applies to a van in relation to a particular tax year if for that year the van has been included in a van pool for the use of the employees of one or more employers.
- (2) For that tax year the van—
- (a) is to be treated under section 114(1) (vans to which this Chapter applies) as not having been available for the private use of any of the employees concerned, and
 - (b) is not to be treated in relation to the employees concerned as an employment-related benefit within the meaning of Chapter 10 of this Part (taxable benefits: residual liability to charge) (see section 201).
- (3) In relation to a particular tax year, a van is included in a van pool for the use of the employees of one or more employers if in that year—
- (a) the van was made available to, and actually used by, more than one of those employees,
 - (b) the van was made available, in the case of each of those employees, by reason of the employee's employment,
 - (c) the van was not ordinarily used by one of those employees to the exclusion of the others,
 - (d) in the case of each of those employees, any private use of the van made by the employee was merely incidental to the employee's other use of the van in that year, and
 - (e) the van was not normally kept overnight on or in the vicinity of any residential premises where any of the employees was residing, except while being kept overnight on premises occupied by the person making the van available to them.

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169 Car available to more than one member of family or household employed by same employer

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) an employee (“E”) and a member of the employee’s family or household (“M”) are employed by the same employer, and
 - (b) as a result of a car being made available to M in a tax year, E would (apart from this section) be chargeable to tax in respect of the car in that year by virtue of section 120.
- (2) The cash equivalent of the benefit of the car and of any fuel provided for the car by reason of E’s employment is not to be treated as E’s earnings for that year if—
 - (a) M is chargeable to tax in respect of the car in that year by virtue of section 120, or
 - (b) where M’s employment is an excluded employment, M had the benefit of the car in M’s own right as an employee and condition A or B is met.
- (3) Condition A is met if equivalent cars are made available on the same terms to employees who—
 - (a) are in similar employment to M with the same employer, and
 - (b) are not members of the family or household of employees of that employer who are employed in employment which is not an excluded employment.
- (4) Condition B is met if the making available of an equivalent car is in accordance with the normal commercial practice for an employment of the kind held by M.

[^{F45}169A Van available to more than one member of family or household employed by same employer

- (1) This section applies where—
 - (a) an employee (“E”) and a member of the employee’s family or household (“M”) are employed by the same employer, and
 - (b) as a result of a van being made available to M in a tax year, E would (apart from this section) be chargeable to tax in respect of the van in that year by virtue of section 154.
- (2) The cash equivalent of the benefit of the van and of any fuel provided for the van by reason of E’s employment is not to be treated as E’s earnings for that year if—
 - (a) M is chargeable to tax in respect of the van in that year by virtue of section 154, or
 - (b) where M’s employment is an excluded employment, M had the benefit of the van in M’s own right as an employee and condition A or B is met.
- (3) Condition A is met if equivalent vans are made available on the same terms to employees who—
 - (a) are in similar employment to M with the same employer, and
 - (b) are not members of the family or household of employees of that employer who are employed in employment which is not an excluded employment.
- (4) Condition B is met if the making available of an equivalent van is in accordance with the normal commercial practice for an employment of the kind held by M.]

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Textual Amendments

- F45** S. 169A inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 80(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2004 \(c. 12\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 6](#)

Orders

170 Orders etc. relating to this Chapter

- (1) The Treasury may by order substitute a greater amount for that for the time being specified in—

- ^{F46}(a)
(b) section 126(3)(d) (car: minimum price of later accessory),
(c) section 132(3)(b) (car: maximum contributions deduction),
(d) section 147(1)(b) (classic car: minimum value), or
(e) section 147(7)(b) (classic car: maximum contributions deduction).

- [^{F47}(1A) The Treasury may by order substitute a different amount for that for the time being specified in—

- (a) section [^{F48}155(1)(a)] (cash equivalent where van subject only to restricted private use by employee [^{F49}or a zero-emission van]), and
(b) section [^{F50}155(1)(b)] (cash equivalent in other cases).]

- (2) An order under subsection (1) [^{F51}or (1A)] must specify the tax years to which it applies.

- [^{F52}(2A) The Treasury may by order provide for a limit different from that specified in the Table in section 139(3A) (car with a low CO₂ emissions figure) to apply for tax years beginning on or after 6th April 2009 or such later date as may be specified in the order.]

- (3) The Treasury may by order provide for a “lower threshold” different from that specified in the Table in section 139(4) (car with a CO₂ emissions figure) to apply for tax years beginning on or after [^{F53}6th April 2006] or such later date as may be specified in the order.

- (4) The Treasury may by regulations provide for the value of the appropriate percentage as determined under sections 139 to 141 to be reduced—

- (a) by such amount,
(b) in such circumstances, and
(c) subject to such conditions,

as may be prescribed in the regulations.

