

## **Business Rates Reliefs/Grants in response to Covid-19**

As announced in the Budget on 11 March 2020, and further updated by press conferences on the 17 March 2020, a number of measures have been implemented to assist businesses coping with Covid-19.

Please find below an overview of the guidance for each of these elements:

### **Expanded Retail Discount**

#### Eligibility

You are eligible for the business rates holiday if:

- your business is based in England
- your business is in the retail, hospitality and/or leisure sector

Properties that will benefit from the relief will be occupied hereditaments 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
- wellness centres, spa's
- massage parlours
- bingo halls
- estate agents and lettings agents
- betting shops
- casinos, gambling clubs
- Petrol Stations
- Garden centres
- Car/Caravan show rooms
- Opticians
- Hair and beauty services
- Travel agents
- Ticket offices e.g. for theatre
- Dry cleaners/laundrettes
- Funeral directors
- Tool/Car hire
- Employment agencies
- Sports grounds and clubs

- Museums and art galleries
- Nightclubs
- Sport and leisure facilities/Gyms
- Theatres
- Stately homes and historic houses/Tourist attractions
- Public halls
- Clubhouses, clubs and institutions

There is no action for you. This will apply to your next Business Rates bill in April 2020.

Please see the full guidance at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/business-rates-retail-discount-guidance>

### **Nurseries Discount**

#### Eligibility

You are eligible for the business rates holiday if:

- your business is based in England

Properties that will benefit from the relief will be hereditaments:

- occupied by providers on Ofsted's Early Years Register
- wholly or mainly used for the provision of the Early Years Foundation Stage

There is no action for you. This will apply to your next Business Rates bill in April 2020.

Please see the full guidance at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/business-rates-nursery-childcare-discount-2020-to-2021-coronavirus-response-local-authority-guidance>