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(CCC) Covid-19 support for breweries

Could you tell me whether breweries are eligible to access the Covid-19 support for businesses operating in the retail, leisure and hospitality sectors through your council -- specifically the £25,000 grant, provided they meet the requirements of having a rateable value of less than £51,000, and the year-long business rates exemption.

If only some and not all breweries are eligible for this support, please could you outline the conditions under which a brewery is eligible.

Response:

Thank you for your request for information above, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I hope the following will answer your query:

To qualify for Expanded Retail Relief, and potentially a RHL grant, a business must meet the criteria set down in relevant guidance.

Generally, we would consider breweries whose main business activity is brewing would not fulfil the criteria. It is possible that some micro-breweries may meet the criteria if the business activity was wholly or mainly retail in nature however each case would need to be considered individually as breweries can and do operate under different business models.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk
