

Taxes in the Baltic States



Labour taxes



Labour taxes and the minimum wage in the Baltic States 2023-2025

		Latvia			Estonia			Lithuania						
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025					
Minimum wage, euro per month	620	700	740	725	820	886	840	924	1 038					
Personal Income Tax (PIT) rates														
- income up to 20'004 <i>euro per year</i>	20) %												
- income between 20'004 euro per year and SSC ceiling	23	3%	25.5%	20%		20% 22%		20% 22%		25.5% 20% 22%			20%	
- income above SSC ceiling ¹	31	.%	33%				32%							
Social Security Contributions (SSC) rate ² , including:		34.09%		37.4% ³			21.29 % ⁴							
- employer rate		23.59%		33.8%			1.79% ⁵							
- employee rate		10.5%			3.6%		19.50%							
SSC «cap»(ceiling) ⁶ , euro per year	78	100	105 300	-		101 094	114 162	126 533						
Solidarity tax rate (for income above SSC ceiling)	25%		-		-									

¹ In Latvia the 31% tax rate (in 2023-2024), the 33% tax rate (in 2025) is applied to income above SSC ceiling - in 2023 - 2024 78,100 euro per year, in 2025 105,300 euro per year

In Lithuania the 32% tax rate is applied to incomes above SSC ceiling: in 2025 - 126,533 euro per year, in 2024 - 114,162 euro per year, in 2023 - 101,094 euro per year

² SSC rate includes health insurance: in **Latvia** from 2018 - **1%** (employer rate 0.5 % and employee rate 0.5%), in **Lithuania** - **6.98%** (employee payment), in **Estonia** - **13%** (employer payment).

³ In **Estonia** SSC rate includes: **33%** social tax and **4.4%** other payments.

⁴ In **Lithuania** SSC rate includes: **20.97%** social tax and **0.32%** other payments.

⁵ In **Lithuania**: employers' social contributions includes: 1.31% insurance of unemployment, 0,16% general insurance against accidents at work and occupational diseases, and between 0.14% and 1.4% depending on the categories into which the company is classified according to its occupational safety and health performance. Additional employer payment 0.16% to the Guarantee fund and 0.16% to the long-term work benefit fund (total employer payment in general 1.79%).

⁶ In **Lithuania**, the SSC cap refers only to the employee's social security contributions. Above the SSC cap, the employee pays 6.98% for health insurance. The SSC cap does not refer to the employer. In **Estonia**, the SSC cap is applied only to self-employed persons - 87,000 euro per year in 2023, 98,400 euro per year in 2024 and 106,320 euro per year in 2025.



Personal income tax allowances in the Baltic states 2023-2025

		Latvia			Estonia			Lithuania		
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	
Differentiated non-taxable minimum (DNM) ¹ , euro per month	500		500		654		625 ²	747 ²	747 ²	
- income up to which DNM is applied in full amont, <i>euro per month</i>	5(500			1 200		840	924	1 038	
- income above which DNM is not applied, <i>euro per month</i>	1 800			2 100		2 864				
Non-taxable minimum (NM), euro per month	,	-	510	-			-			
Allowance for dependants, euro per month		250		154 (from 2nd child) 254 (from 3rd child)	-	•		0 ³		
Non-taxable minimum for a pensioner, euro per month	50	00	1 000	704 ⁴ 776 ⁴		-				
Allowance for disabled individuals: euro per month										
- persons with group III disability		120					935	10	57	
- persons with group I and II disability		154			-		1 005	1 1	27	

¹ The applicable differentiated non-taxable minimum depends on the income level, in **Lithuania** it is applied from 2009, in **Estonia** from 2018, in **Latvia** it was applied from 2016 till 2024. From 2025 in **Latvia** the differentiated non-taxable minimum has been replaced by the fixed non-taxable minimum.

² In **Lithuania** from 2022 DNM formula is applied in two ways: in 2023 for income up to 1,926 euro per month, in 2024 for income up to 2,387.29 euro per mont the new formula is applied, but for income more than the amounts mentioned before, the 2021 formula of non-taxable amount is applied.

³ In **Lithuania** from 2018 the allowance for dependants was abolished, replacing it with the State family benefit.

⁴ In **Estonia** from 2023 pensioners have a fixed non-taxable minimum (before it was differentiated).



