

Business Rates

A number of queries from businesses have been received over payment of their business rates in view of the new expanded relief scheme that Welsh Government have recently introduced.

The business rates bills for 2020/21 were issued in March 2020. If an account had been in receipt of High Street Relief in 2019/20, then the relief was awarded for 2020/21 automatically and the instalments set on the remaining balance.

Welsh Government have since introduced a new Expanded Retail, Leisure and Hospitality Relief Scheme which supersedes the previous scheme. Unfortunately the current software will not allow the Council to award this new expanded relief at present.

Therefore, the Councils (BCBC) software supplier has been working with Welsh Government to provide this required software.

As soon as the computer system is updated all those accounts that qualified for High Street Relief in 2019/20 will have their rates bills amended so they receive 100% relief for the current financial year.

Those business that previously did not qualify, but now fall within the Retail, Leisure and Hospitality sector with a rateable value under £500,000, will be sent an application form in order for them to apply for the 100% relief for this year. Please note that State Aid rules will apply.

As far as possible payments were moved on for those accounts that currently pay by direct debit and meet the new criteria for the 100% rate relief.