

# Request for information

Non-Domestic Rating

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Please enter the address and reference number exactly as shown on the original form or letter. If the address needs any corrections, please type these separately in the address box.

### **Time limit**

You must return this form within 56 days from the day you receive it. If you do not return this form within 56 days you will be liable to a penalty of £100 [see paragraph 5A(1) of Schedule 9 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988 ("the Act")].

#### How to fill in this form

You may find it useful to have your lease or agreement to hand. Throughout this form:

- The property means the rating list entry shown in the address panel above
- where a date is requested please give the exact date if you know it. If you do not know the exact date, just fill in the month and year boxes.

This request for information is a notice sent to you pursuant to powers granted to the Valuation Officer under paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 9 of the act. You are required as the owner or occupier, to provide information regarding the property (see paragraph 5(2) of Schedule 9 of the Act. You may be prosecuted if you make false statements.

### Why your information is important

The VOA uses the information provided by all businesses in England and Wales to set rateable values.

These are used by your local council to calculate your business rates bill.

Rateable values are based on the annual rent for a property as if it was available on the open market on a fixed date.

Providing this information helps us get the rateable value correct and ensures your local council can calculate accurate business rates for your business.

#### How to submit this form

Please save your completed PDF and send it as an email attachment to: specialist.rating@voa.gov.uk

# **Large Print**

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I believe that the information requested will assist me in carrying out functions conferred or imposed on me by or under part III of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (concerning non-domestic rating), including compiling a new rating list or maintaining an existing rating list.

Valuation Officer

The Valuation Office is an Executive Agency of HM Revenue & Customs, which is a Data Controller under the Data Protection Act. We hold information for the purposes of taxes and certain other statutory functions as assigned by Parliament. The information we hold may be used for any of the Valuation Office Agency's functions.

We may get information about you from others, such as other government departments and agencies and local authorities. We may check information we receive from them and also from you, with what is already in our records.

We may give information to other government departments and agencies and local authorities but only if the law permits us to do so, to check the accuracy of information, to prevent or detect crime and to protect public funds.

Please complete this form in black ink.

PAI	RT 1 - The property and you
1.1	What is the property used for?
1.2	Write the name and address of the person or company who occupies the property.
	If the property is empty, put 'vacant' in this box.
1.3	When did the person or company first occupy the property?
	Day Month Year
1.4	Do you own the property? (not simply the business)  No Go to question 1.5
	No Go to question 1.5  Yes Go to Part 14 on page 8
1.5	Do you pay rent for the property?
	No Go straight to Part 14 on page 8
<b>D</b> 41	Yes Go straight to Part 2 and fill in the rest of this form
PAI	RT 2 - The property and you
2.1	Please give the name and address of the person or company to whom you pay rent.
	Full name
	Address
	Post Code
2.2	Are you connected with the landlord?
	No U Yes How are you connected with the landlord?

#### PART 1 - Notes

#### Question 1.1

For example, mine, quarry, landfill site, brickworks, or any combination.

If the property is empty, describe its next most likely use.

# Question 1.2 If the property is occupied:

 Enter the full name of the individual or company that occupies the property.

If there is more than one occupier, please enter the names of all of them.

 If the property is occupied by a company, enter the address of the company's registered office, and the Company Secretary's name if you know it.

#### Question 1.3

Enter the date the person or company took on the property, even if you did not start trading or paying rent from that date

#### Question 1.4

For the purposes of this form, you own the property if you

- own it freehold and you do not pay rent, or
- have a leasehold or written agreement that lasts for more than 60 years at a low rent.

#### Question 1.5

Rent includes Mineral Royalties and Wayleaves.

#### PART 2 - Notes

#### Question 2.1

Please give the landlord's details, even if you pay your rent to an agent.

If you do not know the landlord's details, please give the agent's details (indicating that they relate to the agent). Please also provide these details if you expect to pay rent in the future, for example if you currently have a rent free period.

If you pay rent or royalties to more than one landlord then please provide details on a separate sheet.

#### Question 2.2

Please state any connection. For example

- a family connection
- company connection for example, is the occupying company a holding company or subsidiary of the landlord company?
- a business connection for example, are you and the landlord business partners?

