

HOW TO REDUCE YOUR NON DOMESTIC RATES BILL (BUSINESS RATES)

Do you qualify for up to 100% off your Business Rates bill?

From 1st April 2017, you may be eligible to receive up to 100% Small Business Rate Relief off your Business Rate bill if your rateable value is less than £12,000. Properties with a rateable value between £12,000 and £15,000 will have this relief calculated on a sliding scale from 0% to 100%.

In addition, if you take on another property you could still qualify for Small Business Rate Relief on the initial property for a further 12 months.

Are you a registered charity or Community Amateur Sports Club?

You may be entitled to 80% Mandatory Charity Relief if your property is occupied by a charity or club and is wholly or mainly used for charitable purposes of the charity (or of that of other charities) or the purposes of club (or that of other clubs).

You may also be entitled to further discretionary relief for the remaining balance.

Are you a not-for-profit organisation with charitable aims and objectives?

You may be entitled to claim up to 100% Discretionary Rates Relief.

Did you know you can now spread your payment instalments over 12 months?

Simply contact us to request this and we will recalculate your instalments up to March.

You could also make paying even easier by opting to pay by Direct Debit and by registering for e-billing.

Pay by Direct Debit

Just think...no need for cheques...no paper...no postage...no reminders!

If you opt to pay by direct debit any overpayments will be paid directly into your bank account.

The Council is currently operating a Local Discount Scheme.

To be considered for a discretionary reduction under this scheme, the applicant must be either:

- A new business starting up in the area, or
- A business relocating to the area, or
- An existing business expanding within the area.

Partial occupation of a property may mean a temporary reduction in the amount of business rates you pay.

If, for example, you are gradually moving into a property and full occupation takes several weeks or months to achieve, then you may be able to apply for relief under S44a of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

Ratepayers may apply for Hardship relief

If you are suffering unexpected hardship and it reasonable to grant this relief having regard to the Borough's council taxpayers, then the Council may be able to award a reduction in the amount you pay. (The circumstances are usually exceptional as part of the cost of granting hardship relief is picked up by the council taxpayers).

For further details of the reliefs and reductions available for Non Domestic Rates, visit our website at: www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk