

Landfill Tax

Waste legislation can be complex and difficult to comprehend. Our straight talking, no nonsense guides make it easier to understand how each law affects you. Compliance comes as standard in everything we do, protecting your organisation every step of the way.



1. Overview

Introduced in 1996, the Landfill Tax is designed to encourage a reduction in waste to landfill and is applied to every tonne of waste entering a landfill site. It is paid to HMRC by landfill operators who in turn, pass it on to those that deliver the waste.

2. Are you affected

Any business that produces waste is likely to have an element of landfill tax included in their invoices. The more that is recycled, the less that element should be.

3. Summary

- Landfill Tax is set at three rates – Standard for general waste, inert for waste that is completely inert as described in the Qualifying Materials Order and Exempt for waste used for permanent engineering or from certain processes.
- The Standard Rate is what is applied to general waste from businesses and households.

- This is set at £72/tonne for 2013/14 and will rise by £8/tonne on 1 April 2014, taking it up to £80/tonne in 2014/15.
- The Inert Rate is set at £2.50/tonne with no changes proposed.
- The Exempt rate is £0.
- Since the tax began, the amount of Standard Rate material landfilled in the UK has fallen from around 50m tonnes/year to around 18m tonnes in 2012.

1. What next

There are no declared rises beyond 2014. However, a recent HM Treasury document showing expected tax receipts suggested that the level may rise further from 2014.

1. More information

- HMRC Landfill Tax Guidance