

## **POLICY NOTE**

### **The Non-Domestic Rates (Day Nursery Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2018**

**SSI 2018/65**

The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 153 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994. The instrument is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of these Regulations is to provide for 100% non-domestic rates relief from 1 April 2018 up to 31 March 2021 for properties wholly or mainly used as day nurseries (within the meaning of section 135 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980) which also provide day care of children (as defined in paragraph 13 of schedule 12 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010).

#### **Policy Objective**

The external Barclay Review of business rates recommended in August 2017 that the Scottish Government should introduce a new relief for day nurseries to ensure the workforce is supported by convenient, affordable and accessible childcare. The Scottish Government accepted this recommendation. The relief will apply for a 3 year period after which its effectiveness will be evaluated.

#### **Consultation**

There is no statutory obligation to consult on these Regulations.

#### **Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment**

BRIAs are prepared where proposals introduce additional burdens or costs on business or the third sector. As this SSI will reduce the rates burden on qualifying businesses, no BRIA is required.

#### **Financial Effect**

The decrease in the amount of non-domestic rates payable by businesses is in line with the policy objective as outlined above.

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