



Pension planning before July's Budget: Is this the last opportunity to maximise additional rate pension tax relief?

In light of the recent Conservative election victory there are still question marks over the continuation of higher rate pension tax relief. The Government will be seeking to balance the books and the removal of higher rate relief for very high earners is not as contentious as other proposals.

It is therefore anticipated that anyone with a taxable income over £150,000 pa will lose higher rate tax relief at a rate of 50p of the £40,000 annual allowance for every additional £1 of income over £150,000, up to a point where those earning over £210,000 will have their pension contributions restricted to just £10,000 pa gross. As it is also possible to carry forward unused relief from the previous three tax years, this may be the last opportunity to obtain 45% tax relief on potentially £190,000 of gross pension payment in the current tax year (2015/2016).

We therefore recommend to clients, who are eligible and able to make pension contributions, to do so earlier rather than later and preferably before the July 2015 Budget, although we cannot guarantee that any change will not be retrospectively applied.

Please note that if you have already registered for Enhanced Protection, Fixed Protection or Fixed Protection 2014, any contributions made now will destroy the protection in place. Consequently advice should be sought in all cases.

If you are interested in discussing this issue in relation to your own circumstances, please contact **Sam Whybrow** or **Nick Frid** from Lubbock Fine Wealth Management LLP on 020 7490 7766 or samwhybrow@lfrm.co.uk or nickfrid@lfrm.co.uk.

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