

# In the news: February 2026

## Briefings



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Coverage of CIOT and ATT in the print, broadcast and online media

'People making or buying things with a view to selling at a profit and making over £1,000 of income (before expenses) each tax year need to carefully consider whether they could have tax to pay.'

*ATT's Helen Thornley in The Independent, 19 December*

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'A piecemeal approach risks discouraging the move to electric vehicles without providing a stable long-term revenue base. More coherent, technology-neutral solutions – such as universal road pricing applied fairly to all vehicles – may need to be considered.'

*ATT's Emma Rawson in Birmingham Live on fuel duty, 19 December*

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'The LITRG has urged the Chancellor to clarify the rules, warning that the exemption risks being unfair and adding further complexity to the tax system.'

*The Daily Express on pensions breaching the tax-free allowance, 22 December*

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'If taxpayers cannot afford to pay everything at once, they may be able to arrange a payment plan with HMRC, known as a "time to pay arrangement". This is a good way of avoiding late payment penalties and debt collection action from HMRC, but interest charges will continue to apply.'

*LITRG's Claire Thackaberry in the Daily Telegraph on possible 150% tax bills, 1 January*

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'The adjustment process may be confusing for some unrepresented taxpayers, while some may not realise they even need to do this. This may lead to some taxpayers inadvertently under-declaring capital gains tax, leading to penalties later down the line.'

*LITRG's Laura Cumins on GB News on CGT miscalculations, 8 January*

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'The changes are part of the government's long-delayed MTD programme, originally announced in the 2015 Budget. The policy will affect about 850,000 people in 2026-27, according to the CIOT.'

*Financial Times, 8 January*

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'Taken together, limited tax changes retain a system that is more generous to those on lower incomes and increasingly less so for those higher up the income scale.'

*CIOT's Ellen Milner, The Times on the Scottish Budget, 13 January*