

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Finance and Resources Service

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NON-DOMESTIC RATES – APPLICATION FOR SECTION 44a

Please use this form to apply for part occupied relief, in accordance with section 44a of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

This application form should be used where part of the property is empty and cannot be split by the Valuation Office Agency. Any award should be for a temporary period only; dependant on the type of property the relief can be limited to 3-6 months or to a maximum of 1 year.

Where the information supplied is satisfactory, the Council will send the request to the Valuation Office Agency who will then apportion the rateable value and issue a certificate to the Council. This certificate will be used to amend the account and be used for audit verification.

A scale plan must be attached to this application detailing the unoccupied area to enable a decision to be made.

If your application is successful, a revised demand will be issued detailing the revised balance. Alternatively, if your application is unsuccessful, the Council will advise you in writing. Please note that your current rates remain payable whilst the Council is considering this application.

If you require any assistance in completing this form, please contact our Business Rates Team on 01702 215001 or email businessrates@southend.gov.uk

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Account Number :
(You will find this on your rate demand)

Ratepayers' Name:

Address of Rated Property:
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Correspondence Address:
(If different)
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Owner Details:
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Description of Rated Premises:
(You will find this on the rate demand)

Rateable Value:
(You will find this on the rate demand)

Your website address: (If applicable)

PLEASE ANSWER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE

1. The area of the property which is empty/unoccupied

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2. The reason for the unoccupied area

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3. Dates the area is unoccupied: From/...../..... To...../...../.....

4. Please enclose a 'scale to plan' showing the unoccupied area

Declaration

I confirm that all information given in this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand if any information that I give is found to be inaccurate, my application will be disqualified with immediate effect.

Signature: Date:

Name: (please print in block capitals)

Capacity in which signed: (please print in block capitals)

Daytime Telephone Number:

Email address: