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50% First Year Allowance (FYA)	Allows businesses to deduct 50% of the cost of some plant & machinery from their profits during the year of purchase. For each following year, 6% of remaining cost will be written off via Writing Down Allowances.	Yes, solar panels are listed. See article for more details.	Extended to 31 March 2026.
Annual Investment Allowance (AIA)	Allows businesses to deduct the full value of an item that qualifies for annual investment allowance (AIA) from their profits before tax.	Yes	Now permanently available from 1 April 2023.
Enhanced Capital Allowance (ECA)	Allows businesses to claim 100% of investment cost in certain energy-efficient technologies against their taxable profits in the year of purchase.	Solar PV not included; shorter- warranty equipment (inc EV charging) is included.	In effect until at least April 2025.
Smart Export Guarantee (SEG)	Licensed electricity suppliers pay small-scale low-carbon generators for any excess electricity that they export to the grid, up to a limit.	Yes	Ongoing, no changes. Rates remain around 5-6p per kWh.

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Full Expensing (FE)	Offers 100% first-year relief to companies on qualifying new main rate plant and machinery investments.	No	Runs 1 April 2023 until 31 March 2026.
Super- deduction	The super-deduction allows businesses to claim a 130% tax deduction on qualifying plant and machinery investments.	No	Ends 31 March 2023, being replaced by Full Expensing.
Energy Bill Relief Scheme (EBRS) & Energy Bill Discount Scheme (EBDS)	EBRS was a one-off payment to help businesses cover their energy bills. EBDS is a one-off discount on energy bills of £140 for eligible small and micro- organisations.	No	EBRS ends 31 March 2023. Business may be eligible for EBDS after this date.

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