Revaluation

All non-domestic property rateable values are reassessed at revaluations.

Charity and Community Amateur Sports Clubs

Charities and registered Community Amateur Sports Clubs are entitled to 80% relief where the property is occupied by the charity or the club and is wholly or mainly used for the charitable purposes of the charity (or of that and other charities), or for the purposes of the club (or of that and other clubs).

The local authority has discretion to give further relief on the remaining bill. Full details are available on the website.

Transitional Relief

At a revaluation, some ratepayers will see reductions or no change in their bill whereas some ratepayers will see increases. Transitional relief schemes are introduced at each revaluation to help those facing increases. Transitional relief is applied automatically to bills. Further information about transitional arrangements may be obtained from the local authority, or at www.gov.uk/introduction-to-business-rates

Hardship Relief

Local authorities have a general power to give hardship relief in specific circumstances. Full details are available on the website.

Unoccupied Property Rating

Business rates are generally payable in respect of unoccupied non-domestic property. However, they are generally not payable for the first three months that a property is empty. This is extended to six months in the case of certain industrial premises, whilst certain other properties such as vacant listed buildings are not liable for business rates until they are reoccupied. Details are available on the Birmingham City Council website or from gov.uk at www.gov.uk/apply-for-business-rate-relief

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Information relating to the relevant and previous financial years regarding the gross expenditure of the local authority is available on the Birmingham City Council website. A hard copy is available by contacting Birmingham City Council. See the back of your bill for contact details.