

# **Associated Companies**

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After 20 years in Industry analysing company data to support commercial business decisions, I founded Business Works with a vision to offer real-world solutions to businesses.

We have grown into a trusted partner for companies seeking a better understanding of their numbers, great customer service, and business growth.

With a team of 12, we are large enough to provide all the finance support SME business owners need, plus the value-added services that help them to flourish and grow.



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# New CT Rates and Rules April 2023

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- Split years
- Large and extra-large companies

#### **Rates**

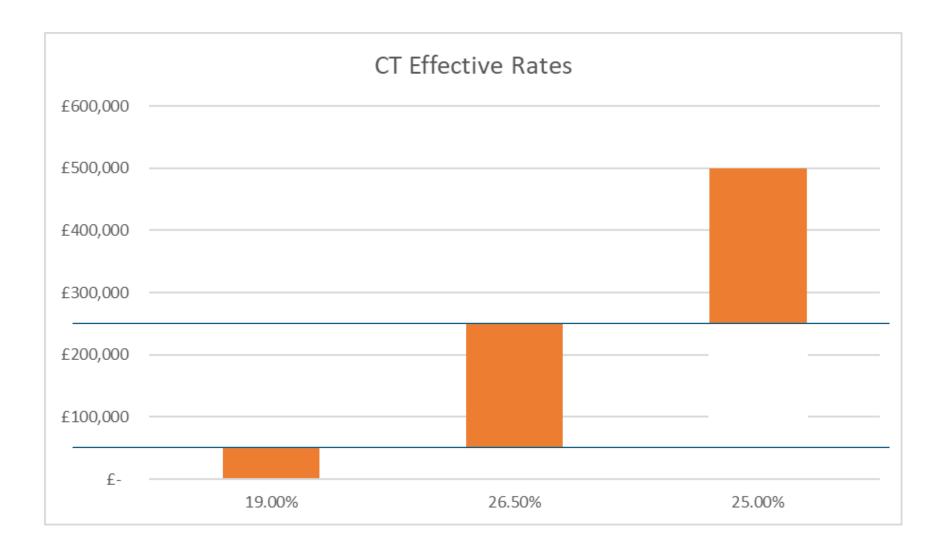


	FY22 (1/4/22-31/3/23	FY23(1/4/23-31/3/24)	Difference	FY24(1/4/24-31/3/25)
Small (<£50k)	19%	19%	-	19%
Marginal (<£250k)	19%	26.5%	+7.5%	26.5%
Main	19%	25%	+6%	25%
Instalments (large)	£1.5m	£1.5m	-	£1.5m
Instalments(very large)	£20m	£20m	-	£20m

From FY23, size thresholds divided by associated companies

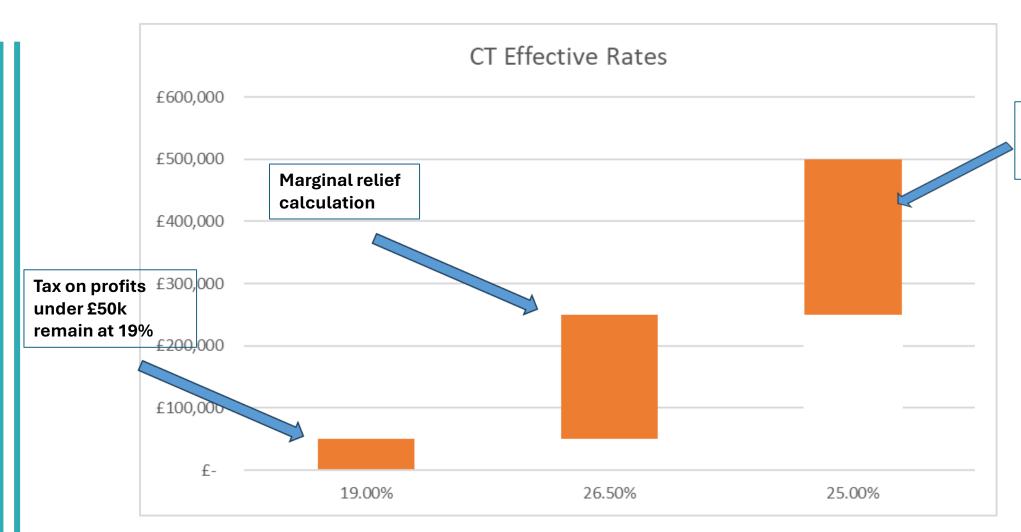
#### Rates





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Tax on profits over £250k now taxed at 25%



## Marginal Relief Example

Taxable Profit £100,000

#### **HMRC Calculation**

 Tax at 25%
 £
 25,000

 Less Marginal rate relief
 -£
 2,250
 (250000-100000)\*3/200

 Tax due
 £
 22,750

 Percentage paid
 22.75%

#### **Alternative calculation**

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Effective rate important for loss relief considerations

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> 22,750 £

#### **Effective Rate**



 This is the rate at which you PAY and SAVE tax at if your profits are above £50k



## **Associated Companies**

#### CTM03570 - Corporation Tax: small profits relief: associated company - definition

A company is an 'associated company' of another company if one of the two has control of the other, or both are under the control of the same person or persons (CTA10/S25 (4). 'Control' for this purpose is defined as for close companies (CTA10/PART10, S450 and S451,see CTM60210).

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#### Control?!



