

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information. In all further correspondence please quote our reference FOI2846

Your request for information under the above legislation has now been considered. Please see response:

**Request:**

Small Business Rates Relief was brought in by the government with effect from 1st April 2005.

We are keen to inquire how far back (to what date) local businesses in your area are able to still re-claim Small Business Rates Relief as of the 2020 / 2021 financial year. Please could you inquire from your Business Rates / Revenue Dept and hopefully notify this office within say the next 30 days.

**Response**

There is no set limit to how far back a claim could be awarded. If a business meets the necessary criteria and is eligible for relief it will be awarded.

We have made it easier to request information from us. Our new [Request for Information](#) application is now available online. Here you can submit, manage and stay updated on all your requests within an account. Click on the link to create an account and get started. You will need a valid email address to verify your account.

Please note that an anonymised copy of this response may be published in our Disclosure Log where appropriate.

This is a record of responses to completed requests for information that the Council has received and dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004. The Disclosure Log is available online at the following address:

<http://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/816/disclosure-log>

I trust that this information answers your request, but if you have any further requests please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with the way the Council has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please contact the Information Governance Team no later than 40 working days after the date of this letter, after which time we will consider the matter closed.

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