Distribution of Social security contribution rate in the Baltic States in 2023 - 2025

	Latvia 2023-2025	Estonia 2023-2025	Lithuania 2023-2025
Total Social Security Contribution rate	34.09%	37.4% ¹	21.29% ²
Employer rate, including:	23.59%	33.8%	1.79%
-pension insurance	16.68%	20.0% ³	-
-health care insurance	0.50%	13.0%	-
-unemployment insurance	1.12%	0.8% (not social tax)	1.31%
-maternity and sickness insurance	2.42%	-	-
-accidents at work and occupational disease insurance	0.46%	-	0.16%4
-disability insurance	1.60%	-	-
-parental insurance	0.81%	-	-
-other contributions (not social tax)	-	-	0.32% (not social tax) 5
Employee rate, including:	10.5%	3.6%	19.50%
-pension insurance	7.23%	2.0% (not social tax)	8.72%
-health care insurance	0.50%	-	6.98%
-unemployment insurance	0.48%	1.6% (not social tax)	-
-accidents at work and occupational disease insurance	0.20%	-	-
-disability insurance	0.69%	-	-
-maternity and sickness insurance	1.05%	-	3.80%
-parental insurance	0.35%	-	-

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² In Lithuania SSC rate includes: **20.97%** social tax and **0.32%** other payments

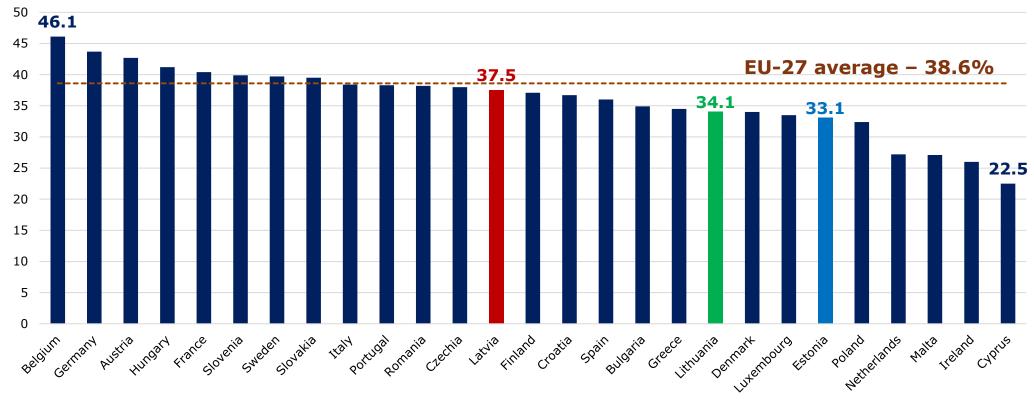
³ In **Estonia**, if a person has joined the 2nd pillar of pension insurance 16% are accrued to the pension insurance fund and 4% to the 2nd pillar pension fund

In **Lithuania** the total rate of state social securtity contributions for accidents at work and occupational diseases differs. In 2025-2025 the general contribution rate is 0.16%, Category I - 0.14%, Category II -0.54% (2023), 0.46% (2024), 0.43% (2025), Category III - 0.7, Category IV - 1.4%.

⁵ In **Lithuania** the employer shall make other social contributions - 0.16% to the Guarantee Fund and 0.16% to the long-term employment benefit fund.



Labour tax wedge in EU countries in 2023

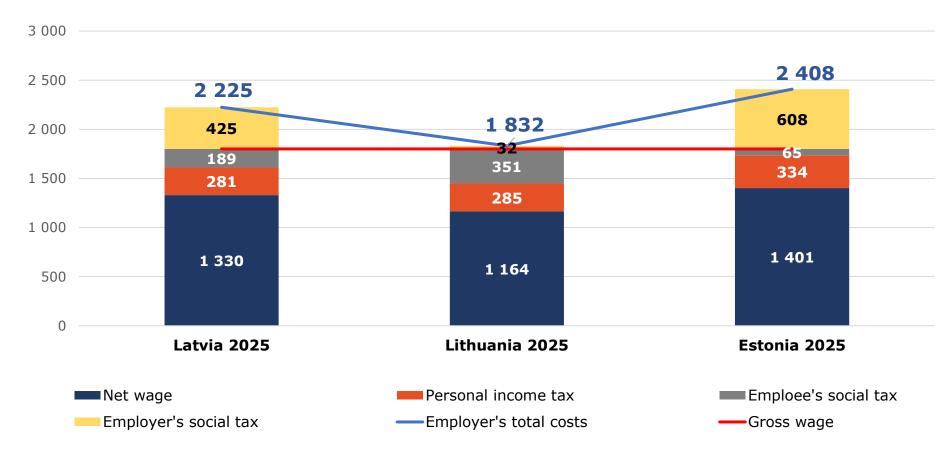


Source: Eurostat data – single person without children earning income 67% of the average wage



