

BUSINESS RATES; Non Domestic Rating Assessment (NNDR)

Data Definition document

The purpose of this document is to describe and define the content of the NNDR datasets published by Walsall Council as follows;

- 1) **NNDR – All accounts.** I.e. a list of all rate accounts.
- 2) **NNDR - Accounts in credit.** I.e. a list of all rates accounts that are in credit.
 - **NO LONGER PUBLISHED (See Statement published on Website)**
- 3) **NNDR – Write backs.** I.e. a list of all rate accounts where credit was written back; since 1991

This open data provides a comprehensive list of all current business rates accounts, including empty properties, However, the files do not contain personal information, nor for crime prevention purposes does it identify which are empty properties.

By dataset; the relevant field name (columns) and data description is detailed below:

Field name	Definition	1) All accounts	2) In credit ¹	3) Write back
Organisation Name	This identifies that the data contained within the dataset relates to Walsall council.	✓	✓	✓
Organisation Code	A unique URI code to identify an organisation.	✓	✓	✓
Effective Date	The date at which the information provided is true.	✓	✓	✓
Liable Party*	The trading name of the organisation. This is sometimes referred to as 'Name of business', 'Company liable', or 'Account name'. The data does not include Sole Traders. Field is blank where this information is not relevant.	✓	✓	✓
Account Start date	The start date of this account	✓	✓	✓
Account End Date	The end date of this account. Where this field is empty the account is still open.		✓	✓
Full Property	The address to which the rate charge relates.	✓	✓	✓

¹ Accounts in Credit no longer published from March 2018

Address*	<p><u>Exemption under Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act (Vacant property address)</u></p> <p>In accordance with guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), information that could identify a property as being empty has been removed from the data provided under exemption section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act. Hence where empty property relief is in place the full property address has been REDACTED.</p> <p>Information is exempt from disclosure where disclosure would be likely to prejudice the prevention of crime and disorder. We consider that placing information about unoccupied premises into the public domain would significantly increase the risk of theft, vandalism and criminal damage, unlawful occupation and other crimes to these properties. The exemption under section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act is a qualified exemption subject to the public test. In applying this test we consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.</p>			
Property Reference Number	The unique identifier for the property.	✓	✓	✓
Contact Address*	<p>The address to which correspondence is sent</p> <p>Field is blank where this information is not relevant; usually because correspondence is sent to the 'Full Property Address'.</p>	✓		
Current Rateable Value	The current rateable value for this account.	✓	✓	✓
Billing Year	The start of the billing period to which the credit occurred e.g. 2015 is for the year 2015/2016		✓	
Entry to year	The year in which the write back was actioned			✓
Entry amount	The amount of credit that was written back			✓
Credit amount	The amount by which the account is in credit		✓	
NDR - Analysis code description	The description of the property type given by the Valuation Office	✓		
Mandatory Relief*	<p>An indication whether the account qualifies for :</p> <p>Mandatory – qualifies for relief as a charity</p> <p>CASC Mandatory – qualifies for relief as a community amateur sports club</p>	✓		
Mandatory Relief Start*	This is the start date of any Mandatory relief	✓		
Charity Top	An indication of whether the account qualifies for	✓		

Up Relief*	relief in addition to Mandatory Relief: Top Up – qualifies for relief as a charity Casc Top Up – qualifies for relief as a community amateur sports club			
Charity Top Up Start*	This is the start date for the Top Up relief	✓		
Discretionary Relief*	An indication of whether the account qualifies for discretionary Relief	✓		
Discretionary Relief Start*	This is the start date for the Discretionary relief	✓		
Small Business Relief*	An indication as to whether the account qualifies for Small Business Rates relief Small Business relief England : receives relief as only occupying one property Small business relief Extension : receives relief for the first year of occupation of a second property	✓		
Small Business Relief Start*	This is the start date for the Small Business Rates relief	✓		
Empty Property Relief*	An indication as to whether the account qualifies for Empty Property relief	✓		
Empty Prop Relief Start*	This is the start date for the Empty Property relief	✓		
Retail Relief*	An indication as to whether the account qualifies for Retail relief	✓		
Retail Relief Start*	This is the start date for Retail relief	✓		
Reoccupation Relief*	An indication as to whether the account qualify for Reoccupation relief	✓		
Reoccupation Relief Start*	The start date of the re-occupation relief.	✓		
New Build*	An indication as to whether the account qualifies for New Build Relief	✓		
New Build Start*	The start date of the rate account for this new build	✓		
Exemption Type*	The current property exemption being applied.	✓		
Exemption Start*	The start date of the current exception being applied	✓		
Exemption End*	The end date of the current exception being applied	✓		

*Only detailed where applicable.