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PART 3 - Your rent PART 3 - Notes 3.1 What is the current surface rent now payable under the terms of the lease or agreement? Enter the annual amount even if you pay monthly £/annum 3.2 What is the current certain or minimum rent now payable £/annum 3.3 What are the current royalties payable? Please give type and grade of Question 3.3 material, amount in £ per tonne and unit of measure, i.e. tonnes, cubic For example: metres, therms, barrels, etc. (Please enter in table below) Type of Amount Unit mineral, in £ or i.e. per Type of mineral, tonne, waste or pence i.e. per tonne, per waste or refuse in £ or pence per m3, refuse per therm m3, per therm Sandstone Crushed 40p per tonne Sandstone £10.00 River flag per m<sup>2</sup> Waste Inert £1.50 per tonne Oil £1.50 per barrel Question 3.4 **3.4** Are the royalties paid in respect of severed minerals? Yes Answer 'Yes' if you, or someone other than the person to whom you pay 3.5 Do the royalty payments and the certain rent or mineral royalties, owns the surface. Yes minimum rents merge? Question 3.5 Answer 'Yes' if the payment of the Day Month Year 3.6 When did the current surface, certain rent and certain rent is waived once the sum of royalties become payable?

Day

No

Month

Year

Yes

#### PART 4 - What is included in the rent

**3.8** Are you or your agent currently negotiating a new rent,

e.g. for the purpose of a rent review or a new lease?

3.7 When were these payments set?

4.1	Do you own other lands that form part of the property?	No 🗆	Yes 🗌
	If 'Yes', please give details		
4.2	Does the above rent include any other property not shown on Page 1?	No 🗌	Yes 🗌
	If 'Yes', please give details		
4.3	Does the rent paid include any payments for any buildings, sidings, and plant or site improvements?	No 🗌	Yes 🗌
	If <b>'Yes'</b> , please give details		
4.4	Are there any other payments shown in the lease?	No 🗌	Yes 🗌
	If 'Yes', please give details		

the royalty payments exceeds the value of the certain rent.

Answer 'No' if the certain rent is paid in addition to any royalties paid.

#### PART 4 - Notes

#### Question 4.1

For example - Do you own the plant site or mineral tipping areas at the property?

#### Question 4.2

For example – A works or processing plant adjacent or close to the quarry. Or similarly waste transfer station adjacent or close to a landfill site.

Note: if you pay rent for another property on a separate lease or agreement, please make sure you give full details on another form.

#### Question 4.4

For example – Payments to the landlord for the processing of minerals not worked at the property.

#### PART 5 - Notes PART 5 - Your lease or agreement Day Month Year Question 5.1 **5.1** When did your current lease or agreement start? This date is usually given in the first few paragraphs of a lease or written agreement. For example, 'The term is from 24 July 1994' Months Years **5.2** How long was the lease or agreement granted for? or 'The lease period is from 24 July 1994'. If you took over or bought the lease or agreement from someone else, enter the If you do not have a written agreement and the length is open-ended, leave date the lease or agreement itself started and not the date that you took over the the 'years' and 'months' boxes blank and tick here. property. Question 5.2 **5.3** What type of agreement do you have? The first few paragraphs of a lease or written agreement usually give its length. For example, 'The term is for 25 years' or No agreement, or one that is not in writing. Go to Part 7 'The lease period is 25 years'. Question 5.3 A lease or tenancy agreement. Your documentation will state the type of agreement you have. A licence or other type of written agreement. PART 6 - Rent reviews PART 6 - Notes Question 6.1 **6.1** Does your lease or agreement provide for rent reviews? Rent reviews are occasions in the lease or agreement when the landlord can change Go straight to Part 7. Question 6.1a Yes Please give details below. Your lease or agreement will say how Months often the landlord can change the rent. a. At what intervals is the rent reviewed? For example, every 5 years in a 20 year lease. Year b. When was the last review date? Question 6.1b Enter the date of the latest review, even if your rent did not change at that review. c. Can the rent be reduced on review? Question 6.1c Your lease or agreement will have a specific clause saying whether the rent **6.2** Is the rent shown at 3.1 the result of a rent review? can go down as well as up. For example, it may say the review is to the higher of Go straight to Part 7. the current rent or market rent, which means the rent can go up but not down. Yes Please give details below. Tick 'No' if the rent can only go up. Tick 'Yes' if the rent can go up or down. Month Year a. When was this rent review? If you need help to work out what the clause says, contact your local Valuation Office. Their details are on the front of this b. How was the rent fixed at the rent review?

