

Clare County Council

Commercial Rates Payment Incentive Scheme

This incentive scheme is available to all rate payers with a commercial rate demand **up to €10,000** and subject to certain terms and conditions.

The objective of the Rates Payment Incentive Scheme is to provide a mechanism for all ratepayers to reduce the overall amount of rates payable and encourage the prompt payment of rates.

The incentive will be provided by way of a grant to the owner/occupier of a property when all the rates payable on an occupied property have been discharged on time. The council may provide flexibility to customers that have demonstrated cash flow difficulties (for example in the case of seasonal businesses), by allowing customers to enter into regular payment plans that clear the annual rates liability over a number of months in the year.

Rate payers with a commercial rate demand **up to €10,000** will qualify for the rates payment incentive scheme in 2020. The table below summarises the level of the payment incentive for the financial year 2020.

Area	Rates Payment Incentive Grant (Occupied Properties)
Former Ennis Area	Lower of 9% of 2020 Rates Cost or €450 if lower
Former Kilrush Area	Lower of 12% of 2020 Rates Cost or €600 if lower
Former County Area	Lower of 3% of 2020 Rates Cost or €100

In order to qualify for the incentive grant, ratepayers must ensure that all the rates payable on an occupied property, including any arrears from previous years, have been discharged within the first eight months of the year or that a payment plan has been agreed with the council in accordance with the timeline set out above that actually clears the rates outstanding by December 2020.

If the property qualifies for the incentive grant then the grant arising will be applied to the rate payer's account on assessment of the status of the account at the end of the year. The credit arising and applied to the account will then be available for set off against the rates liability arising for the owner/occupier on that property in the subsequent year.

Where can I enquire about my account?

Clare County Council's Revenue Department is located in the Headquarters on New Road, Ennis and can be contacted by phone 065/6821616 or by email rates@clarecoco.ie or in person.