

Please enter name and address of Business Here.

Please ask for: Revenues

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Your Business Rates
Reference No:

Date:

NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATES - RURAL RATE RELIEF

In accordance with the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 rural rate relief was made available to village shops and post offices in defined areas. Billing authorities are required to compile a 'Rural Settlement List', which lists all settlements in the area of the authority within the designated rural area with a population of less than 3,000. In order to qualify for the 50% Mandatory rate relief, the property must:

- Be the only general store, the only post office or a food shop and have a rateable value of less than £8,500, OR
- Be the only public house of the only petrol station and have a rateable value of less than £12,500.
- Be the only general store, the only post office, the only public house or the only petrol filling station in the settlement but not necessarily the only food shop.
- The property has to be occupied.

Alternatively, a discretionary relief of up to 100% may be awarded where the rateable value does not exceed £16,500 at the beginning of the rating year concerned. No categories of hereditament are prescribed for this relief but a billing authority may not award discretionary relief unless it is satisfied that the hereditament is used for purposes which are of benefit to the local community, and it would be reasonable for the billing authority to award relief with regard to the interest of its council taxpayers.

If you wish to claim rural rate relief please complete the application form and return it to this office at the address below or you can email it back to us at taxation@sstaffs.gov.uk

South Staffordshire Council
Revenues & Benefits
Council Offices
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South Staffordshire
WV8 1QL

**SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
APPLICATION FOR RURAL RATE RELIEF**

1) Is your property	
i) A Post Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii) A General Store	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii) Another type of property	<input type="checkbox"/>

2) Please describe the business that is conducted from your premises
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3) Which rural settlement is your business located within?
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4) To the best of your knowledge is there another business within your settlement which provides the same service as yours?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

5) Please give details of how your business is a benefit to the local community
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DECLARATION: -
I declare that the information provided above is correct to the best of my knowledge
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS): -
Capacity in which signed: -
Signature: - Date: - Telephone number: -