#### Now go straight to Part 8

Between you (or your agent) and the landlord,

By someone specifically acting as arbitrator in accordance with the Arbitration Acts

with no-one else involved

By an independent expert (probably a chartered surveyor)

PA	RT 7 - How your rent was fixed, if not by a review	PART 7 - Notes
7.1	How was the rent shown at question 3.1 fixed?	Question 7.2 Tick
	Between you (or your agent) and the landlord, with no-one else involved.	<ul> <li>A new lease or agreement if the rent you pay started because you had a new lease or agreement and you had</li> </ul>
7.2	Was this rent fixed by –	not occupied the property before.
	a new lease or agreement	<ul> <li>A renewed lease if the rent you pay started because you had a new lease</li> </ul>
	a renewed lease	or agreement and you occupied the property immediately before, under a
	a sale and leaseback transaction	previous lease or agreement.
	a surrender and renewal?	<ul> <li>A sale and leaseback transaction if you sold a property you previously owned and occupied, but you still occupy it and pay rent to the new owner.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>A surrender and renewal if you agreed with the landlord to take out a fresh lease or agreement on a prop- erty you occupied, even though your existing lease or agreement had not finished.</li> </ul>
PA	RT 8 - How your rent is worked out	PART 8 - Notes
8.1	What is the rent shown at question 3.1 based on?	Tick 'Open market value' if:
	Open market value	Your rent results from a rent review,     and a clause in your lease or
	A percentage of open market value Please give details of the percentage below.	agreement (probably towards the end, says the basis of the rent is <b>open</b> <b>market rental value, open</b>
	A percentage of turnover Please give details of the percentage and any base rent you pay.	market value, best rent, or rack rental value.  • The rent in a new lease or lease
	A 'stepped' rent arrangement Please give details of the steps below.	renewal was agreed freely between you and the landlord. One of you proposed a figure which the other
	Indexation (for example, linked to the Retail Price Index) Please give details of the index below.	accepted. There may have been negotiation involving agents employed by you or the landlord.
	Some other basis (such as a combination of the above) Please give details below.	The rent or royalties paid may be linke to a percentage of gate receipts, if so,
	Details (you will usually find these in your lease or written agreement if you have one)	please give details of the percentage and supply the total receipts and the quantity or volume of material to which the receipts relate. Similarly they may be related to the selling price of the mineral, if so, please give details of the percentage and current selling price.
		Tick 'A stepped rent agreement' if you know in advance how the rent will change over the years to the next rent review or lease renewal. For example, in 2000 an occupier paid £12,000 per year, knowing that this would increase in 2001 to £14,000 per year, and again in 2003 to £16,000 per year
		<b>Tick 'Indexation'</b> , such as the Retail Price Index if your rent is linked to an index: The rent often changes yearly in such cases.
		Tick 'Some other basis' if you pay rent, for example, on a stepped turnover percentage so that the turnover percentage increases is steps from 10% in year 1 to 15% in year 5.

