

Application for Rate Relief for a Public House or Petrol Filling Station in a Rural Settlement under Section 43 or Section 47 Local Government Finance Act 1988



A rate relief scheme is now in force which allows for mandatory rate relief of 50% for businesses

- which operate as the **sole** public house or petrol filling station in a qualifying rural settlement **and**
- which occupy property which has a rateable value of **£9,000 or less**

In accordance with the scheme Leeds City Council has compiled a Rural Settlement List specifying qualifying settlements (those with a population of 3,000 or less) within areas designated as rural by the Government. This is available for inspection at the Council's offices at 2, Great George Street, Leeds 2 or details can be obtained from the Business Rates Section (see address below).

The Council also has the discretion to allow relief to the sole public house or petrol filling station in a rural settlement even if the property has a rateable value of over £9,000, providing the rateable value is no more than £12,000. This is known as *discretionary rural rate relief* and all decisions in relation to discretionary relief will be taken by the Council's Chief Financial Officer.

HOW TO CLAIM

1. Please answer **ALL** the questions on this form and **complete the declaration**.

Please note : If your business is **not** the only public house or petrol filling station in the rural settlement you need to complete a different application form which can be obtained from the address below.

2. Please return the completed form to :

**Leeds City Council, Revenues Service,
Business Rates Section
P.O. Box 60, Leeds LS2 8JR
Tel. no. : (0113) 247 5115 or (0113) 247 6983**

3. Until the outcome of your application is known payment of business rates should be made in accordance with the account **unless** alternative arrangements have already been made with the Business Rates Section. If you have any difficulty in making payment please contact us at the address or telephone number shown above.

Please turn over.....

If there is insufficient space on the form to answer any question please attach additional sheets.

1. Full name of ratepayer _____

2. Address of property _____

3. Account number
(please refer to your account)

4. Please describe the nature of the business carried out in the property (if two or more businesses are run alongside each other in the property please give details of each separate business).

5. Please state the location of the nearest business offering similar goods, services or amenities to those provided by your business.

6. Form completed by : _____ Daytime tel no : _____

Correspondence address : _____
(if different to property address)

DECLARATION

As far as I am aware the business is the **only** public house/petrol filling station (*delete as applicable*) in the rural settlement and I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information supplied is true and accurate.

Signed : _____ Date : _____

Telephone No : _____ Email Address : _____

For office use only		Mandatory / Discretionary			Rural Settlement :		
Date recd	Date ack	Prop No	RV	Visit date	RM / CFO		Date notif
					Dec. date	% relief	
<i>Notes relating to decision :</i>							