

2022 No. 48

RATING AND VALUATION

**The Non-Domestic Rates (Levying and Miscellaneous
Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022**

Made - - - - *8th February 2022*

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The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the power conferred by section 153 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994(a) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

PART 1

General

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Non-Domestic Rates (Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 and come into force on 1 April 2022.

PART 2

Levying Regulations

Interpretation of Part 2

2. In this Part—

“the 1962 Act” means the Local Government (Financial Provisions etc.) (Scotland) Act 1962(b),

“the 1966 Act” means the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966(c),

“the 1975 Act” means the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975(d),

(a) 1994 c. 39. Section 153 was amended by section 67 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (asp 12), section 15 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020 (asp 4) and paragraph 7 of schedule 4 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020 (asp 10). The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

(b) 1962 c. 9 (10 & 11 Eliz. 2).

(c) 1966 c. 51.

(d) 1975 c. 30.

“the 1997 Act” means the Local Government and Rating Act 1997(a),

“cumulative rateable value” means the total rateable value of all lands and heritages which an individual ratepayer is either—

(a) entitled to occupy, whether they are occupied or not, or

(b) actually in occupation of, whether entitled to or not,

or both, but excluding the rateable value of any such lands and heritages in respect of which the rates payable are being remitted by virtue of regulation 2 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Reverse Vending Machine Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2020(b),

“lands and heritages” has the meaning prescribed by and under section 42 of the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Act 1854(c),

“part residential subjects” has the meaning prescribed by and under section 99(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992(d),

“payday lending” means, in the course of a business involving lending, the making of, or advertising the availability of, loan agreements in relation to which the credit provided is to be repaid or substantially repaid over a period that does not exceed 12 months and being loan agreements with an annual percentage rate of interest equal to or exceeding 100%,

“rateable value”, in relation to lands and heritages and a particular date, means—

(a) in the case of part residential subjects, the rateable value entered in the roll for that date and apportioned to the non-residential use of those subjects, and

(b) in any other case, the rateable value entered in the roll for that date in respect of those lands and heritages,

and includes a rateable value so entered with retrospective effect,

“rates” means non-domestic rates levied under section 7B of the 1975 Act(e), and

“the roll” means a valuation roll made up under section 1 of the 1975 Act(f).

Amount payable as rates – lands and heritages with rateable value of £18,000 or less

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (5), this regulation grants relief to a person who is liable to pay rates in respect of lands and heritages on a day in the relevant year where they have—

(a) a rateable value of £18,000 or less, and

(b) a cumulative rateable value not exceeding £35,000.

(2) The relevant year for the purposes of this regulation is the financial year 2022-2023.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), where the cumulative rateable value of lands and heritages falls within one of the ranges specified in column 1 (cumulative rateable value range) of the table below, the amount of rates payable is to be reduced by the percentage specified in the corresponding entry in column 2 (percentage of rate relief).

(a) 1997 c. 29.

(b) S.S.I. 2020/36.

(c) 1854 c. 91 (17 & 18 Vict.). Section 42 was amended by the Statute Law Revision Act 1892 (c. 19) and section 152(2) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994.

(d) 1992 c. 14. There are amendments to section 99(1) which are not relevant to these Regulations.

(e) Section 7B was inserted by section 110(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c. 14) and amended by paragraph 100(4) of schedule 13 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994.

(f) Section 1 was amended by section 34 and schedule 6 of the Abolition of Domestic Rates etc. (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 47), paragraph 1 of schedule 14 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, paragraph 1 of schedule 4 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 (c. 29) and section 7 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020.

<i>Cumulative rateable value range</i>	<i>Percentage of rate relief</i>
£15,000 or less	100%
£15,001 to £18,000	25%
£18,001 to £35,000	25% on each individual property with a rateable value of £18,000 or less

(4) The amount of rate relief calculated under paragraph (3) is to be reduced by the amount of any—

- (a) reduction by virtue of one or more of the following enactments—
 - (i) section 4(2) of the 1962 Act(a),
 - (ii) section 4(5)(c) of the 1962 Act(b),
 - (iii) section 24A of the 1966 Act(c),
 - (iv) section 4 or 5 of the Rating (Disabled Persons) Act 1978(d),
 - (v) paragraph 3(1) of schedule 2 of the 1997 Act(e), or
- (b) determination in accordance with sections 6(1) and 7B(2) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956(f),

but only to the extent that the amount of such rate relief is reduced to nil.

