

Dear Sirs,

Public House Relief

Following a review of business rates relief you may be eligible for rates relief of up to £1,000 due to the property you are ratepayer for being a public house with a rateable value of under £100,000.

This relief is for 2017/18 only and may be subject to change should your circumstances change. For example if you cease to be ratepayer for the property the relief would be apportioned accordingly.

The majority of pubs are independently owned or managed and will not be part of chains. However, where pubs are part of a chain, relief will be available for each eligible property in the chain, subject to meeting State Aid requirements. More information can be found at www.gov.uk/state-aid

The Government's policy intention is that eligible pubs should:

- be open to the general public
- allow free entry other than when occasional entertainment is provided
- allow drinking without requiring food to be consumed
- permit drinks to be purchased at a bar.

For these purposes, it will exclude:

- restaurants
- cafes
- nightclubs
- hotels
- snack bars
- guesthouses
- boarding houses
- sporting venues
- music venues
- festival sites
- theatres
- museums
- exhibition halls
- cinemas
- concert halls
- casinos
- golf clubs

The relief is also subject to you not exceeding the de minimis limits for state aid (relief of over €200,000 over a three year period). Should you think you may exceed this limit you should notify us immediately and the relief will be cancelled. If you believe you fit the above criteria, please complete the declaration overleaf and return it to **The Revenues Team, Tamworth Borough Council, Marmion House, Tamworth B79 7BZ** or email it to businessrates@tamworth.gov.uk

The Council will determine those cases where eligibility for the relief is unclear on a case by case basis. The Council may ask you to provide further information to support your application.

Ratepayer	
Rates Account Reference	
Address of Property	
<p>I have read the criteria for the award of discretionary pub relief, believe I fulfil the conditions to qualify and wish to apply for this relief. I have read the information below regarding state aid and confirm that I will notify Tamworth Borough Council of any state aid received so that they can confirm any relief awarded is de minimis for state aid purposes.</p> <p>I understand that if I give information that is incorrect the Council may take action against me, which could include court proceedings.</p>	
Name	
Signed	
Capacity in which signed (e.g. director, partner, ratepayer etc.	
Phone no.	
Email	

State Aid

The award of discretionary rate relief is considered likely to amount to state aid. However it will be state aid compliant where it is provided in accordance with the De Minimis Regulations EC 1407/2013. The De Minimis Regulations allow an undertaking to receive up to €200,000 'de minimis' aid over a rolling three year period. If you are receiving, or have received, any 'de minimis' aid granted during the current or two previous financial years (from any source), you should inform the local authority immediately with details of the aid received.

This relief would be awarded for the 2017/18 financial year only.

Should your circumstances change you should notify us immediately and the relief will be cancelled or adjusted accordingly

The Council has a duty to protect public funds and we may need to check your information with other information we hold within the Council. We may also exchange information with other agencies, councils, government departments or bodies administering public funds to make sure the information is accurate, prevent or detect crime and to protect public funds.