# PART 9 - Your lease or agreement

# PART 9 - Notes

9.1	Were you given a rent-free period when the lease or agreement was granted?	Question 9.1	
	No Go to Question 9.2.	A rent-free period is a time, often at the sta- of a lease or agreement, when the tenant does not have to pay rent. For example in order to construct the processing plant.	
	Yes How long was the rent free period?  Years  Months	order to construct the processing plant.	
	Why were you given the rent-free period? For example, for repairs or fitting out works that were needed.		
9.2	Did you pay a capital sum in respect of this lease or agreement?	Question 9.2 Tick 'Yes' if you paid a sum of money to	
	No 🗌	your landlord to take on the lease of agreement, or	
	Yes Amount £ Date Day Month Year	to a previous tenant to buy the least or agreement from them.	
9.3	Did you <i>recieve</i> a capital sum in respect of this lease or agreement?	This does not include any sums you paid for the business itself rather than for the	
9.5		lease or agreement. For example, do not include any sums	
	No L	you paid for goodwill, or trade fixtures an fittings.Neither should you include any	
	Yes Amount £ Date Day Month Year	sums paid merely as returnable deposits or bonds.	
PA	RT 10 - Responsibilities and costs	PART 10 - Notes	
10.1	Who is responsible for the following costs?	Question 10.1 Tick 'Landlord' if the landlord directly pays	
	outside repairs Landlord Tenant	the bills for this item without asking for any	
	inside repairs Landlord Tenant	contribution from you.	
	building insurance Landlord Tenant	Tick 'Tenant' if you (and the other ten- ants if there are more than one)	
10.2	Does the rent include any amount for the following costs?	<ul> <li>directly pay the bills for this item, or</li> <li>pay the landlord an amount, such a a service charge, to cover the costs</li> </ul>	
	Non-domestic rates No Yes	of this item.	
	Water charges No Yes	<b>Note</b> Repair does not include decoration. If you	
	Services (for example lighting, No Yes heating, cleaning/maintenance of shared areas)	are required to decorate but not to repair, on not tick that outside and inside repairs are your responsibility.	
	If you ticked 'Yes' for any item, please give details here.	<b>Tick both boxes</b> if you and the landlord share the responsibility for this item.	
		Question 10.2 Tick 'No' if	
	Amount per year	<ul> <li>either you or the landlord pay for this</li> </ul>	
	Service included in rent (excluding VAT)	<ul><li>item directly, or</li><li>you pay a separate service charge which includes this cost.</li></ul>	
		<b>Tick 'Yes'</b> if this item is covered in the rent shown at question 3.1.	

11	Are any Wayleave or other payments made to third parties?  (e.g. the right to carry materials over their land)  No  Yes				
	If 'Yes', please give details				
PA	RT 12 - Alterations and improvements		PART 12 - Notes		
12.1	Have you or a previous occupier carried out any major al improvements, refurbishments, initial fitting out or initial reproperty?		Question 12.2 If you have a lease or written agreement it will state whether you are obliged by your landlord to carry out any of the the works you have mentioned at question 12.1. If		
	No Go to Part 13		so, these works become a condition of the lease or agreement.		
	Yes Please give details  Work carried out	Cost of work and approximate date	Tick 'No' if work was voluntarily carried out and was not stipulated in the lease or		
			agreement, or  no work was carried out.		
		£	Tick 'Yes' if the work had to be done because the		
		Day Month Year	lease or agreement stipulated it.		
		£			
		Day Month Year			
		£			
		Day Month Year			
12.2	Are/were you or a previous occupier required to carry out works as a condition of the current lease or agreement?	any No Yes			
PA	RT 13 - Any other factors		PART 13 - Notes		
Are th	ere any other factors that have affected the rent payable?		For example – The output from the quarry restricted to one particular market – i.e.		
	No Go to Part 14		limestone produced can only be used for cement production and not aggregate.		
	Yes Please give details				

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PART 14 - I	Lettings	and sublettings	PART 14 - Notes
Do you let or sublet all or any part of the property?			Let-out parts of the property may include, for example
No 🗌 (	Go to Par	t 15	areas used by other businesses
Yes Please give details		<ul> <li>flats</li> <li>advertising hoardings</li> <li>mobile phone masts</li> <li>garages and car parking spaces.</li> </ul>	
٦	Tenant	Full name	If you have more than one subletting or
		Address	letting, please supply this information for all of them on a separate sheet, and sign and date it.
		Post code	
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	Annual ent	£ Date   Day   Month   Year	
PART 15 - 1	Declarat	ion COMPLETE IN ALL CASES	PART 15 - Notes
		nowledge and belief the information I have given attachments is correct and complete.	If you are signing on behalf of a business, please give your position. For example, partner or director.
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Name in <i>CAPITA</i>	LS		
Date	Day	Month Year	
Position			
I am the			
Occupier		Owner Lessee	
Occupier's Agen	ıt 🗌	Owner's Agent Lessee's Agent	
Daytime telephone no.			
Email address			
<b>PART 16 -</b> Co	ntact D	etails	PART 16 - Notes
If you would like us to either contact you at a different address or contact someone else if we have any queries about this form, please give details here.		If you wish us to contact someone else, for example, your head office or your estate or property department or a retained agent,	
Name in CAPITA	LS		please provide their full details.
Daytime telephone no.			
Email address			
Correspondence address			

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