

# NNDR – SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES RELIEF



Please fill in this form and return it to:

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Please read the information on this page and overleaf before you fill in your application.

Applicant(s):

Correspondence Address:

## ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR WHICH RELIEF IS BEING CLAIMED:

1. Account Reference:

2. Trading Name of Business:

3. Rate Payer(s) Name(s):

4. Property for which relief is being claimed:

5. Is the property occupied? (circle as appropriate) YES / NO

a) If No, please confirm the date that it became unoccupied

6. Will the granting of Supporting Small Businesses relief result in your organisation exceeding the State Aid threshold of €200,000 during the last three years (De Minimis Regulations - EC 1407/2013)? (Circle as appropriate)

YES / NO

## Declaration:

Should your circumstances change in the future so that you no longer meet the qualifying criteria, you must notify us immediately. By signing the application form you agree that, to the best of your knowledge, the information contained on the form is complete and is not false. Wilfully making a false statement on the application form is an offence and may result in us taking legal action against you.

Signed:

Print Full Name:

Date:

Capacity of Person Signing:

## **NNDR – SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES RELIEF**

The Supporting Small Businesses relief will help those ratepayers who as a result of the change in their rateable value at the revaluation are losing some or all of their small business or rural rate relief and are facing large increases in their bills.

To support these ratepayers, the Supporting Small Businesses relief will ensure that the increase per year in the bills of these ratepayers is limited to the greater of:

- a) a percentage increase p.a. of 5%, 7.5%, 10%, 15% and 15% 2017/18 to 2021/22 all plus inflation. Unlike the transitional relief scheme, for the first year of the scheme the percentage increase is taken against the bill for 31 March 2017 after small business rate relief or rural rate relief , or
- b) a cash value of £600 per year (£50 per month). This cash minimum increase ensures that those ratepayers paying nothing or very small amounts in 2016/17 after small business rate relief are brought into paying something.

A change of ratepayers will not affect eligibility for this relief (unless the property becomes unoccupied).

Those ratepayers who during 2016/17 lost entitlement to small business rate relief because they failed the 2nd property test but have, under the rules for small business rate relief, been given a 12 month period of grace before their relief ended can continue on the scheme for the remainder of their 12 month period of grace.

### **Who is not eligible for this relief?**

- Those who are not losing some or all of their small business or rural rate relief as a result of the change in their rateable value at the revaluation.
- Eligibility will be lost if the property falls vacant. For example, if a property falls unoccupied it will not then be eligible for Supporting Small Businesses relief if it subsequently becomes occupied again.
- Hereditaments eligible for Charity or Community Amateur Sports Club relief are not eligible.

### **What happens if I qualify?**

This relief will be backdated to 1 April 2017 and a revised bill will be issued reflecting the limited increase described above. You will not have to reapply each year.

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