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## **BUSINESS RATES RETAIL RELIEF**

In the Autumn Budget on 29 October 2018, the Government announced that it will provide for a business rates Retail Discount scheme in each of the 2019-20 and 2020-21 financial years.

The value of the discount will be one third of the bill after any other reliefs have been applied.

Properties that will benefit from the relief will be occupied retail properties with a Rateable Value of less than £51,000, that are wholly or mainly being used as shops, restaurants, cafes and drinking establishments. This is considered to mean that properties used for the sale of goods, or provision of certain services, to visiting members of the public would be entitled to the relief.

Properties that are being used for Financial Services, Other Services (e.g. estate agents, letting agents), Medical Services (e.g. Vets, Dentists), Professional Services (e.g. solicitors, doctors) and Post Office Sorting Offices will not qualify for the relief.

If you wish to apply for this relief, please complete and return the application form overleaf.

Awards such as Retail Relief are required to comply with the EU law on State Aid. In this case, as part of your application, this involves returning the attached declaration to this authority if you have received any other De Minimus State Aid, including any other Retail Relief you are being granted for premises other than the one to which this bill and letter relates, and confirming that the award of Retail Relief does not exceed the €200,000 that an undertaking can receive under the De Minimus Regulations EC 1407/2013.

Further information on State Aid law can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/state-aid>

Yours sincerely



Revenues and Benefits Service Manager

**APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS RATES RETAIL RELIEF**

**BUSINESS RATE ACCOUNT NUMBER -**  
**BUSINESS NAME -**  
**BUSINESS ADDRESS -**

**INFORMATION**

This award shall comply with the EU law on State Aid on the basis that, including this award, shall not receive more than €200,000 in total of De Minimus aid within the current financial year or the previous two financial years. The De Minimus Regulations 1407/2013 (as published in the Official Journal of the European Union L352 24.12.2013). These regulations can be downloaded at the following site.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:352:0001:0008:EN:PDF>

**Please tick if you would like to claim Retail Relief**

**Please list all previously received De Minimus aid below including the total amount of any other Retail Relief you are being granted.**

Amount of De Minimus Aid	Date of Aid	Organisation Providing Aid	Nature of Aid

**Nature of business**  
 e.g. Florist, Newsagents, etc

**Declaration**

I confirm that I am authorised to sign on behalf of the ratepayer and that the De Minimus threshold shall not be exceeded by accepting this relief. **Warning – it is a criminal offence for a ratepayer to give false information when making an application for retail rate relief.**

<b>Signature</b>		<b>Name</b>	
<b>Position</b>		<b>Date</b>	
<b>Telephone Number</b>		<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Please tick this box if you wish to receive future bills electronically via email</b>			