

BUSINESS RATES REVALUATION 2023

Ensure what you pay is fair. Act now.



Our guide to Revaluation 2023.

The 2023 Rating assessments for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are live. Valuation dates vary, but all have been set with backdrop of unprecedented times. Brexit. Pandemic. Cost of living crisis. Energy Crisis.

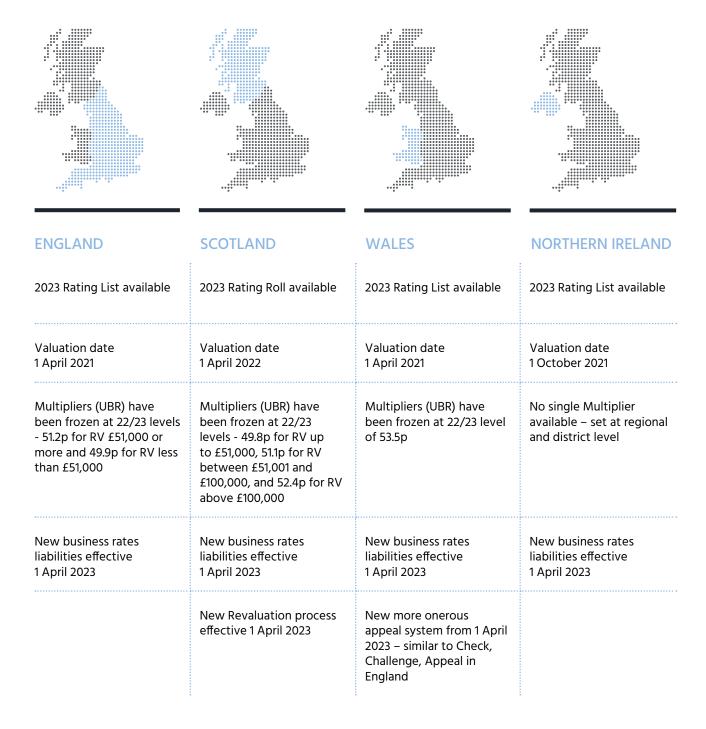
For many properties, without having undertaken an inspection or detailed review, Valuation Officers and Assessors have had to make general assumptions on the rateable value (RV). Many of the assessments will not be accurate.

For some ratepayers, decreases in their RV might not be enough and increases might be too high. From our analysis so far, many businesses may have an opportunity to reduce their business rates liability. Are you one of them?

REVALUATION 2023 AT A GLANCE

With mostly good news so far, the Autumn Statement delivered much-needed change, but it hasn't helped everyone. The overall 7.4% increase in total RV for the English and Welsh draft list and 5.9% for the Scotland draft roll hide the massive variance seen from sector to sector, in some cases of more than 100%. Across all, it is evident that cost-based valuations have increased significantly. For Scotland, this revaluation will be a revaluation like no other – a result of extensive reform and consultations.

With Rating lists and multipliers for 2023 available, we can give our clients more clarity for budgeting and advise on the potential for appeals.



REVALUATION 2023 – WHY THIS ONE MATTERS

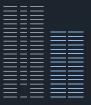
More regular revaluation cycles, now moving to a three-year cycle, have resulted in valuations being based on a more accurate factual date. But the valuation dates used for the 2023 Revaluations mean that the evidential data is more difficult to analyse.

For now, there are still and will continue to be opportunities to challenge assessments. These are built on a backdrop of an ever-evolving appeal process and valuation dates taken at tumultuous times. Despite limited transactional activity at these dates, there have been wide movements in rental values particularly in the following sectors:



INDUSTRIAL

An industrial market that peaked following Covid-19 but is now cooling



OFFICE

"Flight to Quality"- hybrid working post Covid-19 has led to increased demand for centrally located high quality space



RETAIL

Decimated high streets in an ever-evolving retail landscape



LEISURE

A volatile leisure market that continues to face challenges

As the business rates burden on occupiers is already substantial and these changes come at a time of economic shifts and property value changes, we want to ensure all our clients are fully aware of the opportunity to challenge their 2023 Revaluation assessments.

