

## **Business Rates**

### **Changes in Small Business Rate Relief from 1 October 2010 to 30 September 2011**

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#### **What are the changes?**

The level of Small Business Rate Relief available for the period from 1 October 2010 to 30 September 2011 has been increased:

- Eligible businesses with a rateable value of up to £6,000 will be entitled to 100% relief
- Eligible businesses with a rateable value between £6,001 and £12,000 will be entitled to relief on a sliding scale between 100% and 0%.

#### **When does this happen?**

The revised relief will apply between 1 October 2010 and 30 September 2011.

#### **What do I need to do?**

You do not need to contact us; we will automatically adjust your account and issue you with a revised demand.

#### **What if I have already paid too much?**

If this results in your account being in credit by more than £5.00 a refund will be issued automatically, you do not need to request this.

#### **I have deferred some of my liability for business rates for 2009/10 into the 2010/11 year, does this scheme mean I no longer have to pay those rates?**

This scheme solely relates to the business rate liability between 1 October 2010 and 30 September 2011. If you are paying any other rates bill from earlier periods, for example through the deferral of rates liabilities scheme, you should continue to make those payments as per your demand.