- Control over the affairs of the company
- Control through voting power
- Control through share capital
- Control over income
- Control over the assets



## Why is this important?

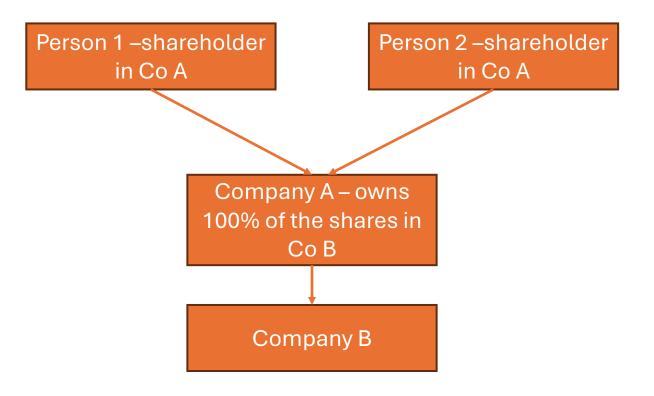
 Where there are associated companies, the upper and lower limited for taxable profits are <u>shared</u> between those companies

<b>Associated Companies</b>		1		2		3		4
Lower rate	£	50,000	£	25,000	£	16,667	£	12,500
Upper rate	£	250,000	£	125,000	£	83,333	£	62,500



## If one company controls another

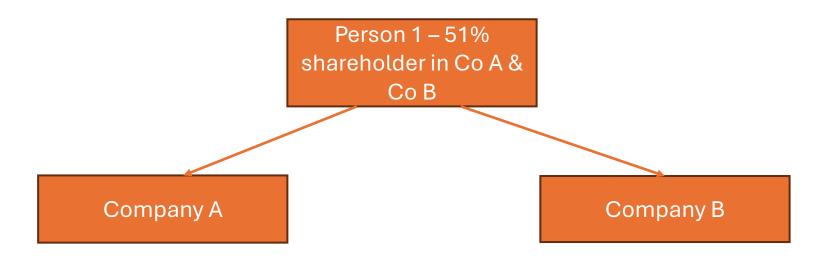
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# If two or more companies are under the same control

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## Multiple persons

• Control – under this legislation

• It isn't about if associated persons DO exert control, its if they COULD exert control!



## Interdependence

#### 'substantial commercial interdependence'

- Financial Intercompany loans
- Economically Trade of one relies on the trade of another/common customers (commissions/referrals or something else)
- Organisationally Common management, employees, premises, equipment
- If yes then we need to consider family members

# Family members



 Other peoples shareholding can be combined with yours to determine control IF there is 'substantial commercial interdependence'

- Examples
  - Spouses or civil partners
  - Children or grandchildren etc
  - Parents or grandparents etc
  - Brothers or sisters
  - Trustees of any settlements

## Family members



#### **Company X LTD**

Bill 40%

David 40%

• Joy 20%

#### **Company Y LTD**

Ed 75%

• Dean 25%

Step 1:- Company A provides financial support to Company B = <u>'substantial commercial interdependence'</u>

Step 2:- Now we look at family members

Step 3:- What if - Joy and Ed are married – now treated as one (still not associated as control is not there in Co X)

Step 4:- What if – Joy and Bill are siblings – as all family members are treated as acting together, we now have control in both companies, so we have 2 Associated Companies

From FY23, size thresholds divided by associated companies



- Where there is no single shareholder who is in control of a company
- Groups of individuals who together have control of more than one company
- Add their shareholding together to make a controlling interest
- It's not about if they do, but if they could form a controlling relationship



	Company 1	Company 2	Company 3
Shareholder A	60%	15%	20%
Shareholder B	20%	40%	10%
Shareholder C	10%	40%	35%
Shareholder D	10%	5%	35%



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	Company 1	Company 2
Shareholder A	50%	50%
Shareholder B	50%	50%



## **Associated Companies Examples**

	Not associated	d		Associated	
	Company 1	Company 2		Company 1	Company 2
Taxable Profit	£ 100,000	£ 10,000	Taxable Profit	£ 100,000	£ 10,000
Taxed at 19%	£ 50,000	£ 10,000	Taxed at 19%	£ 25,000	£ 10,000
Taxed at 26.5%	£ 50,000	£ -	Taxed at 26.5%	£ 75,000	£ -
Tax payable	£ 22,750	£ 1,900	Tax payable	£ 24,625	£ 1,900
		£ 24,650			£ 26,525
				Extra	£ 1,875



## **Associated Companies Examples**

	Not associated					Associated			
	Co	ompany 1	Co	mpany 2		Co	ompany 1	Cor	mpany 2
Taxable Profit	£	100,000	£	10,000	Taxable Profit	£	110,000		
Taxed at 19%	£	50,000	£	10,000	Taxed at 19%	£	25,000		
Taxed at 26.5%	£	50,000	£	-	Taxed at 26.5%	£	85,000	£	-
Tax payable	£	22,750	£	1,900	Tax payable	£	27,275	£	-
			£	24,650				£	27,275
						Ext	tra	£	2,625

#### Control?!



At any time during the tax year.

 So, check dates for share sale or purchase and liquidations/Strike off

## Ignore



- Non Trading Companies
- Dormant Companies
- Group Holding Companies are often non trading, but if they have income in the form of Dividends, the whole of this income must be distributed to its shareholders in the form of dividends for it to be ignored as an Associated company
- No chargeable gain
- No management expenses



#### One to One time is available



#### **VAT** registration and Rules

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

10am





#### **Employing People**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

10am







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