

Rating

Are you appealing?



Business rates are a significant outgoing for most companies. It is therefore prudent to take specialist advice to minimise your rates liability. Bruton Knowles has a dedicated team of Rating Surveyors with a proven track record of achieving rates savings for a wide range of businesses.



Has your business been affected by disturbance, for example roadworks?

Making the right choice

After wages and rent, business rates tend to represent a business's highest outgoing and yet they are an element of business expenditure that is all too often ignored or regarded as fixed or unchallengeable. In reality a professional assessment of your business rates may often produce substantial savings.

Business rates are a tax on property occupation based on hypothetical rental values. In assessing whether you are paying the right level of business rates, certain key questions should be considered.

- Has your Rating Assessment increased recently?
- Are you uncertain as to whether your rates bill has been correctly calculated?
- Have changes to your property been reflected in your rating assessment?
- Have you taken advice on the impact of the 2010 Rating Revaluation?
- Has your business been affected by a disturbance outside of your control, for example roadworks?
- Has new development in the locality impacted on your business?
- Is part of your property unoccupied?
- Is there significant vacant property in the vicinity?



Every business property occupier should have their business rates checked by a specialist rating surveyor to ensure they are not paying too much. We will not recommend appeal if we are not confident of achieving a reduction. Our rating consultancy service is usually linked to a performance related basis and as members of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) we follow the Rating Consultancy Code of Practice.

We act for a wide range of client and consequently have both public and private sector experience of dealing with a diverse variety of property types from shops, offices and factories through to sports clubs, car showrooms and schools.

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, Bruton Knowles may well be able to assist you in reducing your rating liability.

Regularly generating substantial savings for our clients



Computerised Rating Management System ensures work is completed on time and on budget

BK is an Investor in People and is Quality Assured to ISO 9001:2008 standard

Our rating service is usually provided on a no saving, no fee basis

Our rating services include:

- Helping you understand your rateable value and the amount you pay
- Checking the accuracy of your rates bill
- Advising on future liability estimates
- Manage a challenge to your new valuation
- Submitting appeals and negotiating with the Valuation Office
- Representation at Valuation Tribunal and beyond
- Assisting with rebates recovery

Our dedicated team of rating surveyors have the necessary valuation expertise and specialist rating knowledge to ensure that the rateable value for your business property reflects correctly any changes in the property over time, thereby mitigating your own liability.

For friendly, impartial advice please call 0845 200 6489

All Part of the Bruton Knowles Approach

Bruton Knowles is one of the country's leading property consultancies operating from a network of offices across the UK. Established in 1862, BK has a strong tradition of quality and integrity.

First class customer service is guaranteed through the use of computerised job management and time accounting systems. Our processes are quality assured and our staff relations meet the national standard required to achieve the "Investors in People" award. We are members of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and abide by their Code of Conduct.

BK's dedicated team of Rating Surveyors specialises in challenging rating assessments and, in the majority of cases, reduce the occupier's liability with savings often backdated over several years.

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