

What you need to know about the new VAT rules

The VAT laws changed on 1st January 2019



Length of service awards £25,000 **Employee incentives** £15,000 Partner rewards

£10,000

Initial Outlay £50,000 incl VAT

Claim back VAT

The Verdict

Company



Very Happy: They could give away £50,000 but it would only cost £40,000.

Recipient

£10,000



Quite Happy: As they receive vouchers but they can only be used in certain shops.

Now (From 1st January 2019)

You can now claim VAT back on vouchers so £50,000 of vouchers will cost £50,000

The Verdict

Company



Gives recipients £50,000 in vouchers and pays £50,000 for them. The end of vouchers?

Recipient



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60%

when it comes to overall job satifaction

of employees believe that quality benefits

are even more important than job security



Vouchers:

certain shops

Use in millions of locations

Restricted for use in



Company

that accept:

Prepaid Cards:



While they still pay £50,000 for £50,000 of value on prepaid cards, the company is feeling pretty good about giving people a reward they like more



Recipient



on online. than vouchers.

* To clarify, VAT cannot be claimed on the new definition of Single Purpose Vouchers (SPVs)

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