

Enterprise Zone Business Rates (National Non-Domestic Rates) Discount Application Guidance

Business rates discounts of up to £55,000 a year are available for a maximum period of five years for eligible businesses that take occupation of existing or new buildings on a Didcot Growth Accelerator Enterprise Zone site between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2022.

Discounts are no longer available for businesses that take occupation of buildings on a Science Vale Enterprise Zone site, unless occupation took place between 1 April 2012 and 31 March 2018 and the business is eligible for a discount.

Eligibility for the discount scheme:

	Your business is already on an Enterprise Zone site	Your business is elsewhere on Milton Park or at Harwell Campus, or within the local area (meaning anywhere within an eight-mile radius of the Enterprise Zone sites; including Grove, Wantage, Abingdon and Wallingford) and moves onto an Enterprise Zone site	Your business is new to the local area and moves onto an Enterprise Zone site
Your business is not planning to grow	No discount, unless the Council agrees that the business needs to be in the Enterprise Zone, in order to provide services or goods to other Enterprise Zone businesses.	No discount, unless the Council agrees that the business needs to be in the Enterprise Zone, in order to provide services or goods to other Enterprise Zone businesses.	Maximum discount (see note 3). Subject to State Aid De Minimis Regulations
Your business is planning to grow by: extending premises in the Enterprise Zone; or moving to larger premises in the Enterprise Zone; or increasing employment or turnover in the Enterprise Zone	Maximum discount (see note 3), subject to information about how the business will grow and State Aid De Minimis Regulations.	Maximum discount (see note 3), subject to information about how the business will grow and State Aid De Minimis Regulations.	Maximum discount (see note 3). Subject to State Aid De Minimis Regulations

Notes:

1. This policy applies in the Science Vale Enterprise Zone from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2018 and in the Didcot Growth Accelerator Enterprise Zone between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2022.
2. Maps depicting the boundaries of the areas within these two Enterprise Zones are available for inspection by appointment at Vale of White Horse and South Oxfordshire District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon, OX14 4SB.
3. The maximum discount is 100% of business rates payable, up to the value of £55,000 per annum and a maximum of £275,000 over a five-year period, subject to other reliefs and State Aid rules.
4. Business rates discounts of up to £55,000 a year are available for a maximum period of five years for eligible businesses that have taken occupation of existing or new buildings within the Science Vale Enterprise Zone between 1 April 2012 and 31 March 2018. Within the Didcot Growth Accelerator Enterprise Zone, an eligible business must have taken occupation between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2022.
5. Businesses are not normally eligible for the Enterprise Zone Business Rates (National Non-Domestic Rates) Discount if they have taken occupation of buildings within the Science Vale Enterprise Zone before 1 April 2012 or within the Didcot Growth Accelerator Enterprise Zone before 1 April 2016.