

Financial assistance – grants

In addition to the business rates holiday for year 2020-21, Local Authorities will also provide cash grants for small businesses as well as businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sector. Local Authorities will be responsible for delivering the funding to eligible businesses. You should refer to your local authority.

There are two grant funding schemes through which this will be delivered:

the Small Business Grant Fund (SBGF) and

- the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund (RHLG).

Eligible recipients will receive one grant per property.

Businesses should contact their relevant local authority directly for any enquiries on eligibility for, or provision of, the reliefs and grants.

Scheme	Small Business Grant Fund (SBGF)	Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund (RHLG)
Available to		
	All businesses in England in receipt of Small Business Rates Relief (SBRR) and Rural Rates Relief (RRR) in the business rates system	Businesses in England in receipt of the Expanded Retail Discount (which covers retail, hospitality and leisure) with a rateable value of less than £51,000

How much		
	£10,000	£10,000 for premises with a rateable value of up to £15,000
		£25,000 for premises with a rateable value of over £15,000 and less than £51,000
Eligibility criteria		
	Premises which on the 11 March 2020 were eligible for relief under the business rate Small Business Rate Relief Scheme (including those with a Rateable Value between £12,000 and £15,000 which receive tapered relief)	Premises which on the 11 March 2020 had a rateable value of less than £51,000 and would have been eligible for a discount under the business rates Expanded Retail Discount Scheme

	Premises which on 11 March 2020 were eligible for relief under the rural rate relief scheme	
Exclusions		
	Premises that were not eligible for percentage SBRR relief (including those eligible for the Small Business Rate Multiplier)	Premises with a rateable value of over £51,000
	Premises occupied for personal uses, e.g. private stables and loose boxes, beach huts and moorings	Premises occupied for personal uses, e.g. private stables and loose boxes, beach huts and moorings

	Car parks and parking spaces	Car parks and parking spaces
	Businesses which as of the 11 March were in liquation or were dissolved	Businesses which as of the 11 March were in liquation or were dissolved