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Retail Discount 2019/2020

The Government announced in the Autumn Budget 2018 that it would provide a business rates Retail Discount scheme for occupied retail properties with a rateable value of less than £51,000 in each of the years 2019/20 and 2020/21. The value of the discount will be one third of the net bill and will be applied after all other reliefs have been awarded. To qualify for the discount, a retail business unit should be wholly, or mainly, used as a shop, restaurant, café, or drinking establishment.

Awards such as Retail Discount are required to comply with the EU law on State Aid. In this case, this involves returning the attached declaration to this authority stating if you have received any other De Minimis State Aid, including any other Retail Discount you are being granted by another local authority. Also required is confirmation that the award of Retail Discount does not exceed the 200,000 euros which can be received under the De Minimis Regulations EC 1407/2013.

Under European Commission rules, you must retain evidence of any award of retail discount for 3 years and produce it on any request by the UK public authorities or the European Commission. You may need to keep the evidence for longer than 3 years for other purposes. Furthermore, information on this aid must be supplied to any other public authority or agency asking for information on 'De Minimis' aid for the next 3 years.

If you believe you may qualify for Retail Discount, please complete and return the declaration below. If a discount is awarded, an amended business rate bill will be issued with revised instalments. If the award of this discount results in a credit, we will refund it immediately upon receipt of your completed State Aid Declaration form.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Pat Leybourne
Head of Customer Services, Revenues and Benefits



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GUILDANCE NOTES

Retail Discount will be applicable on **occupied** properties with a Rateable Value less than £51,000. The Government has defined the types of eligible establishments as;

Those being used for the sale of goods to visiting members of the public:

Shops (such as: florist, bakers, butchers, grocers, greengrocers, jewellers, stationers, off licence, chemists, newsagents, hardware stores, supermarkets, etc)

Charity shops

Opticians

Post offices

Furnishing shops/ display rooms (such as: carpet shops, double glazing, garage doors)

Car/ caravan show rooms

Second hand car lots

Markets

Petrol stations

Garden centres

Art galleries (where art is for sale/hire)

Those that are being used for the provision of the following services to visiting members of the public:

Hair and beauty services (such as: hairdressers, nail bars, beauty salons, tanning shops, etc)

Shoe repairs/ key cutting

Travel agents / Ticket offices e.g. for theatre

Dry cleaners

Launderettes

PC/ TV/ domestic appliance repair

Funeral directors

Photo processing

DVD/ video rentals

Tool hire

Car hire

Those that are being used for the sale of food and/ or drink to visiting members of the public:

Restaurants

Takeaways

Sandwich shops

Coffee shops

Pubs

Bars

The Government does not consider the following establishments to be eligible for this discount;

Hereditaments that are being used for the provision of the following services to visiting members of the public:

– Financial services (e.g. banks, building societies, cash points, bureau de change, payday lenders, betting shops, pawn brokers)

– Other services (e.g. estate agents, letting agents, employment agencies)

– Medical services (e.g. vets, dentists, doctors, osteopaths, chiropractors)

– Professional services (e.g. solicitors, accountants, insurance agents/ financial advisers, tutors)

– Post office sorting office

ii. Hereditaments that are not reasonably accessible to visiting members of the public.

This discount will apply for the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21 only.



RETAIL DISCOUNT - DE MINIMIS DECLARATION

Business Rates Account Number	
Business Address	

This award shall comply with the EU law on State Aid on the basis that, including this award, I/we shall not receive more than €200,000 in total of De Minimis aid within the current financial year or the previous two financial years).

The De Minimis Regulations 1407/2013 (as published in the Official Journal of the European Union L352 24/12/2013) can be downloaded at; <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:352:0001:0008:EN:PDF>.

Please list all previously received De Minimis aid below, including the total amount of this and any other Rate Relief/Discount you are being granted.

Amount of De Minimis Aid	Dates of aid	Organisation providing aid	Nature of Aid

Nature of your business	
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DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE

I am authorised to sign on behalf of the company and the business shall not exceed its De Minimis threshold by accepting this Retail Discount.

Signature			
Name (Please Print)			
Position			
Usual Business Address			
Telephone Number		Email	

