

## Business Rates Relief Enterprise Zones

*Enterprise Zones are designed to encourage economic growth and investment. The relevant local authority is able to award business rates relief to new ratepayers moving into the zone or existing ratepayers within the zone – as long as they are experiencing growth.*

### What is on offer?

The local authorities; Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre, are able to grant business rates relief up to £275,000 over a five year period, subject to European state aid limits, where the business moves onto the designated enterprise zone after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 and before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at Hillhouse and before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at Blackpool.

### Who can apply?

- New ratepayers moving into the Enterprise Zone
- Existing ratepayers within the zones that are experiencing business growth
- Property developers for time limited periods prior to tenant occupation.

### Qualifying businesses

The focus is on encouraging business growth and not displacement from the enterprise zone and the local authorities have decided to offer the maximum levels of relief to target sectors within bespoke qualifying criteria, whilst supporting micro-enterprises from any sector, commercial landlords looking to develop the site and applicants moving outside of the Fylde Coast economic area to the EZ whose main business is to provide professional, financial or logistical support to the target sectors.

### Target Sectors

BLACKPOOL AIRPORT EZ	HILLHOUSE TECHNOLOGY EZ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• energy</li> <li>• aeronautics and aviation</li> <li>• food and drink manufacturing</li> <li>• creative digital &amp; media &amp; ICT</li> <li>• vocational education and training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advanced chemical manufacturing</li> <li>• manufacturing and processing</li> <li>• research and development</li> <li>• energy</li> <li>• energy and waste recycling</li> <li>• vocational education and training</li> </ul>

### Initial Enquiries

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