

Application for S49 Hardship Relief

This is an interactive PDF that you can fill in electronically. When you have completed the form – please return to: Herefordshire Council, Revenues & Benefits Services, Plough Lane, Hereford HR4 0LE. Alternatively you can email the form to businessrates@herefordshire.gov.uk

Section 49 of the Local Government Finance Act 1998 enables the billing authority to grant relief on a property where it is satisfied that the ratepayer would sustain hardship if the authority did not do so, but it must take the interests of the Council Tax payers into account as they partly fund the relief.

Ratepayer's name:

Ratepayer's address:

Ratepayer's A/C No:

Please write here (additional sheet at bottom of this form, if required) a full report of the financial circumstances of your business, what steps you are taking to rectify the situation and the consequences on the Council Tax payers of losing your business.

Ratepayers must provide the following information in support of the application:

- The last 2 years' audited accounts
- A letter from Bank Manager supporting claim
- A forecast of how the business may improve over the next 12 months
- A current list of debtors and creditors of the business
- Current number of employees
- Drawings being taken from the business

Ratepayers are asked to provide a contact name, telephone number and email address in case further information is required:

Name:

Tel No:

Email:

Signed:

Date: