



Claiming income tax relief on your VCT shares

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Key tax benefits

- Up to 30% income tax relief on the amount invested as long as the shares are held for at least five years. The income tax relief claimed cannot exceed the amount of tax due.
- When the VCT pays dividends, there's no tax to pay, and you don't have to declare them on your tax return.
- Tax-free capital gains on the sale of the shares: If the value of the shares increases, you won't be liable for capital gains tax when you sell them; any growth is tax free.

Key investor risks

- The value of an investment, and any income from it, could fall or rise. You may not get back the full amount you invest.
- Tax treatment depends on your circumstances and may change in the future. Tax reliefs depend on the VCT maintaining its VCT-qualifying status.
- Investing in smaller companies is considered a high-risk investment. They can fall or rise in value much more sharply than shares in larger, more established companies. They also have a higher rate of failure and may be harder to sell.

Important information

For UK investors only.

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