

Business Rates 2020-2021



For 2020/2021 the Government has increased the level of Retail Discount from 33.3% to 100% and re-introduced Pub Relief

In order to qualify for either of the above you must NOT exceed State Aid Rules.

This form covers both of these awards and it is your responsibility to advise the Council if you are not entitled to the reduction in your rates, by completing and returning the form below.

1. RETAIL DISCOUNT

Qualifying criteria:

- The property is occupied
- The Rateable Value is below £51,000
- Property mainly used as a shop, restaurant, cafe or drinking establishment, cinemas and music venues

Additional Information

- Relief is granted for the financial years 2020-2021
- If property becomes empty relief will stop
- The value of the discount will be 100% of the bill **after** all other Reliefs have been applied
- Details of the Retail Relief Policy can be found at www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/business/business-rates/business-rates-retail-discount-scheme

2. PUB RELIEF

Qualifying criteria:

- The property is occupied
- An eligible Pub with a Rateable Value of less than £100,000

Additional Information

- Relief is granted for the financial year 2020-2021
- If property becomes empty relief will stop
- The value of the discount is up to £5,000
- It can be awarded in addition to the retail discount, but will be applied **after** this has been awarded



Compliance with State Aid rules

Awards such as any Business Rates Reliefs are required to comply with the EU law on State Aid.

A business can receive up to €200,000 over a three year period relating to the current and previous two financial years under the De Minimis Regulations EC 1407/2013.

In terms of declaring previous De Minimis aid, we are only interested in public support which is De Minimis Aid (State Aid received under other exemptions or public support which is not State Aid does not need to be declared).

The Council does not require applications to be made for either of the above, however it is the responsibility of business owners to advise the Council immediately using the form below, should the level of State Aid received exceed the maximum allowed under the De Minimis Regulations. Further information on State Aid law can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/state-aid>.

Email form back to: revenues@north-herts.gov.uk

Name of Business:

Account Number:

Address:

I confirm that I am authorised to respond on behalf of the above business and I wish to decline the award of Business Rates Retail Discount for the business on the grounds that we have received more than the allowance of €200,000 in De Minimis State Aid in the current and previous two years.

Signed:

Position in Business:

Date:

