



2025 Tax Code Cheat Sheet

Use this sheet to quickly understand the most common UK tax codes in 2025 and how they affect payroll, salary deductions, and take-home pay.

Tax Code	Meaning	Who It Applies To
1257L	Standard £12,570 tax-free allowance	Most employees
BR	All earnings taxed at 20%	Second jobs or payroll errors
D0	All earnings taxed at 40%	Higher-rate taxpayers
D1	All earnings taxed at 45%	Additional-rate taxpayers
K Code	Used to collect owed tax/benefits	Directors or BIK recipients
W1 / M1	Emergency code - temporary	New starters or missing data
NT	No tax taken from pay	Non-taxable or overseas earners

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