Wage structure in the Baltic states in 2025

(with gross wage 1 800 euro per month, without dependents)



Source: Calculations of the Ministry of Finance



Corporate Income Tax and Micro-enterprise Tax



Corporate Income Tax (CIT) and Micro-enterprise Tax rates in the Baltic states in 2023 - 2025

	La	tvia	Eston	ia	Lithuania					
	2023	2024 - 2025	2023-2024	2025	2023-2024	2025				
CIT water	20	% ¹	20% / 14% ²	22%	5% ⁴ /	6% ⁴ /				
CIT rate	(20)	/80) ³	$(20/80)^3$	$(22/78)^3$	15% ⁵	16% ⁵				
Microenterprise tax rates and turnover threshold ⁶										
Tax rate	25%		20%							
- If turnover per year is (euro)	Up to 25 000	350/	Up to 25 000	200/						
Tax rate of excess	40%	25%	40%	20%	_					
- If turnover per year is (euro)	Above 25 000		Above 25 000							

- 1 In **Latvia**, the **CIT system** provides that a tax of 20% is paid at the time of **profit distribution** (costs that <u>are not</u> invested in the development of the company, including dividends, expenses not related to economic activity, representation costs that exceed the specified amount, etc.). The undistributed (reinvested) profit is not taxed with CIT. From 1 January 2024, credit institutions and consumer credit providers pay an annual CIT surcharge of 20%, regardless of whether or not profits are distributed.
- 2 In **Estonia** companies that regularly distribute profits till 2024 had the opportunity to apply the reduced CIT rate. If the company used the special CIT rate of 14% and the dividend recipient was a natural person, a tax of 7% was withheld at the time of payment. Its purpose was to prevent salary payments in the form of dividends.
- 3 In 2023 -2024 Estonia and Latvia had the same the CIT system the taxable base was divided by a coefficient of 0.8. From 2025 in Estonia the taxable base is divided by a coefficient of 0.78.
- 4 In Lithuania, the reduced CIT rate 5% in 2023 2024, 6% in 2025 is applicable, if the average number of employees does not exceed 10 and the income during the tax period does not exceed EUR 300 000.
- 5 In **Lithuania**, the CIT is applied to the earned profit, not as in Latvia and Estonia to the distributed profit.
- In **Latvia** the micro-enterprise tax is calculated from the turnover which is the revenue from economic activity. In **Estonia** as of 2018 simplified tax regime for small entrepreneurs (individuals) using a special enterpise account in the bank was introduced. The bank automatically transfers 20% of the received income to the Tax and Customs Board to the income tax, social tax and funded pension contributions. The tax base is the gross income from selling goods and providing services.



Value Added Tax



Value Added Tax rates and registration threshold in the Baltic States in 2023 - 2025

		Latvia	Esto	onia	Lithuania
	2023	2024-2025	2023-2024	2025	2022-2024
VAT rate, %		21%	20% 22% (from 01.01.2024.)	22% 24% (from 01.07.2025.)	21%
Reduced rates,%, including:	5	5/12%	5/9%	9/13%	5/9%
- medication and medical devices		12%	90	%	5% ¹
- books (including electronic books)		5%	90	%	9% ²
 electronic publications (newspapers and periodical publications) 		5%	5%	9%	5%
- newspapers and periodicals		5%	5%	9%	5%
- accommodation services		12%	9%	13%	9%
- public transport		12%	-	-	9%
- thermal energy supplies for inhabitants ³		12%	-	-	9%
- wood as heating for inhabitants		12%	-	-	9%
- special foods for infants		12%	-		-
- vegetables, berries and fruits	5%	12%	-	-	-
- catering services and take-away food					9% (01.07.2021 31.12.2023.)
- attendance at all types of artistic and cultural institutions, sports events and sport clubs			-	-	9% ⁴
- performance services provided by performers (actors, singers, musicians, conductors, dancers and other)	Not taxable				9% (01.07.2021 30.06.2023.)
VAT registration threshold, domestic transaction value of 12 months, euro	40 000	50 000	40 (000	45 000

¹ In **Lithuania** only for precsription medicine

² In **Lithuania** for electronic books and electronic non-periodicals from 2023

³In **Latvia** and **Lithuania** also for hot water supplies for housing

⁴In **Lithuania** for sport event attendace 01.07.2021. - 30.06.2023.



