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## **SMALL BUSINESS RATE RELIEF FACT SHEET**

Ratepayers who occupy a property with a rateable value which does not exceed £17,999 outside London or £25,499 in London will have their bill calculated using the lower small business non-domestic rating multiplier, rather than the national non-domestic rating multiplier.

In addition, if the sole or main property is shown on the rating list with a rateable value which does not exceed £12,000, the ratepayer will receive a percentage reduction in their rates bill for this property of up to a maximum of 50% for a property with a rateable value of not more than £6,000.

This percentage reduction is only available to ratepayers who occupy either:

- (a) one property, or
- (b) one main property and other additional properties providing those additional properties each have a rateable value which does not exceed £2,599.

### **The relief does not apply to empty properties:**

A temporary increase in the level of relief applies from 1 October 2010 to 31 March 2013. Eligible ratepayers will pay no rates on properties with rateable values up to £6,000, with a tapered relief between 100% and 0% for properties with rateable values between £6,001 and £12,000.

Eligible properties with a rateable value between £12,000 and £25,499 will not get rate relief. However, they will have their rate bill calculated using Small Business Rates multiplier.

### **How to apply for small business rate relief:**

Complete an application form and return it to the above address as soon as possible. We will then assess your entitlement and send you an amended bill if you qualify. If you require assistance, please contact the Business Rates Team. Contact details are shown above.

Further information can be obtained from the Department for Communities and Local Government or visit: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-business-rate-relief>.