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Department: **Business Rates**
Title: **Small Business Rates Relief back claim limitations**
Description: **Small business rates relief claims**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

Small Business Rates Relief was brought in by the government with effect from 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.

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

Generally we will go back to the 1st April automatically. If the business wants to go back prior to the start of the financial year, we will need to see good reason as to why they did not apply sooner.

We would not go back beyond the last valuation date (1st April 2017).

If qualification is down to a change in the rating list, we would go back to this date.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards
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