

Application for rural rate relief

This is an interactive PDF that you can fill in electronically. When you have completed the form – please print, sign and send to Herefordshire Council, Revenues & Benefits Services, Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0LE. Alternatively, you can return the completed form by email to businessrates@herefordshire.gov.uk

NNDR Account Reference:

A) Name of the Ratepayer (claiming the relief)

B) Address of the property (that the relief is being applied for)

C) Rateable Value:

D) Name of the parish (where the above property is situated)

E) Property use

Is the property used, in whole or in part, as a... (Please tick one box)

General store

Post Office

Public House

Petrol

F) If the business carried out is a Public House please consider the below articles of Herefordshire Council's Discretionary Rate Relief Charter and complete the boxes as below:

The provision of a Social Hub – A focal point for the community and a place for people to meet, find out what's going on locally and to interact social. This is particularly important for the sections of the community that might otherwise be socially excluded, particularly the elderly living alone.

Facilities for those with limited transport options – Local facilities provide a lifeline for those unable to travel further afield, due to lack of transport, poverty or limited mobility.

Employment Opportunities – Rural retail services provide employment opportunities and are often flexible opportunities which provide employment to young people and those seeking part time work.

Support for Local Producers – Rural retail services provide a valuable outlet for local producers.

The aim of Discretionary Rate Relief scheme is to support organisations/businesses to run and develop facilities, services or activities which directly benefit Herefordshire residents and meet the priorities of the Council.

Please indicate in the spaces below how your business fulfils the following aims:

The Provision of a Social Hub (please list community activities that your provide)

Facilities for those with limited transport options

Employment opportunities

Support for Local Producers

G) The type of Relief being claimed

Please tick the relevant box(es)

Mandatory Relief, a rural general store, or the sole Post Office, Public House or Filing Station in the rural settlement.

Discretionary Relief

H) DECLARATION

I certify that the information given in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed:

Date:

Email address:

Telephone number:

NOTES

To be eligible to apply for rural rate relief, the property must be situated in a rural settlement. A rural settlement must have a population of not more than 3,000 (estimated as at 31 December 2015) and must be in a defined rural area. Copies of the list of the rural settlements within the Herefordshire district are available for public inspection at Council offices.

A property will qualify for mandatory relief providing that it is within the boundaries of a qualifying rural settlement and,

- It has a rateable value of not more than £8500 if it is a general store or the sole post office or £12500 if it is the sole public house or filling station, and
- It is used in whole or in part, as a general store, post office, public house or filling station. A general store is one where business is carried on consisting wholly or mainly of the sale, by retail, of both food for human consumption (excluding confectionery) and general household goods, and
- It is either the only post office, public house or filling station in the settlement.

The ratepayer is eligible to apply for discretionary relief providing that it is within the boundaries of a qualifying rural settlement, and

- It meets the criteria for the granting of mandatory relief; or
- It has a rateable value of £14,000 or less and is used for the purposes of a business that is of benefit to the local community.