

How much Small Business Rate Relief could I be eligible for?

Eligible businesses with rateable values of up to £5,999 will get 50% rate relief on their liability, (see example 1). Where rateable values are between £6,000 and £11,999, the relief will decrease on a sliding scale of 1% for every £120 of rateable value, (see example 2). Eligible businesses with rateable values of between £12,000 and £17,999 will have their liability calculated using the Small Business multiplier,(see example 3). Please see the examples below to demonstrate the level of savings that could be made. All the examples have had the rates calculated using the Small Business Rates Multiplier of 40.7p* see back page.

Example 1

You occupy a shop with a rateable value of £3,000. You occupy no other properties.
Rates calculated $£3,000 \times 40.7p = £1,221.00$
Small Business Rate Relief = £610.50
Amount payable = £610.50

Example 2

You occupy a factory with a rateable value of £8,000. You also own a lock up with a rateable value of £1,000.
Rates due for the main property
Rates calculated $£8,000 \times 40.7p = £3,325.60$
Small Business Rate Relief = £1,085.33
Amount payable = £2,170.67

Example 3

You occupy a large garage with a rateable value of £12,000. You occupy no other properties
Rates calculated $£12,000 \times 40.7p = £4,884.00$

If I want to talk this over with someone who can I talk to?

You should contact the Business Rates Section at Tewkesbury Borough Council. The contact details are:

Tel number: 01684 272132
Fax Number: 01684 272157
Email address: businessrates@tewkesbury.gov.uk

Council Offices, Gloucester Road,
Tewkesbury, Glos GL20 5TT.

The office is open from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Monday to Thursday and from 8:30 am to
4:00 pm on Fridays.

The examples given in this leaflet are for guidance only. For more information about Business Rates and the reliefs available please contact Tewkesbury Borough Council.

*The multiplier, quoted in the example, is a provisional figure and could be subject to alteration.

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Your questions answered

Once I have qualified for the Small Business Rate Relief do I continue to get it?

If you qualify for Small Business Relief for the 2010/2011 year you will not be required to make a further application until the 2016/2017 year. Under the new arrangements you need only apply once between each revaluation of non-domestic properties, **providing your circumstances do not change. Please see the question “Must I tell you about changes in circumstances”.**

What are the conditions for receiving Small Business Rate Relief?

To be eligible for the relief you must occupy a property with a rateable value of less than £18,000.

Or

Occupy a main property whose rateable value is less than £18,000 and occupies other additional properties, providing the additional properties do not have individual rateable values of more than £2,599 and the combined rateable value of all the properties is under £18,000.

I am claiming Small Business Relief but no longer occupy the property.

You will no longer be eligible for the Small Business Rate Relief and you will not get the Relief on the empty rates bill. However, you could receive a three month exemption from Business Rates whilst the property remains empty.

Must I tell you about changes in circumstances?

It is a condition of your entitlement to Small Business Relief that you must tell us, in writing, about prescribed changes in circumstances. **This must be done within four weeks, starting on the day after the change occurred.** These changes are:

(1) An increase to the rateable value of a property occupied by you but it is not in the Tewkesbury Borough Council area.

(2) You occupy another property which is not mentioned in your original application for Small Business Relief. You must notify Tewkesbury Borough Council through a fresh application for Small Business Relief.

Failure to tell us about changes in circumstances, within four weeks, will mean that you could lose relief from the day after the date of change until the day on which the Council is notified in writing.

Is it a criminal offence to make a false claim to Small Business Rate Relief?

It is a criminal offence to make a false claim to Small Business Relief. The Council will prosecute fraudulent claims.

I am a partner in another businesses, or in several other business, can I claim Small Business Relief?

You may not be eligible for Small Business Relief, however, you must tell us about the other partnerships on the claim form and we can advise you on your eligibility.