
Report Stage: Wednesday 15 January 2025

Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill

(Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill. Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document. The amendments are arranged in the order in which it is expected they will be decided.

This document should be read alongside the Speaker's provisional selection and grouping, which sets out the order in which the amendments will be debated.

Vikki Slade

NC1

Martin Wrigley
Daisy Cooper

To move the following Clause—

“Review of impact on businesses, high streets and economic growth

- (1) The Secretary of State must review the impact of sections 1 to 4 of this Act on—
 - (a) businesses,
 - (b) high streets, and
 - (c) economic growth.
- (2) The review must consider—
 - (a) the impact on different types of business, including small businesses,
 - (b) the impact on businesses operating mainly or solely on high streets,
 - (c) whether the provisions have had a measurable impact on economic growth, and if so what that impact has been.
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay a report of the review before Parliament within six months of those sections coming into effect.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require a review of the impact of clauses 1 to 4 of the Act on businesses (including small businesses), high streets and economic growth.

David Simmonds

NC2

To move the following Clause—

“Review of impact of new multipliers

- (1) Within eighteen months of the day on which sections 1 to 4 of this Act are commenced, the Secretary of State must conduct a review of the impact of those sections.
- (2) The review must consider—
 - (a) the impact of the introduction of the lower multiplier on qualifying retail, hospitality and leisure hereditaments,
 - (b) the impact of the introduction of higher multipliers in relation to a hereditament for which the value is £500,000 or more.
- (3) The Secretary of State must, as soon as is reasonably practicable, publish the review and lay a copy of that review before Parliament.
- (4) As part of the review the Secretary of State must consult with such parties as they see fit including—
 - (a) businesses,
 - (b) the Valuation Office Agency; and
 - (c) Billing Authorities.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State, within 18 months of sections 1 to 4 of the Act being commenced, to review and consult on the impact of new multipliers.

Daisy Cooper

NC3

Vikki Slade

To move the following Clause—

“Sections 1 to 4: impact assessment

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within six months of this Act being passed, conduct an assessment of the expected impact of sections 1 to 4 of this Act on relevant businesses.
- (2) The assessment must compare the amount of non-domestic rates expected to be paid by relevant businesses once sections 1 to 4 come into force with the amount paid in each financial year between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2026.
- (3) The assessment must consider how the impact is expected to differ depending on the number of hereditaments a business occupies.
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a report setting out the findings of the assessment.
- (5) In this section, a “relevant business” is a business occupying a qualifying retail, hospitality or leisure hereditament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Secretary of State to examine the effect of the introduction of retail, hospitality and leisure multipliers on the amount of business rates paid by businesses occupying a single site compared with those occupying multiple sites.

David Simmonds**9**

Clause 1, page 2, line 5, at end insert—

“(1A) Regulations under sub-paragraph (1)(a) must provide discretion for billing authorities with regard to the application of the higher multiplier.”

Vikki Slade**1**

Martin Wrigley
Daisy Cooper

Clause 3, page 3, line 29, after “hospitality” insert “, manufacturing”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would add manufacturing businesses to the types of business that could qualify for use of the lower multiplier.

Vikki Slade**2**

Martin Wrigley
Daisy Cooper

Clause 3, page 3, line 33, after “hospitality” insert “, manufacturing”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 1.

Vikki Slade**3**

Martin Wrigley
Daisy Cooper

Clause 3, page 4, line 9, after “hospitality” insert “, manufacturing”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 1.

Vikki Slade 4
Martin Wrigley
Daisy Cooper

Clause 3, page 4, line 13, after “hospitality” insert “, manufacturing”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 1.

Vikki Slade 5
Martin Wrigley
Daisy Cooper

Clause 3, page 4, line 31, after “hospitality” insert “, manufacturing”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 1.

Vikki Slade 6
Martin Wrigley
Daisy Cooper

Clause 3, page 4, line 35, after “hospitality” insert “, manufacturing”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on Amendment 1.

David Simmonds 7

Clause 5, page 5, line 37, leave out from “persons” to end of line 38 and insert “who have special educational needs.

“(5A) In subsection (5) “special educational needs” has the same meaning as in section 20 (When a child or young person has special educational needs) of the Children and Families Act 2014.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would mean that a school that is wholly or mainly concerned with providing education to persons with special educational needs would not be a private school for the purposes of the Act, and as a result would retain charitable relief from non-domestic rates.

David Simmonds

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Clause 5, page 5, line 38, at end insert “, or

(b) has a religious character or other special character and there is no maintained school or academy of the same character within the specified distance from that school.

(5A) In sub-paragraph (5)(b)—

“religious character” has the meaning given under section 69 (Duty to secure provision of religious education) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998,

“other special character” has the meaning as defined by the Secretary of State by regulation,

“specified distance” is the distance specified under section 445(5) (Offence: failure to secure regular attendance at school of registered pupil) of the Education Act 1996.

(5B) Regulations under this section are to be made by statutory instrument.

(5C) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would provide that charitable rate relief would continue to apply to a school with a religious or other special character, if no maintained school or academy with the same character was within the statutory walking distances (as set in the Education Act 1996) from that school.

David Simmonds

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Clause 6, page 6, line 22, leave out “2025” and insert “2026”

Order of the House

[25 November 2024]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 17 December 2024.

3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.