

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20200575**
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Department: **Business Rates**
Title: **Government's Expanded Business Rates Relief scheme**
Description: **COVID-19 business grant applications**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

Under Section 40(2)(b) that the Council may suggest that you might be unable to identify the legal status of its non-domestic rate payers from the records it holds except where the company within its name is described as limited or public limited. I would then ask you to please start by providing us with the limited companies and public limited companies first that were eligible that have not yet applied.

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

We are unable to provide you with the information that you have requested as the grant scheme closed on the 28th August 2020.

However, due to the announcement of the second lockdown, the government have announced a new set of grants to support businesses that have to close or are suffering a downturn due to Covid restrictions. Please go to www.gov.uk for more information on this.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services