Excise duty and **Electricity tax**



Excise duty rates for Oil products in the Baltic States in 2023 - 2025

Oil products	EU min.	Latvi	a		Estonia			Lithuania	
Oil products	rate	2023-2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
Unleaded petrol, euro per 1000 litres	359	509	532	5	563		466		513
Leaded petrol, euro per 1000 litres	421	594	617	5	563		579	9.24	626.24
Gas oil/Diesel fuel, euro per 1000 litres	330	414	440.5	372	399 (from 01.05.)	428 (from 01.05.)	372	410	519.6
Diesel fuel used in free ports and special economic zones, euro per 1000 litres	21	60/148 ¹	236	372	399 (from 01.05.)	428 (from 01.05.)	372	410	519.6
Liquefied petroleum gases (LPG), euro per 1000 kg	125	285	314	193			30	4.1	370.9
Liquefied petroleum gases for heating, euro per 1000 kg	0	0	44	55	65.01 (from 01.05.)	79.91 (from 01.05.)	0	304.1 (01.01-29.02.) 13 (from 01.03)	for non- business 79.8 for business
Kerosene, euro per 1000 litres	330	414	439		330.1		330.17	383	.77
Heavy fuel oil, euro per 1000 kg	15	15.65	67.5		58		15	.06	83.66
Fuel for heating, euro per 1000 litres	21	60	108.5	372 ²	399 ² (from 01.05.)	428 ² (from 01.05.)	21.14	60	113.6 128.6
Gas oil for agriculture, gardening, fish farming ³ , euro per 1000 litres	21	62.1	66.08	21			6	60	85

¹ In **Latvia** starting from 1 March 2024 for fuel used in free ports and special economic zones

² In **Estonia** only diesel fuel, which is used for heating

³ In **Latvia** from July 1, 2016 this rate is applied to limited amount of gas oil: from 60 to 130 liters (depending on the type of crop) per hectare in the current financial year (from July 1 to June 30). In **Lithuania**, the maximum amount of gas oil is limited. In **Estonia** only for use in agriculture.



Excise duty rates for Alcoholic beverages in the Baltic States in 2023 - 2025

Alcoholic beverages ²		Latvia ¹			Estonia		Lithuania		
Alcoholic beverages	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
Beer, euro per each % vol. of absolute alcohol, per 100 litres	8.2	9.0	9.8	12.7	13.34	14.0	8.6	9.46	10.97
Minimum amount of duty for beer, euro per 100 litres	15.2	16.7	18.1						
Small brewery beer ³ , euro per each % vol. of absolute alcohol, per 100 litres	4.1	4.5	4.9	6.35	6.67	7.0	4.3	4.73	5.49
Minimum amount of duty for beer, euro per 100 litres	15.2	16.7	18.1						
Wine, euro per 100 litres - up to 6 % vol. of absolute alcohol	111	122	134	63.35	66.52	69.84	93 ⁴	109 ⁴	127 ⁴
- above to 6 % vol. of absolute alcohol				147.82	155.21	162.97	199 ⁵	219 ⁵	254 ⁵
Fermented beverages, euro per 100 litres - up to 6 % vol. of absolute alcohol	64	70	77	63.35	66.52	69.84	93 ⁴	109 ⁴	127 ⁴
- above to 6 % vol. of absolute alcohol	111	122	134	147.82	155.21	162.97	199 ⁵	219 ⁵	254 ⁵
Intermediate products, euro per 1000 litres									
- up to 15 % vol. of absolute alcohol	111	122	159	200 20	202.0	040.0	216	234	292
- between 15 and 22 % vol. of absolute alcohol	185	203	264	289.33	303.8	319.0	308	333	370
Other alcohol, euro per 100 l of absolute alcohol	1 724	1 862	1 955	1 881	1 975	2 074	2 310	2 467	2 778

