

Transitional Relief Scheme for 2015-6 and 2016-17

The scheme determines the amount payable by comparing:-

- (i) the out-turn liability of the year before the year for which the calculation is to be made (the base liability);
- (ii) the notional liability of the year for which the calculation is to be made (the notional amount) and applying a "capping" mechanism (the appropriate fraction) to restrict the nominal change between the two.

The scheme is restricted to properties which were in receipt of transitional relief at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 where the rateable value is below £50,000 and runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

The transitional relief scheme will remain as it is in the current statutory scheme (as prescribed in The Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (England) Regulations 2009. SI No.3343 except that:-

- (i) the cap on increases for small properties (with a rateable value of less than £18,000) is assumed to be 15% (before the increase for the change in the multiplier);
- (ii) the cap on increases for other properties (up to and including £50,000 rateable value) is assumed to be 25% (before the increase for the change in multiplier);
- (iii) the calculation of transitional relief is made after all other reliefs have been applied.

Officers in the Revenues and Housing support Service must establish that an award of transitional relief would not result in the ratepayer having received more than €200,000 of De Minimus aid under the European Union State aid rules.

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