

Closure of Education, Training and Leaving Care (ETLC) relief scheme

The Education, Training and Leaving Care (ETLC) rate relief scheme will close on 1st December 2009. This means that no applications for the ETLC scheme will be accepted by Land & Property Services (LPS) after 30th November 2009.

This factsheet answers some questions that you may have about the closing of the scheme.

What if I already receive ETLC relief?

If you already receive ETLC relief it will continue to apply for up to three years from 1st December 2009. This is provided that the property specified in the application continues to be occupied wholly by eligible persons all of whom were in occupation prior to 1st December 2009. This period is extended in the case of those on longer courses such as medicine. Again, the property must continue to be occupied wholly by eligible persons all of whom were in occupation prior to 1st December 2009.

If the above condition ceases to be met, you must inform LPS. LPS will also carry out an annual review to confirm that there is continued eligibility for the relief.

What if I am applying for ETLC relief for the first time before 1st December 2009?

Your application must be received by LPS by 30th November 2009.

If eligible, you will be able to receive ETLC relief for up to three years from 1st December 2009. Special provision is also made for those on longer courses such as medicine to ensure that they continue to receive the relief until their course finishes.

In both cases, the ETLC relief will continue as long as the house specified in the application continues to be occupied entirely by eligible persons, all of whom were in occupation prior to 1st December 2009. If this condition ceases to be met, you must inform LPS. LPS will also carry out an annual review to confirm that there is continued eligibility for the relief.

What if I apply for the ETLC relief scheme after 1st December 2009?

The ETLC relief scheme closes on 1st December 2009.

This means that LPS cannot process any ETLC relief applications received on or after this date.

Is a replacement scheme being introduced?

The Department of Finance and Personnel and Department for Employment and Learning are currently considering how best to redirect the savings resulting from the closure of the scheme to other more targeted forms of student support.

Important

If you apply for help, you must still pay the rate bill while the ETLC application is being assessed.

If the application is successful we will refund the amount you have overpaid.