

Non Domestic Rates Application for Relief

District Heating Relief



Property Reference Number:

Account No.

If you require any help in completing this form, please telephone Customer Services on

0300 100 1800

Introduction

50% relief on your non-domestic rates is available to premises wholly or mainly being used for a district heating network.

90% relief is available to premises wholly or mainly being used for a district heating network, introduced on or after 1 April 2021, that are powered by renewables.

The Property

What is the primary heating fuel of your district heating system? Please select from table below:

PRIMARY HEAT	PRIMARY TECHNOLOGY
Ambient heat	Boiler
Biogas	Chiller
Biomass	CHP Engine
Diesel	CHP Fuel Cell
Electricity	CHP gas turbine or Combined Cycle Plant
Geothermal	CHP Organic Rankine Cycle
Hydrogen	CHP Steam Turbine or Steam Screw Expander
Liquid Biofuel	Heat exchanger from waste heat recovery process
Natural Gas	Heat pump
Oil	Solar thermal panels
Solar	other
Waste (energy from waste)	
Waste Heat	
Other	

How much heat (in KWh) was generated by your district heating system over the last year?
(New schemes must provide anticipated annual generation)

Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA)

This relief is capped at a maximum of 325,000 Special Drawing Rights (around £340,000, although exact amount will fluctuate) over a three-fiscal-year period. This amount is set out in the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA).

You must consider whether you have already received support from any public sector body in the current and previous two accounting (fiscal) years. Complete the accompanying Subsidy and Aid Information Form. To ensure that the Council complies with the subsidy regime, it may be required to cap this relief. This may depend on:

- whether or not you have an interest in any business with other properties is in receipt, or eligible, for one of the existing rate relief schemes;
- the level of other public sector assistance received by the economic actor making the application (NOTE: this may include certain COVID-19 grant support. However, not all grants are considered to be capped in this way. The Council will determine this from your completed Subsidy and Aid Information Form)

Have you (i.e. your business/es) received public sector assistance over the last 3 years* that in total would exceed £300,000, or would you expect to exceed that threshold if this relief were granted to you? (*current and previous two accounting years of your business/es).

Yes No

If you have answered yes to the above please complete the Subsidy and Aid Information form attached.

Additional Information

Please enter below any further information you may wish to give in connection with this certificate.

CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES:

IT IS YOUR DUTY TO INFORM THE RELEVANT COUNCIL(S) OF ANY CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SCHEME

Declaration

I UNDERSTAND THAT: The Council is under an obligation to manage public funds properly. Accordingly information that you provide the Council will be used to ensure all sums due to the Council are paid timeously. The information may also be used to prevent and detect fraud. It is possible that this information may be shared for the same purposes with other public bodies, including Councils or other organisations which handle public funds.

I UNDERSTAND THAT: This application can be used to determine any relief from Non Domestic Rates and the Council reserves the right to apply the most appropriate relief to which I may be entitled.

I UNDERSTAND THAT: Any relief awarded in contravention of Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) rules irrespective of whether there was a deliberate or otherwise deception or error, or as a result of any misleading statements given on this form will be recoverable in full and that I may be liable for legal action to be taken.

I AGREE THAT:-You may make any enquiries necessary to check the information I have given.

I DECLARE THAT: The information I have given on this form is true, complete and correct. I understand that the deliberate provision of false information in order to achieve financial gain is a criminal offence.

I claim relief from the Non Domestic Rate

Your
Signature

Date

Name

Tel No.

Address for Correspondence

Capacity (e.g. Owner;
Tenant; Sub-Tenant; Agent):

When completed, this form should be returned to:

**Scottish Borders Council,
Customer Services
Council Headquarters,
Newtown St Boswells,
Melrose, TD6 0SA.**

For Office Use

Act By

Date

COUNCIL CONTACT CENTRES

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SUBSIDY OR AID INFORMATION DECLARATION – PRO-FORMA

This Relief is awarded as an exempted subsidy under Article 3.2(4) of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement. There is a ceiling of 325,000 Special Drawing Rights¹ for subsidies provided to any one economic actor under Article 3.2(4) over a three-year period.

Any Article 3.2(4) subsidies (or similar aid, including de minimis aid granted prior to 31 December 2020 under Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013) awarded to the applicant will be relevant if the applicant wishes to apply, or has applied, for any Article 3.2(4) subsidies.

The applicant must retain this Agreement for three years from the date of this Agreement and must be able to produce it on request by the UK public authorities.

You may need to keep this Agreement for longer than three years for other purposes.

PLEASE STATE ALL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OF THE SINGLE ECONOMIC ACTOR APPLYING

(NOTE: A single economic actor could be the controlling interest in multiple separate businesses)

Date received (DD/MM/YYYY)	Amount (£)	Name of Support Scheme	Nature of assistance (Tax Relief, Grant, Loan, etc..)	Sector of the Economic Actor (Hospitality, Energy, Fisheries, etc...)	Organisation providing the assistance/aid

Statement: I confirm that the information I have provided above is complete and accurate. I understand that failure to disclose relevant information may lead to a requirement to refund the value of the subsidy provided plus interest from the date that the subsidy was received.

Signed:

Print Name: _____ Position: _____ Date: _____

¹ The term "Special Drawing Rights" refers to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reserve currency rate of exchange which fluctuates on a daily basis.