(5) No rate relief is granted in consequence of paragraph (1)—

- (a) if the rates payable in respect of the lands and heritages are being reduced by virtue of section 24(3) (unoccupied lands and heritages) of the 1966 Act(g), or
- (b) in respect of lands and heritages used for payday lending.

Amount payable as rates – lands and heritages with rateable value exceeding £51,000, but not exceeding £95,000

4.—(1) This regulation applies to lands and heritages on any day in the relevant year when they have a rateable value exceeding £51,000, but not exceeding £95,000.

(2) The relevant year for the purposes of this regulation is the financial year 2022-2023.

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- (a) Section 4(2) was amended by sections 5(a) and 13 and schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1981 (c. 23), section 5(1)(a) of the Local Government and Planning (Scotland) Act 1982 (c. 43), section 137 and paragraph 7 of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (c. 41) and section 98(2) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 10).
 - (b) Section 4(5) was amended by paragraph 57 of schedule 13 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, paragraph 2(a) of schedule 3 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 (c. 29) and section 98(3) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 10).
 - (c) Section 24A was inserted by section 155 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 and amended by section 1(3) of the Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Act 2012 (asp 11) and section 19 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020, though section 19 is not yet in force.
 - (d) 1978 c. 40. Section 4 was amended by section 86(1) and paragraph 49(c) of schedule 10 of the Social Security Act 1986 (c. 50) and paragraph 48 of schedule 2 of the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Act 1992 (c. 6). Section 5 was amended by section 5(1)(a), (b) and (c) of the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 31).
 - (e) Paragraph 3 was amended by section 29 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 (asp 1), paragraph 25 of schedule 8 of the Postal Services Act 2000 (c. 26) and paragraph 148 of schedule 12 of the Postal Services Act 2011 (c. 5).
 - (f) 1956 c. 60. Section 6(1) was repealed in part by section 34 and schedule 6 of the Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc. (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 47) and amended by section 145 and paragraph 3 of schedule 6 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (c. 42). Section 7B was inserted by section 145 and paragraph 4 of schedule 6 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
 - (g) Section 24(3) was substituted by section 154 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 and amended by section 1(2) of the Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Act 2012 (asp 11). Section 24 is repealed by section 19(2) of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020, though that section is not yet in force.

(3) The additional amount payable as rates under this Part of these Regulations in respect of lands and heritages for a day in the relevant year on which this regulation applies to them is to be calculated in accordance with the formula—

$$\text{AARP} = \frac{(\text{RV} \times \text{S})}{\text{D}}$$

Where—

- AARP is the additional amount of rates payable,
- RV is the rateable value of the lands and heritages on that day,
- S is the additional factor of 0.013, and
- D is the number of days in the relevant year.

(4) No additional amount is payable under paragraph (3) for—

- (a) a day on which relief under regulation 7 (amount payable as rates) of the Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2017^(a) has effect in respect of the lands and heritages in question, or
- (b) a day on which—
 - (i) regulation 10 (relief granted – lands and heritages in respect of which a relevant increase has been made within the previous 12 months) of the Non-Domestic Rates (Relief for New and Improved Properties) (Scotland) Regulations 2022^(b) grants relief in respect of the lands and heritages in question, and
 - (ii) the rateable value of those lands and heritages, minus the reference amount within the meaning of paragraph (2)(b) of that regulation, does not exceed £51,000.

Amount payable as rates – lands and heritages with rateable value exceeding £95,000

5.—(1) This regulation applies to lands and heritages on any day in the relevant year when they have a rateable value exceeding £95,000.

(2) The relevant year for the purposes of this regulation is the financial year 2022-2023.

(3) The additional amount payable as rates under this Part of these Regulations in respect of lands and heritages for a day in the relevant year on which this regulation applies to them is to be calculated in accordance with the formula—

$$\text{AARP} = \frac{(\text{RV} \times \text{S})}{\text{D}}$$

Where—

- AARP is the additional amount of rates payable,
- RV is the rateable value of the lands and heritages on that day,
- S is the additional factor of 0.026, and
- D is the number of days in the relevant year.

(4) No additional amount is payable under paragraph (3) for a day on which relief under regulation 7 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 has effect in respect of the lands and heritages in question.

(a) S.S.I. 2017/85.

(b) S.S.I. 2022/49.

- (5) Paragraph (6) applies for a day on which—
- (a) regulation 10 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Relief for New and Improved Properties) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 grants relief in respect of the lands and heritages in question, and
 - (b) the rateable value of those lands and heritages, minus the reference amount within the meaning of paragraph (2)(b) of that regulation, does not exceed £95,000.
- (6) If the rateable value minus the reference amount, as described in paragraph (5)(b)—
- (a) does not exceed £95,000, but exceeds £51,000, the additional amount payable under paragraph (3) is to be calculated using an additional factor of 0.013 instead of 0.026,
 - (b) does not exceed £51,000, no additional amount is payable under paragraph (3).

