

Application For Small Business Rate Relief Form

You must list **ALL** separately rated non-domestic properties that you are liable for/responsible for **in England**

Bill Account Number	Ratepayer's name(s) and trading name	Full Property Address	Owner of Property

1. Please confirm the full address of the above hereditament (property) for which you are applying for small business rate relief

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(a) the valuation period or partial valuation period for which relief is sought-

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2. If the application is being made to notify the billing authority of a change in circumstances but the hereditament for which the ratepayer is seeking relief remains unchanged, state-

(a) the hereditament in England which the ratepayer has started to occupy, since making their first application for the valuation period-

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(b) the date on which the ratepayer started to occupy that hereditament-

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Declaration

* I confirm that the hereditaments listed in paragraph 1 are the only hereditaments in England occupied by [insert name of ratepayer]

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OR

* I confirm that the changes listed in paragraph 2 are the only changes relating to the hereditaments in England occupied by [insert name of ratepayer]

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(Signature of the ratepayer or person authorised to sign on behalf of the ratepayer)

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(Capacity of the person(s) signing)

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(Telephone/fax number)

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(e-mail address)

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(Home address of ratepayer if sole trader)

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Date

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*Delete as appropriate

NOTES
IMPORTANT Please read notes BEFORE completing your application form

This form may be used for a first application for small business rate relief in a valuation period in respect of a property or for a fresh application that is required because the ratepayer has taken occupation of an additional property. Paragraph 1 must be completed for a first application in a valuation period and paragraph 2 for a fresh application. The appropriate part of the declaration must also be completed and the part which is not applicable deleted.

What is a Valuation Period?

A valuation period is the period of five years for which a local non-domestic rating list is in force (i.e. the period between revaluations of non-domestic hereditaments) and if the ratepayer does not take up occupation of any additional properties they will not need to apply for relief more than once in each valuation period.

How do I claim relief?

Small business rate relief can only be claimed for one property. A first application for relief in a valuation period in respect of a property should be made using paragraph 2 (paragraph 3 is not applicable) and all properties in England occupied by the ratepayer must be listed. Where the ratepayer starts to occupy a new property after making an application but wishes to continue receiving relief in respect of the same property, a fresh application must be made by completing paragraph 3 (paragraph 2 need not be completed).

How does the scheme work?

It should be noted that, for any particular day, the billing authority will disregard the ratepayer's occupation of an additional property in England where-

- (a) its rateable value shown in the local non-domestic rating list for that day is not more than £2,899; and
- (b) the aggregate rateable value on that day of all the properties the ratepayer occupies in England is not more than £19,999 (where the property for which relief is sought is situated outside Greater London).

Therefore, if the ratepayer occupies more than one property, their entitlement to relief is dependant on the rateable values of the other properties they occupy.

Where the ratepayer occupies properties in more than one area, if the rateable value of a property outside the area of the billing authority granting the relief goes up, the ratepayer must notify the billing authority of the increase. This does not require a fresh application but must be done in writing.

If the ratepayer is uncertain about which billing authority area any of the properties they occupy is in, they should contact the authority which grants the relief.

The application must be signed by the ratepayer or a person authorised to sign on behalf of the ratepayer. This means, where the ratepayer is-

- (a) a partnership, a partner of that partnership;
- (b) a trust, a trustee of that trust;
- (c) a body corporate, a director of that body, and

Warning – it is a criminal offence for a ratepayer to give false information when making an application for small business rates relief.