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The rules in this area differ depending on whether the property is in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland; unless stated otherwise, the rules broadly applying in the UK are summarised below. Please follow the links below to the guidance issued by the UK, Scottish and Welsh Governments and by the Northern Ireland Executive.

There is a cash grant of up to £25,000 for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses.

*Qualifying properties are those that are used wholly or mainly:*

- as shops, restaurants, cafes, drinking establishments, cinemas and live music venues;
- for assembly and leisure; or
- as hotels, guest and boarding premises and self-catering accommodation.

The cash grant is given by reference to the rateable value of the property, as set out below:

England and Northern Ireland		Wales		Scotland	
Rateable Value	Grant	Rateable Value	Grant	Rateable Value	Grant
£0 - £15,000	£10,000	£0 - £12,000	£10,000	£0 - £18,000	£10,000
£15,000 - £51,000	£25,000	£12,000 - £51,000	£25,000	£18,000 - £51,000	£25,000

## Planning point

As the grant is payable by reference to the rateable value of the property, and not the size of the business that occupies it, it is expected that a wide range of businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors will benefit.

Advice on claiming the grant is as follows:

for properties in England, the local authority will contact the business to inform them that they are eligible for the grant. Any queries with regard to the grant should be directed to the local authority;

- for Scotland, the business should complete an application form on the relevant local authority's website ([see here](#));
- for Wales, the business should confirm information online (see [here](#)); and
- for Northern Ireland, an online portal has been set up for the business to register its details ([here](#)).
- The Scottish Government has provided a helpful [list](#) of the types of business that do and do not qualify as retail, hospitality and leisure businesses for this purpose. See also the guidance for local authorities published by the UK Government ([here](#) for business rates relief and [here](#) for the grant).

Government guidance: [England](#); [Scotland](#); [Wales](#); [Northern Ireland](#)



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