- (5) The Treasury may by order substitute a different amount for that specified in section 150(1) (car fuel: cash equivalent) [^{F54}or section 161(b) (van fuel: cash equivalent)].

- (6) An order under subsection (5) must specify the tax years to which it applies, being tax years beginning after that in which it is made.

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Textual Amendments

- F46** S. 170(1)(a) omitted (with effect in accordance with Sch. 28 para. 10(2) of the amending Act) by virtue of [Finance Act 2009 \(c. 10\)](#), [Sch. 28 para. 5](#)
- F47** S. 170(1A) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 80(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2004 \(c. 12\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 7\(2\)](#)
- F48** Word in s. 170(1A)(a) substituted (with effect for the tax year 2010-11 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 58(18) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\)](#), s. 58(15)(a)
- F49** Words in s. 170(1A)(a) inserted (with effect for the tax year 2010-11 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 58(18) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\)](#), [s. 58\(15\)\(a\)](#)
- F50** Word in s. 170(1A)(b) substituted (with effect for the tax year 2010-11 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 58(18) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2010 \(c. 13\)](#), [s. 58\(15\)\(b\)](#)
- F51** Words in s. 170(2) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 80(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2004 \(c. 12\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 7\(3\)](#)
- F52** S. 170(2A) inserted (with effect for the tax year 2008-09 and subsequent tax years in accordance with s. 59(10) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2006 \(c. 25\)](#), [s. 59\(8\)](#)
- F53** Words in s. 170(3) substituted (10.7.2003) by [Finance Act 2003 \(c. 14\)](#), [s. 138\(4\)](#)
- F54** Words in s. 170(5) inserted (with effect in accordance with s. 80(2) of the amending Act) by [Finance Act 2004 \(c. 12\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 7\(4\)](#)

Supplementary

171 Minor definitions: general

(1) In this Chapter—

“business travel”, in relation to any employee, means travelling the expenses of which, if incurred and paid by the employee, would (if Chapter 2 of Part 4 did not apply) be deductible under sections 337 to 342, section 353 or under Chapter 5 of Part 5 (other than section 377);

“diesel” means any diesel fuel within the definition in Article 2 of Directive [98/70/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council;

“EC certificate of conformity” means a certificate of conformity issued by a manufacturer under any provision of the law of a Member State implementing Article 6 of Council Directive [70/156/EEC](#), as amended;

“EC type-approval certificate” means a type-approval certificate issued under any provision of the law of a Member State implementing Council Directive [70/156/EEC](#), as amended;

“relevant taxes” means any car tax, any value added tax, any customs or excise duty and any tax chargeable as if it were a customs duty;

“road fuel gas” means any substance which is gaseous at a temperature of 15°C and under a pressure of 1013.25 millibars, and which is for use as fuel in road vehicles;

“UK approval certificate” means a certificate issued under—

- (a) section 58(1) or (4) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (c. 52), or
- (b) Article 31A(4) or (5) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)).

(2) In this Chapter references to the date of first registration in relation to a car ^{F55}... are to the date on which the vehicle was first registered under VERA 1994 or under corresponding legislation of any country or territory.

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- (3) In this Chapter references to the age of a car^{F56}... at any time are to the interval between the date of first registration of the vehicle and that time.
- (4) In this Chapter “disabled person’s badge” means a badge—
- (a) which is issued to a disabled person under section 21 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 (c. 44) or section 14 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 (c. 53), or has effect as if it had been issued under one of those provisions, and
 - (b) which is not required to be returned to the issuing authority under or by virtue of the provision referred to in paragraph (a).

Textual Amendments

- F55** Words in s. 171(2) repealed (with effect in accordance with Sch. 42 Pt. 2(9) of the repealing Act) by [Finance Act 2004 \(c. 12\)](#), [Sch. 42 Pt. 2\(9\)](#)
- F56** Words in s. 171(3) repealed (with effect in accordance with Sch. 42 Pt. 2(9) of the repealing Act) by [Finance Act 2004 \(c. 12\)](#), [Sch. 42 Pt. 2\(9\)](#)

172 Minor definitions: equipment to enable a disabled person to use a car

- (1) In section 125(2)(c) “equipment to enable a disabled person to use a car” means equipment—
- (a) which is designed solely for use by a chronically sick or disabled person, or
 - (b) which is made available for use with the car because it enables a disabled employee to use the car in spite of the disability.
- (2) In this section—
- “disabled employee” means an employee who, at the time when the car is first made available to the employee, holds a disabled person’s badge, and
 - “the disability” means the disability entitling the disabled employee to hold the disabled person’s badge.

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