

High Street Retail Relief 2018/19

Welsh Government recently announced funding of £5 million to provide further assistance to certain retail businesses (e.g. shops, pubs, restaurants and café's) including those which have seen their rates increase significantly as a result of the revaluation.

If you are entitled to this relief your account has been credited with the eligible amount (see below) and an amended bill issued. If you believe that you are entitled and have not been awarded, please contact the Council Tax Team on 01633 644630 or email counciltax@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Eligible Amounts:

Tier 1 – lower level of support £250 (reduced if remaining liability is less than £250) High Street retailers with rateable value between £6,001 and £12,000* in 2018/19 and meet the following criteria:

- In receipt of Small Business Relief on 1.4.2018 and/or
- In receipt of Transitional relief on 1.4.2018

Tier 2 – higher level of support £750 (reduced if remaining liability is less than £750)

High Street retailers whose property has a rateable value between £12,001 and £50,000 for the financial year 2018/19 and meet the following criteria:

- Not in receipt of Small Business Relief or transitional relief on 1.4.2018
- Have an increased rate liability on 1.4.2017 as a result of revaluation.

Relief is given based on the circumstances of the property and the ratepayer on 1.4.2018. Changes that occur after that date have no impact on eligibility for relief.

Businesses NOT entitled to the targeted High Street relief include:

- *Properties with rateable value greater than £50,000*
- *Properties not reasonably accessible to the public*
- *Properties situated in out of town retail parks or on industrial estates*
- *Properties that are not occupied*
- *Those in receipt of mandatory charitable rate relief and*

Hereditaments that are being used wholly or mainly for the provision of the following services to visiting members of the public

- *Financial services (eg. banks, building societies, cash points, ATMs, bureaux de change, payday lenders, betting shops, pawn brokers)*
- *Medical services (eg. vets, dentists, doctors, osteopaths, chiropractors)*
- *Professional services (eg. solicitors, accountants, insurance agents, financial advisers, tutors)*
- *Post office sorting office*
- *Tourism accommodation, eg. B&Bs, hotel accommodation and caravan parks*



- *Sports clubs*
- *Children's play centres*
- *Day nurseries*
- *Outdoor activity centres*
- *Gyms*
- *Kennels and catteries*
- *Show homes and marketing suites*
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