

Venture Capital Schemes – A Summary of the Tax Breaks

	SEIS	EIS	SITR	VCT	Social VCT
Upfront Income Tax Relief	50% set off against income tax bill. Annual limit £100,000. Holding period 3 years.	30% set off against income tax bill. Annual limit £1m. Holding period 3 years.	30% set off against income tax bill. Annual limit £1m. Holding period 3 years.	30% set off against income tax bill. Annual limit £200,000. Holding period 5 years.	
Dividend Relief	No exemption.	No exemption.	No exemption.	Dividends tax free. Annual limit £200,000. No holding period.	
CGT Exemption on Shares/Debt	Gains exempt. Must claim upfront relief. Holding period 3 years. Losses allowable.	Gains exempt. Must claim upfront relief. Holding period 3 years. Losses allowable.	Gains exempt. Must claim upfront relief. Holding period 3 years. Losses allowable.	Gains exempt. Annual limit £200,000. No holding period. Losses unallowable.	
CGT Reinvestment Relief	50%/100% of gain exempt. Must claim upfront relief.	Gain deferred.	Gain deferred.	Not available.	
Loss Relief against Income (“Share loss relief”)	Loss relief available.	Loss relief available.	Loss relief available.	Not available.	
Inheritance Tax Relief	Exempt if shares are held for two years.	Exempt if shares are held for two years.	Exempt if shares are held for two years.	Not available.	