

Abolition of Business Rates Bill

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Abolish business rates; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Abolition of business rates

- (1) In the Local Government Finance Act 1988, omit Part III (non-domestic rating).
- (2) The Business Rates Supplements Act 2009 is repealed.

2 Consequential and transitional provision

- (1) A Minister of the Crown may by regulations made by statutory instrument make such provision as the Minister considers appropriate in consequence of this Act. 5
- (2) The power to make regulations under subsection (1) may (among other things) be exercised by modifying any provision made by or under an enactment.
- (3) In subsection (2) “enactment” does not include primary legislation passed or made after the day on which this Act is passed. 10
- (4) A Minister of the Crown may by regulations made by statutory instrument make such transitional, transitory or saving provision as the Minister considers appropriate in connection with the coming into force of any provision of this Act. 15
- (5) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (1) may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (6) A statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (4) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament. 20

3 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales only.

- (2) The provisions of this Act come into force on such day as a Minister of the Crown may by regulations appoint; and different days may be appointed for different purposes.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Abolition of Business Rates Act 2021.

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