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### SMALL BUSINESS RATES RELIEF

#### A brief explanation of how the scheme works and advice to small businesses

This scheme was first introduced in April 2005, revised in April 2010 and further updated by the present government soon after they came into power, in October 2010 with the aim of assisting small businesses.

**Businesses who have just one property can claim 100% Rates Relief if their premises have a rateable value of less than £6,000 and will therefore finish-up paying NO RATES.**

**Businesses who have one property may also claim a reduction in their rates if they occupy a property with a rateable value between £6,000 and £12,000.** The level of relief given to these properties is on a tapered basis, the lower the rateable value the greater the percentage relief. The relief reduces by 1% for every £60 increase in the rateable value above £6,000.

The above levels of relief were brought in by the Government as a temporary measure in October 2010.

Very substantial savings are on offer for almost all small businesses and councils **MUST** grant such relief to qualifying companies. The current arrangement will remain in place until *at least* 1st April 2015, and companies are allowed to claim back rates they have already paid, as far back as 1st April 2010.

To view our latest report on Small Business Rates Relief please see [http://www.centre-p.co.uk/Small\\_Business\\_Rates\\_Relief\\_.pdf](http://www.centre-p.co.uk/Small_Business_Rates_Relief_.pdf)