¹ In **Latvia** alcohol rates are changed on March 1 of the urrent taxation year

² In Latvia, reduced rates (50% of the basic rate) are applied to all alcoholic beverages produced by small producers of alcoholic beverages (applicable to wine, fermented beverages and intermediate products from 01.07.2022), in Lithuania and Estonia - only to beer produced by small breweries

In **Latvia** and **Lithuania** for first 10 000 hl per year, in **Estonia** – 15 000 hl of beer annually

In **Lithuania**, the rate is applied for wine and fermented beverages with an absolute alcohol content up to 8.5% vol.

In **Lithuania**, the rate is applied for wine and fermented beverages with an absolute alcohol content above 8.5% vol.



Excise duty rates for tobacco products and similar products by use in the Baltic States in 2023-2025

Dundund		Latvia ¹			Estor	nia	Lithuania			
Product	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	
Cigarettes										
- specific excise rate, euro per 1000 items	104.0	119.6	131.6	96.3	100.5	106.0/111.5 (from 01.07.)	79.6	85.3	92.6	
- % of the maximum retail price (Ad valorem)		15%			30%			25%		
- minimum rate, euro per 1000 items	135.9	156.3	171.9	160.5	169.1	177.7/186.7 (from 01.07.)	130	138	149.7	
Cigars and cigarillos ² , euro per 1000 items (LT per 1kg)	126.7	164.7	202.7	10% + 151 minimum rate 211,0	10% + 151 minimum rate 222,0	10% + 151 minimum rate 233.0/244.0 (from 01.07.)	79	95	109.7	
Smoking tobacco (finely sliced and other), euro per 1 kg	91.9	105.7	116.3	107	112.4	118/124.0 (from 01.07.)	104,6	112,8	123.5	
Tobacco leaves ³ , euro per 1 kg	91.9	105.7	116.3		-		104.6	112.8	123.5	
Heated tobacco ⁴ , euro per 1 kg	218	251	276	107	112.4	118/124.0 (from 01.07.)	60.2	79.5	89.4	
Tobacco substitute products ⁵ , euro per 1kg	120	138	151.8	107	107 112.4 1		-			
Liquid for use in electronic smoking devices and components for its preparation, euro per 1 ml of liquid	0.2	0.24	0.29	0.2	0.21	0.22/0.23 (from 01.07.)	0.19	0.25	0.63	

¹ In **Latvia** rates effective from 1 March

² In **Lithuania** the rate applies per 1000 grams of cigars or cigarillos

³ In **Lithuania** raw tobacco. Raw tobacco shall be exempt from excise duty if it is received from another Member State, produced in Lithuania, imported, acquired in Lithuania, lost by a person holding an authorization issued in accordance with the procedure established by the Central Tax Administrator.

⁴ In **Lithuania** per 1000 units

⁵ In **Estonia** defined as solid tobacco substitute, including heated tobacco and nicotine pads (such as "white snus")



Excise duty rates for Natural Gas in the Baltic States in 2023 - 2025

For comparability, Excise duty rates are presented per megawatt-hour (MWh)

Natural gas, euro per MWh	Latvi		Lithuania			
	2023-2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023-2025
Used as propellant	1.91 ¹	3.63 ¹		4.46 ²	4.66 ²	
Used as propellant , if the natural gas trader has reached the de minimis threshold for State aid		9.64 (from 01.03.2024.)		(from 01.05.)	(from 01.05.)	0
Used as heating for non-bussiness						1.08
Used as heating for bussiness	1.65	3.8	3.85 ³	5.10 ³	6.02 ³	
Used as heating for industrial production	0.55	2.57		(from 01.05.)	(from 01.05.)	0.54
Used as heating in agriculture	0.55	0.85				
Used in energy-intensive businesses	1.65	2.08 ⁴	1.0)9 ⁵	1.21 ⁵	

¹ In Latvia the reduced excise duty rate is set for the period from 2021 to 2025. From 2026, a rate 13.45 EUR per MWh will be applied

² In **Estonia** excise duty rate for Natural Gas used as fuel from May 1, 2020 is **40.0** euro per 1000 m³, from May 1, 2024 **41.83** euro per 1000 m³, from May 1, 2025 **43.66** euro per m³

³ In **Estonia** excise duty rate for Natural Gas used for heating, from May 1, 2020 is **40.0** euro per 1000 m³, from May 1, 2024 **47.81** euro per 1000 m³, from May 1, 2025 **56.42** euro per 1000 m³

⁴ In Latvia excise duty rate for natural gas used in installations the operator of which is a participant in the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme.

