

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **BUSINESS RATES – DISCRETIONARY RELIEF APPLICATION FORM**

#### **ACCOUNT ADDRESS**

The Council can grant relief where a Rateable Value is below £200,000. Relief will be applied on a daily basis and is applicable to the 2017/18 financial year.

To apply please answer all the questions, complete the declaration and sign the application before returning it to the Local Taxation, Fareham Borough Council, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Fareham PO16 7AZ.

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| <b>1)</b> | Account Reference   |  |
| <b>2)</b> | Full name of ratepayer/owner  |  |
| <b>3)</b> | Full address of the property for which relief is claimed<br>(please include postcode)                                 |  |
| <b>4)</b> | Ratepayer's address<br>(if different to above)  |  |
| <b>5)</b> | I confirm that:<br><br>The property has been occupied continuously by the ratepayer since 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017 | <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |

**6) STATE AID**

**(a)** (Please Read) State Aid is financial support given to businesses by the State.

European Union competition rules actually prohibit Government awarding State Aid to businesses because it can distort competition. However, there is an exemption that will allow the award of State Aid providing the value is below a “de minimis” level (currently €200,000 over a 3 year period).

Business Rates Relief is considered as State Aid so we must be satisfied that you have not received State Aid from a different source. It may be that you, a parent company or a subsidiary have been granted State Aid in the form of financial assistance from another public body such as HM Revenues & Customs, Central Government or another Local Council.

Further information on State Aid can be found by searching the internet for “State Aid: The Basics Guide (July 2015)” If you believe that you or your organisation or a parent company or a subsidiary of your company has received De Minimis State Aid, you must let us know.

**(b)** Has the business, a parent company or a subsidiary of the business received State Aid in the form of financial assistance from another public body, please indicate below:

☐ YES ☐ NO

**(c)** If you have answered yes to the questions above, please explain the type of aid received and the value of that aid below:

**7) Declaration**

- I am the ratepayer or have authority to sign on the ratepayer’s behalf.
- The information I have entered above is correct, based on my knowledge and belief
- I agree to notify the Business Rates Section of Fareham Borough Council if circumstances change.
- I have read the information above regarding State Aid and will notify Fareham Council if State Aid exceeds the De Minimis threshold and will reimburse Fareham Borough Council if the De Minimis Regulations have been breached

Signed By:

Capacity:

Date:

Phone Number:

E Mail:

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