

## ***Length of Finance Acts passed since 1940, by year***

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of sections</b>	<b>Number of schedules</b>	<b>Number of pages</b>
1940	107	18	154
1941	52	5	44
1942	49	12	53
1943	31	9	32
1944	49	5	45
1945	69	10	81
1946	67	12	79
1947	83	16	124
1948	82	11	91
1949	52	11	87
1950	50	8	67
1951	44	7	63
1952	76	14	146
1953	35	3	38
1954	35	6	53
1955	8	5	25
1956	44	5	69
1957	42	9	66
1958	40	9	68
1959	37	8	58
1960	79	8	98
1961	37	6	40
1962	34	11	86
1963	73	14	114
1964	36	13	70
1965	97	22	271
1966	53	13	123
1967	45	16	110

<b>1968</b>	61	20	129
<b>1969</b>	61	21	216
<b>1970</b>	40	8	78
<b>1971</b>	69	14	130
<b>1972</b>	134	28	223
<b>1973</b>	59	22	116
<b>1974</b>	57	14	122
<b>1975</b>	134	27	279
<b>1976</b>	132	15	179
<b>1977</b>	59	9	88
<b>1978</b>	80	13	108
<b>1979</b>	28	5	24
<b>1980</b>	122	20	176
<b>1981</b>	139	19	218
<b>1982</b>	157	22	256
<b>1983</b>	64	12	94
<b>1984</b>	128	23	262
<b>1985</b>	98	27	242
<b>1986</b>	114	23	265
<b>1987</b>	176	25	211
<b>1988</b>	149	14	182
<b>1989</b>	188	17	275
<b>1990</b>	133	19	192
<b>1991</b>	124	19	185
<b>1992</b>	94	19	182
<b>1993</b>	214	23	312
<b>1994</b>	259	26	463
<b>1995</b>	163	29	380
<b>1996</b>	206	41	463
<b>1997</b>	167	26	339
<b>1998</b>	166	27	422
<b>1999</b>	140	20	196
<b>2000</b>	157	40	613

2001	111	33	331
2002	143	40	494
2003	217	43	453
2004	328	42	634
2005	178	22	363
2006	180	26	506
2007	115	27	309
2008	166	46	451
2009	127	61	468
2010	114	39	290
2011	93	26	404
2012	229	39	687
2013	236	51	634
2014	303	39	646
2015	181	29	579
2016	191	25	649
2017	135	29	813
2018	50	12	187
2019	97	20	328
2020	114	16	208
2021	136	34	417
2022	104	18	214
2023	366	24	471
2024	65	13	352

## NOTES

Pre-2016 data on the length of Finance Acts are adapted from 'Big Ben's Statutory Tax Burden', an annual monitor of tax complexity published by ICAEW's [Tax Faculty](#) from 2005 until c. 2016.

In 1940, 1945, 1947, 1955, 1964, 1970, 1975, 1979, 1983, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2005, 2015, 2017, 2023, and 2024 there were two Finance Acts; in 2010 there were three. The figures given for these years are cumulative totals covering all of the Finance Acts passed during the calendar year in question.

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