ENSURE BUSINESS RATES ARE A PRIORITY

Robust business rates management in 2023 is about proactively managing and budgeting for what is ultimately a tax. Act now to protect your business.



BUDGETING AND FORECASTING

Alongside people and rent, business rates are likely one of your biggest expenses. With the current business environment, accurate budgeting for, and affordability of, business rates liabilities and accruals is more crucial than ever.



SAVING MONEY

Informing the valuation thinking proactively on your RV and working with the changes to the valuation process could help you agree a lower basis of valuation.



MINIMISING RISK

While a lower RV would be welcome by any business, an under assessment could be corrected by the Valuation Officer or Assessor and result in a rate demand you've not accounted for. Making sure this is identified at the earliest opportunity will help you to budget more accurately.



COMPLIANCE

Fundamental changes proposed in England and Wales will materially impact the way businesses need to supply information. These are anticipated to be introduced some time after April 2023. It will be critical to ensure strict compliance to avoid fines.

We work with property and finance directors to manage and mitigate their rate liabilities.

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Review your entire portfolio to identify where there may be opportunities to challenge assessments and to understand where assessments may be too low (under assessed) and accrue accordingly

Identify opportunities for reduction or deletions for property undergoing demolition, redevelopment or refurbishment

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Mitigate any vacant but occupiable property through **Empty Rates** Mitigation

Apply for applicable reliefs

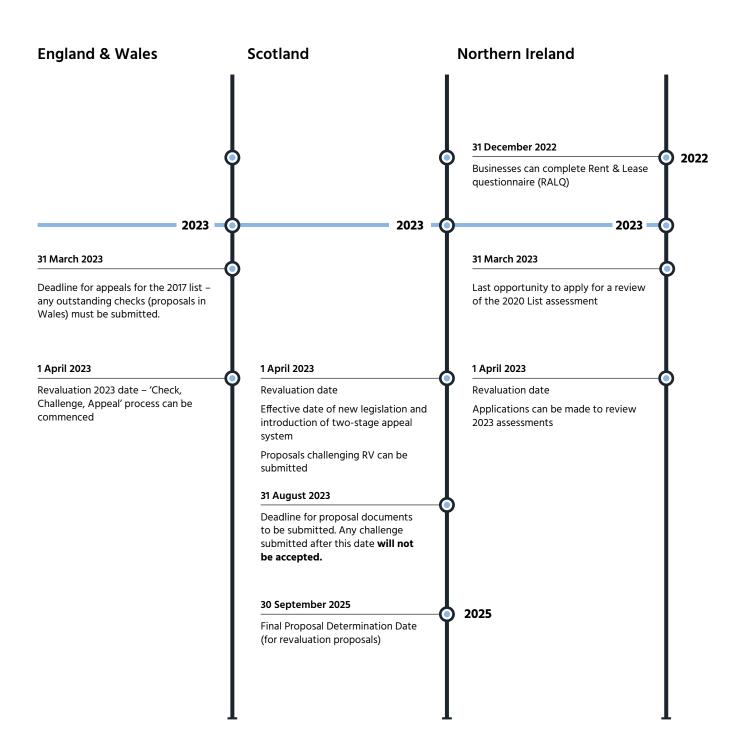
Manage formal appeal process

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KEY DATES

The key is to ensure there is sufficient time for discussions, inspections and analysis ahead of the proposal submission window.



HOW GERALD EVE CAN HELP YOU

The continually changing Non-Domestic rates system is onerous on the ratepayer and is underpinned with strict legislative procedures and timelines. It's important to get it right. Our market leading specialists understand the intricacies of each sector and property type and are prepared to face the new challenges of the 2023 Revaluation on your behalf. Using tools such as our bespoke rating databases linked to the live rating list, we can efficiently identify any errors or anomalies to raise with you and commence the appeal process.

For an informal no-obligation conversation about your business rates liabilities, please reach out.





KEY FACTS

£3.5bn

saved in rates liabilities since 2010

40

of the FTSE 100 companies represented 60

sector specialist surveyors

£212m

advising on the UK's largest single assessment at Heathrow Airport £1.1bn

processed annually as the UK's leading ratepayer

75,000

properties advised on

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