

Section 44a (Part Occupation)

Section 44a of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 gives the Billing Authority a discretionary power to charge rates on the basis of a rateable value apportioned between the occupied and unoccupied parts of a hereditament if such part occupation is for a "short time" only. It is generally accepted that "short time" does not exceed the end of the financial year within which a claim is made.

To make a claim for this relief, please supply the following information:

- a) Why is the unoccupied area unused?
- b) For how long is the area likely to remain unused?
- c) From what date did the area become unused?
- d) Is there any intention to sublet or sell the unoccupied area?
- e) Will any machinery, equipment etc be stored in this area?
- f) How many Broxtowe Borough Council residents are employed at your property?
- g) Please supply a plan of the premises showing which areas are currently occupied and which are unoccupied.

Please note, whilst ever a claim for this relief is pending payment should continue to be made in accordance with the latest demand notice.