

# P11D Working Sheet 4 Interest-free and low interest loans 2011–12

# **Note to employer**

You do not have to use this form but you may find it a useful way to calculate the cash equivalent if you provided interest-free or low interest loans for a director, or an employee who earned at a rate of £8,500 or more during the year 2011–12 (that is 6 April 2011 to 5 April 2012).

Read the P11D(Guide) before you complete this form. Enter details of non-qualifying loans made to, or arranged for, a director or employee (or for any of his or her relatives) on which no interest was paid, or on which the amount of interest paid was less than interest at the official rate. Include 'notional loan' benefits of shares acquired by the director or employee at undervalue.

As a guide to whether a loan needs to be reported on the form P11D, see booklet 480.

If you use this form you must also fill in forms P11D and P11D(b) Return of Class 1A National Insurance contributions due. Booklet CWG5(2012) Class 1A National Insurance contributions on benefits in kind gives more information. You are advised to keep a copy of each completed working sheet as it could help you to deal with enquiries. You do not have to give a copy of the completed working sheet to the director or employee, or to your HM Revenue & Customs office.

The term employee is used to cover both directors and employees throughout the rest of this form.

<b>Employer details</b> Employer name	Employee details Employee name  Surname				
Employer PAYE reference	First name(s)				
	Works number or department	National Insurance number			

# The loans

If the total amount outstanding on all the loans is not more than £5,000 at any time in the year, there is no need to complete this working sheet or Section  $\mathbf{H}$  of form P11D.

You may find it helpful to complete the table below to identify:

- other small exempt loans
- for directors of close companies only, non-qualifying loans which may be treated as a single loan for the purpose of calculating the benefit.

	Loan 1	Loan 2	Loan 3	Loan 4	Loan 5
Maximum balance outstanding at any time in the year					
Currency if other than sterling					

If you know that the total amount outstanding on all non-qualifying loans does not exceed £5,000 at any time in the year, ignore such loans when completing the remainder of this working sheet and Section  $\mathbf{H}$  of form P11D.

If you are a close company and the borrower is one of the company's directors, you can elect to treat all loans which are:

- in the same currency
- non-qualifying
- owing at the same time

as a single loan.

You can make the election by showing all such loans as a single loan in Section **H** on the form P11D. Please note that if you make the election and do not include all such loans within the single loan, you will be making an incorrect return.

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#### Official rates of interest

To calculate the cash equivalent of a loan you will need to know:

- the average official rate of interest for the year ended 5 April 2012 for loans made in sterling (or if the loan was outstanding for less than the full year, the average official rate of interest for the part of the year during which the loan existed)
- the official rate for Japanese Yen or Swiss Francs where the loan was made in one of those currencies and the conditions in paragraph 17.5 of booklet 480 are met.

Note: Where the official rate of interest remains unchanged throughout a whole tax year, the average official rate of interest will be the same as the official rate even if the loan is only in place for part of the tax year. For details of the official rate of interest for 2011–12 for loans made in sterling, go to

### www.hmrc.gov.uk/rates/interest-beneficial.htm

Form P11D(INT) is available from the Employer Orderline (phone **08457 646 646**) and it gives details of the official rates of interest for 2011–12. The official interest rates for loans in currencies other than sterling up to early November 2011 are printed in booklet 480, but later changes are not known until the end of the tax year. You can also get details of the official rates of interest from your HM Revenue & Customs office.

## Calculating the cash equivalent

Use the formula below for each loan separately except where an election has been made to treat a director's loans as a single loan.

		Loan 1	Loan 2	Loan 3	Loan 4	Loan 5
A	Maximum balance on either 5 April 2011 or the date the loan was taken out, whichever is later					
В	Maximum balance on earlier of day loan was discharged or 5 April 2012					
c	Total (A + B)					
D	Divide <b>C</b> by 2					
E	Number of complete tax months in tax year (6th of month to 5th of following month) throughout which loan was owing					
F	Multiply <b>D</b> by <b>E</b> , then divide by 12					
G	Official rate of interest	%	%	%	%	%
н	Multiply <b>F</b> by <b>G</b>					
J	Enter interest paid in 2011–12					
K	Cash equivalent of loans H minus J					

The figures at K are the amounts to be entered in Section H box 15 on form P11D.

If the employee has more than two loans, you can write 'see attached' in Section H box 15 and attach a copy of this working sheet. But you must remember to add together the cash equivalents of all the loans for the purpose of calculating the total benefits liable to Class 1A NICs when completing form P11D(b) *Return of Class 1A National Insurance contributions due.* 

Employees may elect for a more complex but accurate method of calculating the benefit from interest-free or low interest loans. Employers are not responsible for providing such a calculation.