⁵ In **Estonia** excise duty rate for Natural Gas for a company, which has intensive consumption of natural gas from January 1, 2019 is **11.3** euro per 1000 m³



Electricity tax and excise duty rates for electricity in the Baltic States in 2023 - 2025

	Electricity tax	Excise duty					
Electricity, euro par MWh	Latvia		Estonia	Lithuania			
	2023 - 2025	2023	2024	2025	2023-2025		
Electricity supplied to:							
- non-business	exempted	1.0	1.45	2.10	1.01		
- business		1.0	(from 01.05.)	(from 01.05.)			
For use in energy-intensive companies	1.01		0.50	0.52			



Excise duty for non-alcoholic beverages and coffee in the Baltic states 2023 - 2025

Product		Latvia		Estonia	Lithuania
rioduct	2023	2024	2025	2023- 2025	2023-2025
Non-alcoholic drinks with sugar content up to 8 grams per 100 milliliters, euro per 100 litres		7.40			
Non-alcoholic drinks with sugar content from 8 grams per 100 milliliters and energy drinks ¹ , euro per 100 litres	14	17.5 (from 01.03.)	21.0	-	-
Coffee, euro per 100 kg		142.29			

¹ In Latvia from 1 March, 2024 the excise duty rate is applied to energy drinks regardless of their sugar content.



Real estate tax



Real estate tax in the Baltic States in 2023-2025

	Latvia ¹		Estonia ²		Lithuania
	2023-2025	2023	2024	2025	2023-2025
Land	1.5%	0.1% - 2.5%	0.1-1%	0.1-2%	0.01 - 4%
Buildings and constructions	1.5%		-		0.5 - 3% ³
Unmaintained property	1.5% - 3%		-		-
Dwellings, if the cadastral value					
- does not exceed EUR 56,915	0.2%	_			
- from 56,915 up to 106 715 EUR	0.4%		-		-
- exceed 106,715 EUR	0.6%				
- from EUR 150,000 to 300,000 (for taxpayers with 3 or more children or disabled child - from EUR 200,000 to 390,000)					0.5%
- from EUR 300,000 to 500,000 euros (for taxpayers with 3 or more children or disabled child - from EUR 390,000 to 650,000)	-	-		1.0%	
- exeed EUR 500,000 (for taxpayers with 3 or more children or disabled child - exceed EUR 650,000)					2.0%

¹ In **Latvia** the rate within the relevant interval.

In **Estonia** up to **0.15** hectares of land in the city and up to **2** hectares of land outside the city are exempt from tax if the property is registered as a place of residence

³ In **Lithuania** real estate owned by legal entities or natural persons for commercial economic purposes.



Lottery and gambling tax



Lottery and gambling tax in the Baltic States in 2023-2025

	Latvia		Estonia		Lithuania	
	2023	2024-2025	2023	2024-2025	2023-2024	2025
Gambling tax						
Roulette, for each table	2 340 euro (per month)	2 808 euro (per month)	1 278.23 euro (per month)	euro	20% ¹	22% ¹
Cards and dice games, for each table	2 340 euro (per month)	2 808 euro (per month)	1 278.23 euro (per month)	1 406 euro (per month)	20 % ¹	22% ¹
Gaming machines, for each gambling place of each gaming machine	431 517 euro euro (per month) (per month)		300 <i>euro</i> per gaming machine and 10% (per month) ¹		20% ¹	22% ¹
Game of chance via the telephone ¹	15%		-	-	-	
Totalizator and betting ¹	15%		5%	6%	20%	22%
Bingo ¹	10%		-	-	20%	22%
Interactive gambling ¹	10%	12%	5%	6%	20%	22%
Lottery tax						
Lotteries and instant lotteries ¹	10%	15% (from 01.01.2025.)	18%	22%	18%	
Interactive lotteries ¹	10%	15% (from 01.01.2025.)	-	-	-	

¹ Per cent of the revenue from organisation of this game.

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