

Support for businesses that pay business rates

The government is introducing a business rates holiday for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses in England for the 2020-21 tax year.

You are eligible for the business rates holiday if: your business is based in England and your business is in the retail, hospitality and/or leisure sector.

Properties that will benefit from the relief will be occupied premises that are wholly or mainly being used:

- as shops, restaurants, cafes, drinking establishments, cinemas and live music venues;
- for assembly and leisure;
- as hotels, guest & boarding premises and self-catering accommodation.

Action required: There is no action that you need to take. The relief will apply to your next council tax bill in April 2020. However, local authorities may have to reissue your bill automatically to exclude the business rate charge. They will do this as soon as possible.