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## Request

Dear Winchester City Council,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000. In accordance with the provisions specified within the above Act I hereby request the following information.

All information requested relates to Business Rates.

This request for information falls within the parameters of the Act but if you require clarification on any of the points above or should you wish to discuss this further then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Required Information;-

- Does the Billing Authority automatically award Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Relief in each new rate year or is reapplication required?

## Response

Winchester City Council does not automatically award Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Relief in each financial year. A review is undertaken of existing recipients to check that they are still eligible.

If the check shows that the company continues to be eligible, the relief is awarded. A letter is sent each financial year confirming the eligibility criteria and that the business should contact the Council if they are no longer eligible for the relief.

Any new award requires an application.

