

Accounts liable to DIRT, Company, Pension Scheme and PEPP Provider Deposits

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This document should be read in conjunction with sections 256, 265, and 263F TCA
1997

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1 Introduction

This Manual sets out the:

- Deposit Interest Retention Tax (DIRT) rates that apply to accounts that are liable to DIRT;
- information to be supplied by a company, pension scheme or PEPP Provider to a deposit taker in order to have their deposit interest paid gross (i.e. without the deduction of DIRT).

2 Accounts liable to DIRT [s.256 TCA 1997]

Interest paid or credited to individuals on accounts in respect of which DIRT is charged (i.e. final liability accounts) are liable to tax, on the interest paid or credited, at the rate specified in section 256(1) of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (TCA 1997).

Deposit interest is part of the individual's total income and the deposit interest must be included in the recipient's return of income and may be liable to Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI).

The DIRT rates from 2002 are as follows:

Period	Standard DIRT Rate	Higher DIRT Rate¹
From 1 January 2020	33%	
1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019	35%	
1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018	37%	
1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017	39%	
1 January 2014 to 31 December 2016	41%	
1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013	33%	36%
1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012	30%	33%
1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011	27%	30%
8 April 2009 to 31 December 2010	25%	28%
1 January 2009 to 7 April 2009	23%	26%
1 January 2002 to 31 December 2008	20%	23%

¹ From 2002 to 2013, a higher DIRT rate applied to interest earned on a deposit where the interest could not be calculated annually or more frequently and the interest could not be determined until it was paid. This higher DIRT rate was abolished as and from the 1st January 2014.

3 Companies, Pensions Schemes [s.265 TCA 1997] and PEPP Providers and DIRT

DIRT does not apply to interest on deposit accounts opened by

- companies (chargeable to corporation tax in respect of the interest),
- approved pension schemes/retirement annuity, or
- PEPP providers

provided that the deposit taker has been provided with

- the tax reference number of the company,
- the Superannuation Fund (SF) reference number that has been assigned to the pension scheme by Revenue when the scheme received approval,
- a [declaration](#) in accordance with Section 263F TCA 1997 by the PEPP Provider.