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Main features of the 2025 Tax Plan

1. Corporate income tax

- Earnings stripping measure percentage increased to 25% of the EBITDA for tax purposes.
- Threshold of € 1 million in earnings stripping measure canceled for real estate entities with property leased to third parties.
- Exemption from debt relief income tax amended in connection with overlap loss set-off.
- Qualifying Pillar 2 additional tax counts for subject-to-tax test in anti-abuse provisions.
- Source exemption for profit from disregarded permanent establishment, insofar as that profit is taxed in the other state.
- End of donation deduction for corporate income tax purposes.
- GAAR ('General Anti-Abuse Rule') in ATAD1 enshrined in law.

- Changes to adjusted acquisition cost and holding company rule in liquidation loss scheme.
- Technical changes in connection with Legal Forms Tax Qualification Policy Act.

2. Withholding taxes

- Repurchase tax relief in dividend tax retained.
- Cooperating group for withholding tax purposes replaced by qualifying unit.
- Optional withholding exemption in dividend tax will be replaced by mandatory exemption.
- Clarification that registration date for dividend tax purposes only determines *when* dividend is received, not by whom.

3. Minimum tax

- Various elements from the 2023 administrative guidelines to be included in the Minimum Tax Act 2024, mostly with retroactive effect to December 31, 2023.

4. Personal income tax

- Rate up to and including € 38,441 increased to 35.82%. Thereafter 37.48% up to and including € 76,817. Above € 76,817 rate is 49.50%.
- Top Box 2 rate back to 31% as of 2025.
- 'Donations by the company' rules to end as of 2025.
- Part of general tax credit to be paid to second-income partner.

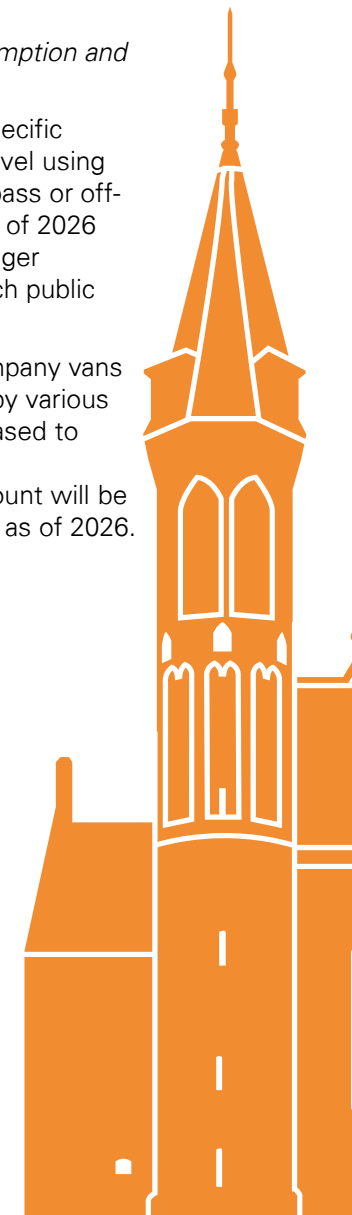
5. Payroll taxes and social security contributions

30% ruling

- Scaling back of 30% ruling will largely be reversed. As of 2027 maximum tax-free allowance set at 27%.
- For 2025 and 2026 the allowance for incoming employees stays at 30%.
- Transitional rules for employees who were already using 30% ruling before 2024.

Public transport exemption and company van

- Clarification of specific exemption for travel using public transport pass or off-peak pass and as of 2026 exemption no longer restricted to Dutch public transport.
- Final levy for company vans used constantly by various employees increased to € 438 per annum (was € 300). Amount will be inflation adjusted as of 2026.





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6. VAT

- Reduced VAT rate for accommodation to end as of 2026.
- Reduced VAT rate for many cultural goods and services to end as of 2026.
- VAT deduction on immovable property services for immovable property taken into use as of 2026 must be revised if necessary over a 4-year period after taken into use.

7. Procedural law amendments

- Objection, appeal and cassation appeals possible against decision by Netherlands Enterprise Agency on MIA and VAMIL.
- Expansion of cases in which extended additional tax assessment deadline applies for tax credit that should not have been granted.

- Penalty provisions General Customs Act brought into line with penalty provisions General Taxes Act.
- Will now be possible to set different rates for interest on tax due and the interest to be refunded by an Order in Council.
- From now on, extended deadline for penalties for taxpayers and withholding agents will also apply to co-perpetrators, perpetrators, instigators and accomplices.

8. Business succession schemes

- As of 2026 business succession schemes only for 5% interest in 'ordinary shares'. Class shares no longer qualify. Dilution arrangement retained.
- Relaxation of holding period for reorganizations, relaxation of and shortened continuance period after three years.

- Longer holding period for elderly people who start or acquire a business.
- Business succession scheme carousel tackled.
- Effective date of expanded dilution arrangement and introduction of family rules for minor interests postponed until Royal Decree and approval by European Commission.

9. Real estate transfer tax

- Real estate transfer tax rates adjusted, expanded and examined. 8% rate for homes of investors will not take effect until 2026.

10. Taxes and the environment

- Energy tax on natural gas reduced.
- Energy tax reduction increased.
- Introduction of separate energy tax rate for hydrogen.
- End of netting scheme for low-volume users (2027).

- Changes in CO₂ tax on industrial emissions waste incineration plants.
- Waste tax reduced.
- Coal tax exemptions to end.
- Changes to climate measures for glasshouse horticulture.

11. Tax Plan miscellaneous

- Various provisions adapted to be in line with simplified direct side-step merger.

