

**FOI Reference Number:** FOI/423/1819

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**Request:**

Dear Business Rates Team,

I would like to obtain recent information, from the Council, relating to unclaimed business rate credit balances. Please also indicate when requested information (spreadsheet or website) has been updated.

I am aware that all Billing Authorities hold on account sums of money that are due to be returned to ratepayers and for a variety of reasons have not been repaid and maybe considered untraceable by the Council.

I therefore request a breakdown of credit balances accrued since your earliest records, for the amounts owing to all incorporated companies within the authorities billing area including the following information:

- A) The name of each business in respect of which non-domestic rate credit balances remain payable.
- B) The value of over payment in each case which remains unclaimed.
- C) The years(s) in which over payment was made and the hereditament address.
- D) The name of each business in respect of which non-domestic rate credit balances has been written back on to the NDR account.
- E) The value of write back in each case which remains unclaimed.
- F) The years(s) in which write back was made (if available) and the hereditament address that the write back relates to.

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 31/12/2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to unclaimed Business Rates.

***Please note that in Northern Ireland district councils are not responsible for the provision of rates. Please contact the Land and Property Services who should be able to help you with your request.***

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/423/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.