

French Tax Rates Summary 2020

Income Tax Scale applicable to 2019 Income

Impôt sur le revenu (CGI 197 I-1)

Band of Income (€)		Tax Rates (%)	
Up	to	10,064	0.00
10,064	to	27,794	14.00
27,794	to	74,517	30.00
74,517	to	157,806	41.00
In excess of		157,806	45.00

Pensions and salaried income receive an allowance of 10% up to a maximum of €3,850 for pensions and €12,627 for salaried income. There is an age allowance for those over 65 with an income lower than €24,640. The above is then divided into the number of "parts" of the household, further reducing your income tax liability.

2020 Property Wealth Tax Scale and Limit

Impôt sur la fortune Immobilière (CGI 977)

On value of buildings (and funds invested in such) on 1st January for those with assessable assets above €1,300,000. Payable in June

Taxable Wealth (€)		Tax Rates (%)	
Up	to	800,000	0.00
800,000	to	1,300,000	0.50
1,300,000	to	2,570,000	0.70
2,570,000	to	5,000,000	1.00
5,000,000	to	10,000,000	1.25
In excess of		10,000,000	1.50

There are allowable deductions for wealth tax, such as 30% of the value of your principal residence.

Capital Gains Tax

Impôt sur les plus-values

Capital Gains are on savings and investment income are generally assessed the same way as earned income.

This tax is not applicable to a French principal private residence. Tax on property is 19% and CSG at 17.2%.

Investment property can be sold free of Capital Gains Tax after 22 years (though remains assessable to CSG for up to 30 years). There is a further tax on property gains above €50,000 ranging from 2-6%.


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Inheritance Tax Rates

Droits de succession

Applicable from 1 January 2009 the bands and allowances are normally indexed for inflation; however, the rates will remain frozen, yet again, for 2020.

The rates shown are *per beneficiary*.

Between Spouses (CGI 777-III)

Further to the Loi No. 2007-1223 from 22 August 2007 transfers between spouses or members of a PACS agreement are no longer subject to French inheritance tax on the death of a partner. However, inheritance tax on lifetime gifts remains and the following rates apply, after a tax-free allowance of €80,724 (CGI 790-E&F)

Band of Value (€)		Tax Rates (%)	
Less than		8,072	5.00
8,072	to	15,932	10.00
15,932	to	31,865	15.00
31,865	to	552,324	20.00
552,324	to	902,838	30.00
902,838	to	1,805,677	40.00
In excess of		1,805,677	45.00

Between Parents and Children (CGI 777-IV)

Band of Value (€)		Tax Rates (%)	
Less than		100,000	0.00
The next		8,072	5.00
8,072	to	12,109	10.00
12,109	to	15,932	15.00
15,932	to	552,324	20.00
552,324	to	902,838	30.00
902,838	to	1,805,677	40.00
In excess of		1,805,677	45.00

Grand-Parents (€) (CGI 790-B)

The gift tax allowance for a lifetime gifts from a grand-parent to a grandchild is €31,865. It is fixed at €5,310 for lifetime gifts made by a great-grandparent.

Between siblings (€) (CGI 777-III)

Less than	*15,932	0.00%
The next	24,430	35.00%
Over	24,430	45.00%

* Where the siblings were living together 5 years before death and the deceased was disabled, the tax free allowance increases.

Between other relatives (to 4th degree) (€) (CGI 779-V)

Less than	7,967	0.00%
Over	7,967	55.00%

Between unrelated persons (€) (CGI 778-IV & 779-II)

Less than	1,594	0.00%
Over	1,594	60.00%
Handicapped person	€159,325	0%

This information was current at of the end of December 2019

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