



National Savings

NATIONAL SAVINGS FIRST OPTION BONDS – NEW INTEREST RATE

On and from 23rd December 1998, the guaranteed gross interest rate for the first year a Bond is held will be 5.25% pa. Assuming a rate of tax of 20%, the net rate credited to a Bond will be 4.2% pa. Bonds of £20,000 or more also earn bonus interest of 0.25% pa gross (0.2% net).

Fixed Interest National Savings Certificates – New Issue

48th Issue Savings Certificates went on sale on 31st December 1998. They will grow in value at a guaranteed rate each year as follows:

Year 1	3.2%
Year 2	3.3%
Year 3	3.4%
Year 4	3.6%
Year 5	4.01%

If a Certificate is held for five years, these rates will give a tax-free and guaranteed return equal to 3.5% per annum compound.

Index-linked National Savings Certificates – New Issue

15th Index-linked Issue Savings Certificates went on sale on 31st December 1998. The value of a Certificate will move in line with the rate of inflation as measured by the Retail Prices Index, plus Extra Interest as follows:

Purchase price	+ Index-linking for year 1	+ 1% of Purchase price	= 1st Anniversary Value
1st Anniversary Value	+ Index-linking for year 2	+ 1.2% of 1st Anniversary Value	= 2nd Anniversary Value
2nd anniversary Value	+ Index-linking for year 3	+ 1.4% of 2nd Anniversary Value	= 3rd Anniversary Value
3rd Anniversary Value	+ Index-linking for year 4	+ 1.9% of 3rd Anniversary Value	= 4th Anniversary Value
4th Anniversary Value	+ Index-linking for year 5	+ 2.76% of 4th Anniversary Value	= 5th Anniversary Value

If a Certificate is held for five years, these rates will give a tax-free and guaranteed return equal to 1.65% per annum compound in addition to index-linking.

National Savings Capital Bonds – New Series

Series N Capital Bonds went on sale on 31st December 1998. Bonds held for five years will grow in value at a guaranteed rate each year as follows:

Year 1	4.0%
Year 2	4.2%
Year 3	4.5%
Year 4	4.75%
Year 5	5.06%

These rates will give a guaranteed return equal to 4.5% per annum compound. The interest is credited gross and is taxable.

National Savings Children's Bonus Bonds – New Issue

Issue L Children's Bonus bonds went on sale on 31st December 1998. For the first five years each £25 unit will earn interest at 3.5% per annum compound. On the fifth anniversary of purchase it also earns a bonus of £1.46 (5.84% of purchase price). At these rates a Bond will earn a tax-free return equal to 4.5% per annum compound over the first five years.

National Savings Pensioners Guaranteed Income Bonds – New Series
Series 7 Pensioners Guaranteed Income Bonds went on sale on 31st December 1998. The interest rate, fixed and guaranteed for the first five years a Bond is held, is 4.5% per annum. The interest is paid gross and is taxable.

National Savings Investment Accounts – Notice of New Interest Rates

On and from 14th January 1999, the variable gross rates of interest payable on Investment Accounts will be as follows:

Balance in Account	Rate of Interest
up to £499.99	4.2% pa
£500 to £2,499.99	4.4% pa
£2,500 to £4,999.99	4.6% pa
£5,000 to £9,999.99	4.8% pa
£10,000 to £24,999.99	5.0% pa
£25,000 to £49,999.99	5.25% pa
£50,000 and above	5.75% pa

National Savings Treasurer's Accounts – Notice of New Interest Rates

On and from 14th January 1999, the variable gross rates of interest payable on Treasurer's Accounts will be as follows:

£10,000 to £24,999.99	5.0% pa
£25,000 to £99,999.99	5.25% pa
£100,000 and above	5.75% pa

National Savings Ordinary Accounts – Notice of New Interest Rates

On and from 1st February 1999, the variable rates of interest payable on Ordinary Accounts will be as follows:

Standard rate	1.75% pa
Higher rate	2.0% pa

The Higher rate of interest is paid for each complete calendar month that £500 or more is in the Account.

New General Extension Rate

On and from 1st February 1999, the variable rate of interest for National Savings Certificates (including Yearly Plan Certificates) earning the General Extension Rate will be 3.0% pa tax-free.

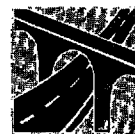
National Savings Income Bonds – Notice of New Interest Rate

On and from 3rd February 1999, the variable "Treasury Rate" of interest payable on Income Bonds will be 5.75% pa gross. The bonus rate for bonds held under the same register number with a total capital value of at least £25,000 will be 0.25% pa gross.

National Savings Deposit Bonds – Notice of New Interest Rate

On and from 3rd February 1999, the rate of interest payable on Deposit Bonds will be 5.25% pa gross.

Issued by National Savings on behalf of the Treasury.



Roads (NI) Order

ROADS Service

Notice is given that the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland -

made on 18th December 1998 an Order entitled Roads (Speed Limit) (No. 11) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998 (S.R. 1998 No. 450) which came into operation on 28th December 1998. The Order applies a 20 mph speed limit to roads and lengths of road in the Ardoyne and Ballymurphy areas of Belfast; a 40 mph speed limit to parts of Portadown Road, Armagh; Broughshane Road, Galgorm Road and Raceview Road, Ballymena; Hillhead Road and Moyola Road, Castledawson; Bells Lane, Belsize Road, Hillsborough Road and Sprucefield Roundabout, Lisburn and Coolkeeran Road, Loughguile; restricts to 30 mph the speed limit on part of Old Road, Mayobridge and de-restricts part of Raceview Road, Ballymena.

made on 21st December 1998 the Off-Street Parking (Amendment No. 6) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998 (S.R. 1998 No. 452) which will come into operation on 11th January 1999.

The Order—

- imposes the conditions of use specified in the Off-Street Parking Order (Northern Ireland) 1997 on the car parks at Dunsilly Roundabout, Antrim, and Anne Street East, Dungannon;
- introduces charging Monday to Saturday in the car parks at Harrier Way and Market Square, Ballyclare, and Anne Street East, Dungannon;
- allows buses to park in the car park at Railway Station, Limavady;
- makes provision for season tickets within tariff TPB (Park and Ride); and
- amends the Order to remove reference to the car parks at 24-30 Ormeau Avenue, Belfast, and Main Street, Toome as they have now closed, and change the name of the car park currently called Anne Street, Dungannon.

made on 22nd December 1998 the On-Street Parking (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998 (S.R. 1998 No. 454) which will come into operation on 1st March 1999. The Order amends Parts 1 and 3 of Schedule 1 to the On-Street Parking Order (Northern Ireland) 1998 by the addition of the items in the Schedule and changes the hours of operation for parking places at Donegall Quay, Dublin Road (West Side), Great Victoria Street, from Hope Street to Fisherwick Place and Oxford Street (West Side), from Ann Street to Townhall Street. Copies of the Orders may be obtained from Room 2-25, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GB.