

# Business rates Revaluation 2026



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The Valuation Office Agency (VOA) has updated the rateable values of all commercial, and other non-domestic, properties in England and Wales. These new values will take effect from 1 April 2026.

Revaluations are carried out every three years in England and Wales to reflect changes in the property market. Stockport Council will use your new rateable value to calculate business rate bills.

## New Multipliers

From 1 April 2026 there will be 5 new multipliers used to calculate your business rates bill. This table shows what the new multipliers will be. The multiplier used to work out your bill will depend on the rateable value of your property and what it is used for.

We work out how much business rates you have to pay by multiplying the rateable value by the multiplier or 'poundage'. This is from what the government sets each year from 1 April for the whole of England.

<b>Small RHL Multiplier</b>	<b>38.2p</b>	Retail, Hospitality and Leisure (RHL) properties with Rateable Values under £51,000
<b>Standard RHL Multiplier</b>	<b>43p</b>	Retail, Hospitality and Leisure (RHL) properties with Rateable Values between £51,000 and £499,999
<b>Small Multiplier</b>	<b>43.2p</b>	Other properties with Rateable Values under £51,000
<b>Standard Multiplier</b>	<b>48p</b>	Other properties with Rateable Values between £51,000 and £499,999
<b>High Value Multiplier</b>	<b>50.8p</b>	All properties with Rateable Values of £500,000 or above

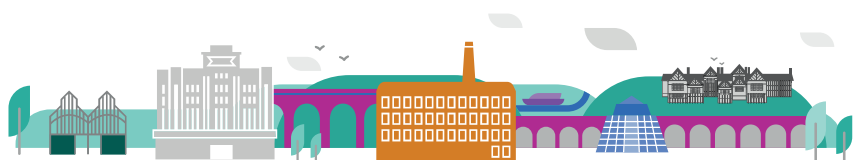
The multiplier that we are using to work out your business rates bill will show on your bill. If you think that your business rates are not being calculated using the correct multiplier, please contact the business rates team at [business.rates@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:business.rates@stockport.gov.uk) so that we can look at your charge. You should include your business rates account number in the subject field and information about why you think the multiplier is incorrect and what your business uses the property for.

## Supporting Small Business Scheme 2026

The government has also introduced a new scheme to help businesses who have seen a rise in their business rates due to the loss of Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Relief or a decrease in Small Business Rate Relief due to the revaluation.

This relief will show on your bill and you can find more detail about how this relief is awarded on our website - [www.stockport.gov.uk/supporting-small-business-relief](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/supporting-small-business-relief)

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## Transitional Relief scheme

All rateable values are reassessed at a general revaluation. Revaluations make sure that the share of the national rates bill paid by any one ratepayer reflects changes over time in the value of their property relative to others.

For those that would otherwise see significant increases in their rates liability, the government has a transitional relief scheme. This is to limit the increase each year and phase in the increase as a result of each revaluation.

The transition scheme will operate over a period of 3 years from **1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029**. The scheme has split properties into 3 groups, and the rates where increases apply will differ between each group:

- > **small; rateable value up to £20,000**
- > **medium; rateable value from £20,001 to £100,000**
- > **large; rateable value from £100,001 upwards**

## Transitional Bill Increase Limits

The table below shows the limits by which a business rates bill can increase in 2026-2027. It shows the percentage of the increase, followed by the percentage of last year's bill in brackets.

Year	Small	Medium	Large
2026 to 2027	5.00% (105.00%)	15.00% (115.00%)	30.00% (130.00%)

## How Transitional Relief is calculated

Transitional Relief is based on comparing your rateable value on 31 March 2026 against the rateable value on 1 April 2026.

## Transitional Relief Supplement

Business ratepayers who do not receive Transitional Relief or the Supporting Small Business Relief scheme will pay a 1p supplement on top of their multiplier to partially fund Transitional Relief. This will apply for one year from 1 April 2026 and appear on your bill as TR Supplement (Rateable Value x 1p).

## Pubs and live music venues relief

The government have announced that in 2026 to 2027, eligible pubs and live music venues will benefit from a 15% business rates relief on top of the support announced at Budget 2025. Their bills will then be frozen in real terms for a further 2 years.

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