



Finance Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 24

PART 8

SDLT AND ATED

Stamp duty land tax

131 SDLT higher rate: properties occupied by certain employees etc

- (1) Schedule 4A to FA 2003 (SDLT: higher rate for certain transactions) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 5D (dwellings for occupation by certain employees etc)—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (1), for “trade” substitute “business”;
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) for “trade” substitute “business”;
 - (c) for sub-paragraph (4) substitute—

“(4) Relievable business” means a trade or property rental business that is run on a commercial basis and with a view to profit.”
- (3) The heading before paragraph 5D becomes “*Dwellings for occupation by certain employees etc of a relievable business*”.
- (4) After paragraph 5E insert—

5EA “Acquisition by management company of flat for occupation by caretaker

- (1) Paragraph 3 does not apply to a chargeable transaction so far as its subject-matter consists of a higher threshold interest in or over a flat which—
 - (a) is one of at least three flats contained in the same premises, and
 - (b) is acquired by a tenants' management company for the purpose of making the flat available for use as caretaker accommodation.

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- (2) For the purposes of this paragraph a tenants' management company makes a flat available for use “as caretaker accommodation” if it makes it available to an individual for use as living accommodation in connection with the individual's employment as caretaker of the premises.
- (3) In relation to the acquisition of a flat, a company is a “tenants' management company” if—
 - (a) the tenants of two or more other flats contained in the premises are members of the company, and
 - (b) the company owns, or it is intended that the company will acquire, the freehold of the premises;
 but a company which carries on a relivable business is not a tenants' management company.
- (4) In this paragraph “premises” means premises constituting the whole or part of a building.”
- (5) After paragraph 5J insert—
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 - (1) This paragraph applies where relief under paragraph 5EA (acquisition by management company of flat for occupation by caretaker) has been allowed in respect of a higher threshold interest forming the whole or part of the subject-matter of a chargeable transaction.
 - (2) The relief is withdrawn if at any time in the period of three years beginning with the effective date of the chargeable transaction the purchaser holds the higher threshold interest otherwise than for the purpose of making the flat available for use as caretaker accommodation.
 - (3) For the purposes of this paragraph a tenants' management company makes a flat available for use “as caretaker accommodation” if it makes it available to an individual for use as living accommodation in connection with the individual's employment as caretaker of the premises.”
- (6) In paragraph 5E (meaning of “qualifying partner”, “qualifying employee” etc)—
 - (a) in sub-paragraph (1) for “trade” substitute “ business ”;
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (2) for “qualifying trade” substitute “ relivable business ”;
 - (c) in sub-paragraph (4)—
 - (i) in the words before paragraph (a), for “trade” substitute “ relivable business ”;
 - (ii) in paragraph (a)(i), for “trade” substitute “ relivable business ”.
- (7) In paragraph 5J (withdrawal of relief under paragraph 5D), in sub-paragraph (3)—
 - (a) in paragraph (a), for the words from “trade” to the end substitute “ relivable business ”;
 - (b) in paragraph (c), for the words from “trade” to the end substitute “ relivable business ”.
- (8) In paragraph 6G (withdrawal of relief under paragraph 5D in cases involving alternative finance arrangements), in sub-paragraph (4)—
 - (a) in paragraph (a), for “qualifying trade” substitute “ relivable business ”;
 - (b) in paragraph (c) for “trade” substitute “ relivable business ”.

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(9) In paragraph 9 (interpretation), at the appropriate place insert—

““relievable business” has the meaning given by paragraph 5D(4).”

(10) The amendments made by this section have effect in relation to any land transaction of which the effective date is on or after 1 April 2016.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 19 para. 12(5)(b) inserted by [2017 c. 32 Sch. 14 para. 49\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 19 para. 12(5)(a) word inserted by [2017 c. 32 Sch. 14 para. 49\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 19 para. 51(8)(b) words inserted by [2017 c. 32 Sch. 14 para. 48\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 19 para. 53(1) words inserted by [2017 c. 32 Sch. 14 para. 48\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 19 para. 53(1) words inserted by [2017 c. 32 Sch. 14 para. 48\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 19 para. 12(5)(a) words renumbered as Sch. 19 para. 12(5)(a) by [2017 c. 32 Sch. 14 para. 49\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 19 para. 58(1) words substituted by [2017 c. 32 Sch. 14 para. 48\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 20 para. 1(4)(e) inserted by [2021 c. 26 Sch. 27 para. 47\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 20 para. 3(3)(d) and word inserted by [2021 c. 26 Sch. 27 para. 47\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 20 para. 5(5) inserted by [2021 c. 26 Sch. 27 para. 47\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 22 para. 2(4B) inserted by [2021 c. 26 Sch. 27 para. 48\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 22 para. 3(4A) inserted by [2021 c. 26 Sch. 27 para. 48\(3\)](#)