Exemptions and discretionary reductions and remissions

- 6.** Nothing in this Part of these Regulations—
- (a) requires rates to be paid in respect of lands and heritages for any day where those lands and heritages are under any enactment entirely exempt from rates for that day, or
 - (b) prejudices the power of a rating authority to grant a reduction or remission of rates under section 3A or 4(5) of the 1962 Act(a) or paragraph 4 of schedule 2 of the 1997 Act(b).

Revocation and saving

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), regulations 2 to 7 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Levying and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021(c) are revoked.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) affects the continuing operation of regulations 2 to 7 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Levying and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 as regards the financial year 2021-2022.

PART 3

Miscellaneous Non-Domestic Rating Amendments

Amendment of the Non-Domestic Rates (Enterprise Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2016

8.—(1) The Non-Domestic Rates (Enterprise Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2016(d) are amended as follows.

- (2) In regulation 3 (lands and heritages in enterprise areas), for “2022” substitute “2023”.

Amendment of the Non-Domestic Rates (Telecommunication Installations) (Scotland) Regulations 2016

9.—(1) The Non-Domestic Rates (Telecommunication Installations) (Scotland) Regulations 2016(e) are amended as follows.

- (2) In regulation 2 (interpretation), for paragraph (a) of the entry for “Mobile Masts Pilot Area” substitute—

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- (a) Section 3A was inserted by section 140(1) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (asp 6). Section 4(5) was amended by paragraph 57 of schedule 13 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c. 39), paragraph 2(a) of schedule 3 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 (c. 29) and section 98(3) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 10).
 - (b) Paragraph 4 was amended by section 28(4) of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 (asp 1).
 - (c) S.S.I. 2021/65.
 - (d) S.S.I. 2016/119, which was amended by S.S.I. 2020/38 and S.S.I. 2020/391.
 - (e) S.S.I. 2016/122, which was amended by S.S.I. 2018/63, S.S.I. 2019/41, S.S.I. 2020/41 and S.S.I. 2021/65.

“(a) described by grid co-ordinates in a document entitled “Non-Domestic Rates Relief – Mobile Masts Pilot Extension – Eligible Grid References” and dated 08 February 2022.”.

(3) In regulation 3 (amount payable as rates – lands and heritages comprising tower or mast sites) for “1 April 2021” substitute “1 April 2022”.

Amendment of the Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2017

10.—(1) The Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2017(**a**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2 (interpretation – general)—

(a) for the definition of “the 2021 Regulations” substitute—

““the 2022 Regulations” means the Non-Domestic Rates (Levying and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2022(**b**),” and

(b) in the definition of “the relevant year”, for “2021” substitute “2022”.

(3) In regulation 8 (notional liability)—

(a) for “0.516” substitute “0.524”,

(b) for “0.503” substitute “0.511”, and

(c) for “0.49” substitute “0.498”.

(4) In regulation 9 (transitional limit)—

(a) in each formula in paragraph (1), for “1.965” substitute “2.247”, and

(b) in paragraph (2)—

(i) for “0.516” substitute “0.524”,

(ii) for “0.503” substitute “0.511”, and

(iii) for “0.49” substitute “0.498”.

(5) In regulation 11 (changes in rateable value) —

(a) in the heading, paragraph (1) and paragraph (2), for “2021” substitute “2022”,

(b) in paragraph (1)—

(i) for “0.516” substitute “0.524”,

(ii) for “0.503” substitute “0.511”, and

(iii) for “0.49” substitute “0.498”.

(6) In regulation 12(1)(a)(charitable and other reductions)—

(a) in head (v) for “2021” substitute “2022”,

(b) for head (vi) substitute—

“(vi) regulation 4(1), 6(1) or 11(1) of the Non-Domestic Rates (Relief for New and Improved Properties)(Scotland) Regulations 2022(**c**),” and

(c) after head (vi) insert—

“(vii) regulation 4 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus Reliefs) (Scotland) Regulations 2022(**d**)”.

(a) S.S.I. 2017/85, which was amended by S.S.I. 2018/76, S.S.I. 2019/44, S.S.I. 2020/42, S.S.I. 2020/101, S.S.I. 2020/230, S.S.I. 2020/391, S.S.I. 2021/65 and S.S.I. 2021/151.

(b) S.S.I. 2022/48.

