

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

Eligibility for the discount scheme:

	Your business is already in the Enterprise Zone	Your businesses is elsewhere on Milton Park or Harwell Oxford, or within the local area (meaning anywhere within an eight mile radius of the Enterprise Zone; including Grove, Wantage, Abingdon and Wallingford) moves into the Enterprise Zone	Your business is new to the local area and moves into the Enterprise Zone
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)
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)

Notes:

1. This policy applies in the Science Vale Oxford 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 Zone's 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. Discounts are available on buildings for a maximum period of five years for eligible businesses that occupy or take occupation of existing or new buildings within the Science Vale Oxford Enterprise Zone between 1 April 2012 and 31st March 2018. Within the Didcot Growth Accelerator enterprise zone, the eligible business must have taken occupation between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2022.
5. Companies are not eligible for Enterprise Zone Business Rates (National Non-Domestic Rates) Discount if they have moved into the Science Vale Oxford enterprise zone sites before 1 April 2012 or the Didcot Growth Accelerator sites before 1 April 2016.