

Small Business Bonus Scheme from 1 April 2023

The Scottish Government has introduced new legislation in 2023/24 that deals with a number of amendments to the Small Business Bonus Scheme from 1 April 2023.

The new rules are as follows:

Ratepayers with a Single Property

Where a ratepayer is only liable to pay Rates for a single property, the level of relief due will be calculated as follows:

- Properties with Rateable Value of £12,000 or less
 - 100% Relief
- Properties with Rateable Value between £12,001 and £15,000
 - Relief will taper from a maximum of 100% to a minimum of 25% based on the formula:

$$100 - \left(75 \times \left(1 - \frac{(15000 - RV)}{3000} \right) \right)$$

- Properties with Rateable Value between £15,001 and £20,000
 - Relief will taper from a maximum of 25% to a minimum of 0% based on the formula:

$$25 \times \left(\frac{(20000 - RV)}{5000} \right)$$

A number of examples of how the relief is calculated are shown below:

Rateable Value	Percentage Relief
Up to £12,000	100%
£12,250	93.75%
£12,500	87.5%
£12,750	81.25%
£13,000	75%
£13,250	68.75%
£13,500	62.5%
£13,750	56.25%
£14,000	50%
£14,250	43.75%
£14,500	37.5%
£14,750	31.25%
£15,000	25%
£15,250	23.75%
£15,500	22.5%
£15,750	21.25%
£16,000	20%
£16,250	18.75%
£16,500	17.5%
£16,750	16.25%
£17,000	15%

Rateable Value	Percentage Relief
£17,250	13.75%
£17,500	12.5%
£17,750	11.25%
£18,000	10%
£18,250	8.75%
£18,500	7.5%
£18,750	6.25%
£19,000	5%
£19,250	3.75%
£19,500	2.5%
£19,750	1.25%
£20,000	0%

Ratepayers with Multiple Properties

Where a ratepayer is liable for more than one property, the level of relief due will be calculated based on both the cumulative and the individual Rateable Value of all properties.

The level of Relief given is calculated as below:

- Combined Rateable Value of £12,000 or less
 - 100% Relief on each individual property
- Combined Rateable Value between £12,001 and £35,000
 - 25% Relief on each individual property with a Rateable Value of £15,000 or less
 - For individual properties with a Rateable Value of between £15,001 and £20,000, relief will taper from a maximum of 25% to a minimum of 0% based on the formula:

$$25 \times \left(\frac{(20000 - RV)}{5000} \right)$$

A number of examples of how the relief is calculated are shown below:

Cumulative Rateable Value	Individual Rateable Value	Percentage relief on individual properties
Up to £12,000	Up to £12,000	100%
Between £12,001 - £35,000	£12,250	25%
	£12,500	25%
	£12,750	25%
	£13,000	25%
	£13,250	25%
	£13,500	25%
	£13,750	25%
	£14,000	25%
	£14,250	25%
	£14,500	25%
	£14,750	25%
	£15,000	25%
	£15,250	23.75%
	£15,500	22.5%
	£15,750	21.25%
	£16,000	20%
	£16,250	18.75%
	£16,500	17.5%
	£16,750	16.25%
	£17,000	15%
£17,250	13.75%	
£17,500	12.5%	
£17,750	11.25%	

Cumulative Rateable Value	Individual Rateable Value	Percentage relief on individual properties
Between £12,001 - £35,000	£18,000	10%
	£18,250	8.75%
	£18,500	7.5%
	£18,750	6.25%
	£19,000	5%
	£19,250	3.75%
	£19,500	2.5%
	£19,750	1.25%
	£20,000	0%