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## What is the overall cap on tax loopholes?

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The overall cap on tax benefits (*tax loopholes*) is to limit the amount of tax benefits you can receive each year for income tax purposes.

The amount of the cap depends on the tax benefits you receive:

### General case

For the 2026 taxation of your 2025 income, the total of your tax benefits cannot provide you with a decrease in the amount of tax due greater than **€10,000**.

#### Example :

For a tax home which benefits from a home employment tax credit (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12?lang=en>) from **€6,000** and a tax reduction for rental investment Pinel (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F31151?lang=en>) from **€5,000**.

$€6,000 + €5,000 = €11,000$ .

The amount exceeds the overall cap limit.

Your tax benefit is therefore limited to **€10,000**.

#### FYI

The cap is the same for all tax households, whether you are alone or in a relationship, with or without a dependent.

Tax benefits (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F823?lang=en>) concerned may take one of the following forms:

- Deduction from your taxable income
- Tax reduction
- Tax credit.

The overall cap applies to tax benefits granted in return for a service or investment.

The overall cap **does not apply** the following tax advantages:

- Benefits related to your personal situation
- Benefits of pursuing an objective of general interest without consideration.

## Tableau - Overall tax benefit cap (non-exhaustive list)

Purpose of the tax benefit	Overall cap
Employment of an employee at home ( <a href="https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12?lang=en">https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F12?lang=en</a> )	Yes
Early Childcare Expenses ( <a href="https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F8?lang=en">https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F8?lang=en</a> )	Yes
Rental investment	Yes
Forest investment	Yes
Subscription to SOFICA's share capital	Yes
Subscription to SME capital	Yes
Overseas investment	Yes
Establishment fees for dependent persons ( <a href="https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17?lang=en">https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F17?lang=en</a> )	No
Donations to organizations of general interest ( <a href="https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F426?lang=en">https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F426?lang=en</a> )	No
Effects of family quotient	No
School fees for children ( <a href="https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F9?lang=en">https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F9?lang=en</a> )	No
Support for the elderly/disabled	No

### Please note

For an exhaustive list of tax benefits covered by the cap, please consult the practical income tax brochure ([https://www.impots.gouv.fr/www2/fichiers/documentation/brochure/ir\\_2025/accueil.htm](https://www.impots.gouv.fr/www2/fichiers/documentation/brochure/ir_2025/accueil.htm)). This document also informs you about the application and calculation of the cap.

## Overseas investment

For the 2026 taxation of your 2025 income, if you have also made overseas investments, the total of your tax benefits cannot provide you with a decrease in the amount of tax due greater than **€18,000**.

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## Investment Sofica (cinema)

For the 2026 taxation of your 2025 income, if you have made investments in cinema (Sofica), the total of your tax benefits cannot give you a decrease in the amount of tax due greater than **€18,000**.

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## Who can help me?

Find who can answer your questions in your region

- To contact the local service managing your file (contact information is on your tax notices and income tax returns)

**Tax department (treasury, tax department...)** [↗ \(https://www.impots.gouv.fr/portail/contacts\)](https://www.impots.gouv.fr/portail/contacts)

- For general information

### Tax Information Service

By phone:

**0809 401 401**

Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 7 pm, excluding public holidays.

Free service + price call

### Statute and miscellaneous references

General Tax Code: Article 200-0 A

([https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section\\_lc/LEGITEXT000006069577/LEGISCTA0000020023121?lang=en](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/codes/section_lc/LEGITEXT000006069577/LEGISCTA0000020023121?lang=en))

Cap on tax benefits

Law n°2012-1509 of December 29, 2012 of finance for 2013: article 73

([https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/article\\_lc/LEGIARTI000026872821/?lang=en](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/article_lc/LEGIARTI000026872821/?lang=en))

Law No. 2011-1977 of 28 December 2011 on Finance for 2012: Article 84

([https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/article\\_lc/LEGIARTI000025048597/?lang=en](https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/loda/article_lc/LEGIARTI000025048597/?lang=en))

Bofip-Impôts n°BOI-IR-LIQ-20-20-10 on the global cap on certain tax benefits

(<http://bofip.impots.gouv.fr/bofip/7249-PGP?lang=en>)

## FAQ

Deduction, tax reduction, tax credit: what are the differences?

(<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F823?lang=en>).

## Additional topics

Income tax: return and income to be reported (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N247?lang=en>)

Service Public

Income tax: deductions, reductions and tax credits (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/N19785?lang=en>)

Service Public

Income tax - Calculation of tax (<https://www.service-public.gouv.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F34328?lang=en>)

Service Public

2025 Practical Brochure - 2024 Income Tax Return

([https://www.impots.gouv.fr/www2/fichiers/documentation/brochure/ir\\_2025/accueil.htm?lang=en](https://www.impots.gouv.fr/www2/fichiers/documentation/brochure/ir_2025/accueil.htm?lang=en))

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