

## How do I know if I'm being emergency taxed?

Check your payslip - if your payslip says your tax code is one of the following:

- **1185L W1**
- **1185L M1**
- **1185L X**

Then it means that you're being emergency taxed.

## What does that mean?

Don't worry: emergency tax codes are temporary. While you're using one, you pay tax on all your income above £11,850 per year.

**Remember** – If your tax code is just 1185L – and there are no letters after it - it's not an emergency tax code, it's just what your tax code is.

Tax code **0T** can also be used as a temporary code, but is quite rare. It means you pay even more emergency tax than normal.

## Why am I on an emergency tax code?

You normally get put on an emergency tax code if you're starting a new job

## How do I get the right tax code?

You don't have to do anything: your tax code should be updated automatically after you've given your employer details of your previous income or pension. This is usually from your last payslip - if you don't have one, you will need to fill in a 'new starter checklist'.

## What about getting my money back?

The good news is you don't have to do anything: it happens automatically. Your first payslip with the right tax code should contain any overpaid tax put back into your wages.