(c) S.S.I. 2022/49.

(d) S.S.I. 2022/47.

Amendment of the Non-Domestic Rates (Telecommunications New Fibre Infrastructure Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2019

11.—(1) The Non-Domestic Rates (Telecommunications New Fibre Infrastructure Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2019^(a) are amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) In regulation 3(3) (amount payable as rates – lands and heritages comprising telecommunications new fibre infrastructure) for “2029” substitute “2034”.

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Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

St Andrew’s House,
Edinburgh
8th February 2022

(a) S.S.I. 2019/43, which was amended by S.S.I. 2020/391.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision for the amount payable in certain circumstances as non-domestic rates in respect of non-domestic subjects in Scotland. The non-domestic rate for subjects not covered by these Regulations is fixed by Order made under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975. For the financial year 2022-2023, the rate is fixed by the Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2022 (S.S.I. 2022/36).

These Regulations also make miscellaneous amendments to the Non-Domestic Rates (Enterprise Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2016, the Non-Domestic Rates (Telecommunication Installations) (Scotland) Regulations 2016, the Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 and the Non-Domestic Rates (Telecommunications New Fibre Infrastructure Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2019.

Part 1 provides the title of these Regulations and for their commencement.

Part 2 contains provisions in respect of the levying of non-domestic rates.

Regulation 3 provides for the general reduction in rates for a ratepayer of non-domestic subjects which individually have a rateable value of £18,000 or less, and whose cumulative rateable value does not exceed £35,000. Regulation 3(3) sets out the reduction of either 25% or 100% depending on the value of the subjects.

Regulation 3(4) provides for a reduction in rate relief (calculated in accordance with regulation 3(3)) if the enactments listed in regulation 3(4)(a) or (b) already provide for a reduction or determination. Regulation 3(5) provides that no rate relief is granted in respect of lands and heritages that are receiving relief on account of being unoccupied or are used for payday lending.

Regulation 4 provides a formula for the additional amount payable as rates for lands and heritages with a rateable value exceeding £51,000, but not exceeding £95,000. Regulation 5 provides a formula for the additional amount payable as rates for lands and heritages with a rateable value exceeding £95,000.

Regulations 3 to 5 apply to the financial year 2022-2023.

Regulation 6 allows for exemptions and discretionary reductions and remissions.

The provisions in Part 2 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Levying and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 are revoked by regulation 7, with a saving provision in respect of the financial year 2021-2022.

Part 3 contains miscellaneous amendments in respect of Non-Domestic Rating Regulations.

Regulation 8 amends the Non-Domestic Rates (Enterprise Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2016, which provide relief from non-domestic rates in specified enterprise areas. The relief granted under those Regulations was due to expire on 31 March 2022, but regulation 8 extends the relief until 31 March 2023.

Regulation 9 amends the Non-Domestic Rates (Telecommunication Installations) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (“the 2016 Regulations”). Regulation 9(2) amends a reference to a document in the definition of a “Mobile Masts Pilot Area” in the 2016 Regulations. These areas are either shown in a specified document with grid coordinates or delineated on three maps named in the 2016 Regulations. A new document is being referred to.

The document and maps are available for inspection online at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/4g-infill-programme-non-domestic-rates-relief-mobile-masts/>.

Regulation 9(3) provides relief for areas shown in the document from the 2022-23 financial year, with the 2016 Regulations continuing that relief, if other conditions are met, until the end of the 2028-29 financial year.

Regulation 10 amends the Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 (“the 2017 Regulations”). Paragraph (2) updates a reference to the Non-Domestic Rates (Levying and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 and updates the definition of “the relevant year”. The relevant year becomes the financial year 2022-23. Paragraph (4)(a) updates a figure used to calculate entitlement to transitional relief and its maximum amount. Paragraphs (3), (4)(b) and (5)(b) make amendments, namely to regulations 8, 9 and 11 of the 2017 Regulations to reflect the changes to the poundage and supplement references. Paragraph (6) amends regulation 12 to reflect the availability of retail, hospitality and leisure relief, in light of coronavirus, for the first three months of the financial year 2022-23, and updates references to other Regulations.

Regulation 11 amends the Non-Domestic Rates (Telecommunications New Fibre Infrastructure Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2019. The relief granted under those Regulations was due to expire on 31 March 2029, but regulation 11 extends the availability of the relief until 31 March 2034.

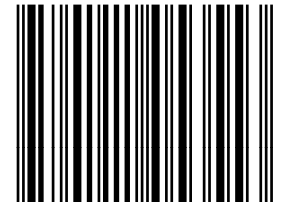
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