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Ireland Budget 2027: wider tax bands, higher credits and a derelict property tax

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Budget 2027, announced on 6 October 2026, widens the standard rate band to EUR 46,500, raises the main tax credits by EUR 125 and introduces a 7% derelict property tax.

Country reference

- Country: Ireland (planned expansion country)
- Authorities: Department of Finance; Revenue Commissioners
- Topic: Budget 2027: income tax, USC, housing and welfare measures
- Key date: Announced 6 October 2026; most changes from 1 January 2027 via Finance Bill 2026
- Law: Finance Bill 2026; Taxes Consolidation Act 1997

Income tax and USC

- Standard rate band up EUR 2,500 to EUR 46,500 for a single person, with increases for couples.
- Personal, employee and earned income tax credits up EUR 125 to EUR 2,125 each.
- Income tax rates stay at 20% and 40%.
- The 2% USC band ceiling rises from EUR 28,700 to EUR 30,300.
- Rent tax credit up EUR 150 to EUR 1,150 for a single person.

Housing

- Help to Buy maximum up from EUR 30,000 to EUR 35,000, effective immediately.
- Rent-a-room relief up from EUR 14,000 to EUR 16,000 a year from 1 January 2027.
- Derelict property tax: 7% of market value, collected by Revenue, replacing the Derelict Sites Levy; a preliminary national register is due on 1 September 2027.

Employers

- Minimum wage up 79 cent to EUR 14.94 an hour from 1 January 2027.
- Employer PRSI threshold up from EUR 552 to EUR 600 a week for 2027.
- Employers will be able to choose between real-time and monthly payroll reporting, according to PwC.
- Professional services withholding tax will move from a flat 20% to personalised rates, per PwC.

What to do now

- Update payroll for the new bands, credits and USC limits from 1 January 2027.
- Budget for the higher minimum wage and PRSI threshold.
- Owners of vacant or derelict property: review the new tax exposure before the register is published.

Our take

A steady, broad package: more take-home pay, more help for housing and a stick for dereliction. For employers, the practical work is the January payroll update.

Sources

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- Department of Finance: Statement by the Minister for Finance on Budget 2027
- PwC Ireland: Budget 2027 key measures

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