

How much relief will I get?

The amount of relief awarded depends on the rateable value (RV) of your business. The following examples show an estimated calculation of the relief available:

Example: RV = £5,500

Without relief

£ 5,500 x (10/11 standard multiplier) 0.414
Rates payable = £2,277.00

With relief

£5,500 x (10/11 SBR multiplier) 0.407
= £2,238.50
Less £1,119.25 SBR relief
Rates payable = £1,119.25

Example: RV = £11,000

Without relief

£11,000 x (10/11 standard multiplier) 0.414
Rates payable = £4,554.00

With relief

£11,000 x (10/11 SBR multiplier) 0.407
= £4,477.00
Less £373.43 SBR Relief
Rates payable = £4,103.57

Example: RV = £17,500

Without relief

£17,500 x (10/11 standard multiplier) 0.414
Rates payable = £7,245.00

With relief

£17,500 x (10/11 SBR multiplier) 0.407
Rates payable = £7,122.50

Business information and advice

The council offers a range of advice and information of benefit to local businesses and investors. These services include:

1. Grants
2. Small Business Rate Relief for occupiers of businesses with a rateable value of less than £18,000 (providing criteria are met).
3. New online business directory - free registration - visit the business pages at www.easthants.gov.uk
4. Signposting to other help and advice from the council's business support partners.
5. Local market intelligence.
6. Network and partnership contacts.

For more information, contact:
The Economic Development Office.
01730 234165 • business@easthants.gov.uk

Can anyone else help me?

There are a range of agencies - other business services and local business partnerships - on hand to give advice and practical assistance to businesses in East Hampshire.

The Valuation Office Agency
www.voa.gov.uk

Business Link
www.businesslink.gov.uk

East Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry
www.ehcci.org.uk

Enterprise First
www.enterprisefirst.co.uk

Federation of Small Businesses
www.fsb.org.uk

Hampshire County Council business pages
www.hants.gov.uk/business

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Small Business Rate Relief

Advice for ratepayers - 2010



This leaflet is available in large print.
Tel. 01730 234159 to request a copy

What is Small Business Rate Relief?

The small business relief (SBR) scheme is available for occupiers of businesses with a rateable value of less than £18,000 (or £25,500 in London).

The scheme is funded by a supplement on the rate bill of those businesses who are not eligible for the relief.

The difference between the standard and the small business relief multiplier is called the supplement.

Eligible businesses with a rateable value below £6,000 will use the SBR multiplier and get a 50% rate relief discount.

A business with a rateable value of £6,000 and up to £11,999, will use the SBR multiplier and also get a percentage relief. This is based on a decrease of 1% for every £120 of rateable value.

For properties with a rateable value of between £12,000 and £17,999 there is no percentage relief, just the small business multiplier.

Can I apply?

The relief is only available to ratepayers who occupy either:

- (a) one property, or
- (b) one main property and other additional properties as long as those additional properties have rateable values less than £2,600.

The rateable value of the property mentioned in (a), or the total rateable value of all properties mentioned in (b), must be less than £18,000.

Download a PDF version of the application form: www.easthants.gov.uk/sbrapplication2010.pdf

If you wish to apply for this relief or discuss any of the information provided in this leaflet in more detail, please contact:

Business Rates Officer
tel: 01730 234159
email: revenues@easthants.gov.uk

Is there any other rate relief available?

East Hampshire District Council can provide the following types of rate relief:

Charity and non-profit making organisations relief

Rural Rate Relief

Hardship Relief

Community Amateur Sports Club Relief

Sect 44a Part Occupied relief

Empty property relief

To find out if you qualify and to download application forms, please go to our website: www.easthants.gov.uk

Frequently asked questions

Do empty properties qualify for SBR?

SBRR cannot be claimed in respect of an unoccupied property, regardless of the rateable value (RV) amount.

Can I have SBR backdated?

Yes, SBR can be backdated to 1 April in the year you apply and can be backdated to the previous year if you apply before 30 September.

The only exception is when there is an amendment to the RV. You can apply within 6 months of when the council is notified of the RV change.

I occupy four properties, one with an RV of more than £2,600 and three others with RVs below £2,600 (the total of all RVs do not exceed £17,999) will I qualify?

You must set out on the application form all of the properties occupied.

SBR would be allowed on the property with the highest RV and the remaining smaller properties will be charged using the standard multiplier.

I occupy one property with an RV of £8,000 but I also own an empty property with an RV of £12,000, will I get any relief?

Provided all conditions are met, the ratepayer can claim relief on the £8,000 RV property. But upon occupation of the second property small business relief would be withdrawn.

Can a charity or community amateur sports club have small business relief?

No, mandatory relief cases are specifically excluded.