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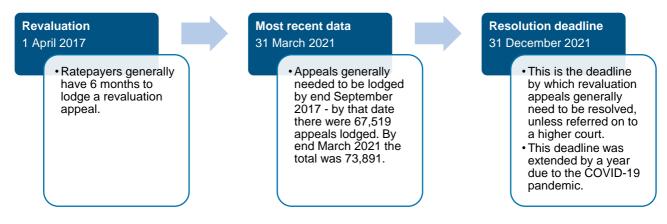
NON-DOMESTIC RATES REVALUATION APPEALS STATISTICS, SCOTLAND, 2020-21 QUARTER 4

Context

Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) in Scotland are based on the rateable value (RV) of individual non-domestic properties. Periodically there is a statutory revaluation process which revises RVs, and the revaluation appeals process allows ratepayers to appeal against these.

This routine publication provides quarterly statistics on the progress and results of revaluation appeals following the 2017 Revaluation (effective 1 April 2017) and the 2010 Revaluation (effective 1 April 2010). Running Roll appeals (i.e. those due to material change of circumstances or a change in occupier) are not included in these statistics.

Further information on NDR can be found in the background notes.



The deadline for lodging appeals against the 2017 revaluation was 30 September 2017 (although if the valuation notice was issued after 1 April 2017, then the deadline is instead six months from that issue date).

This publication reports progress as at the end of March 2021 on the number of properties and RV appealed at the 2017 Revaluation. Progress on appeals lodged in the 2010 revaluation cycle is still monitored and is also reported.

Key points

(as at 31 March 2021)

- To 31 March 2021, a total of 68,343 appeals against the 2017 revaluation, with an original rateable value (RV) of £4,252m have been resolved. This represents 92% of the 73,891 appealed properties and 79% of the £5,393m appealed RV.
- A total of 5,548 appeals against the 2017 Revaluation are still outstanding, representing £1,141m of appealed RV.
- Just under 70% of appeals resolved to date (47,105) did not result in any change in RV. However, while only 31% of appeals resolved to date have resulted in a change in RV, these appeals accounted for 60% of the appealed RV that has been resolved so far. The RV decrease to date of £292m is associated with 21,238 resolved appeals.
- Comparing data from the 2010 and 2017 Revaluations, four years after the beginning of the revaluation cycle, the proportion of appeals resolved in the 2017 revaluation cycle was lower than the proportion of appeals resolved by the same time in the previous cycle (92% in the 2017 cycle compared to 99% in the 2010 cycle). The proportion of RV resolved at this stage in the current cycle was also lower than that in the previous cycle (79% in the 2017 cycle compared to 92% in the 2010 cycle). At the end of 2019-20¹, there was little difference between these figures. The differences that have arisen since then are largely the result of a reduced number of appeals being resolved in the last four quarters as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Progress on the resolution of appeals for the 2010 revaluation cycle continues to be monitored. As at 31 March 2021, revaluation appeals had been resolved for over 99% of appealed properties (66,948 of 67,026).
- As a result of appeals against the 2010 revaluation, the RV of properties for which the appeal has been resolved has been reduced by £267m. This is in line with the forecast of appeals loss relating to the 2010 cycle, and thus will have no net impact on Scottish Government revenues. Larger, more complex cases tend to be the appeals which are resolved the latest.
- There is still £28m of outstanding RV under appeal against the 2010 revaluation, relating to 78 properties. The majority of these are telecommunications appeals, and most have been referred to the Lands Tribunal for Scotland.

¹ The Non-domestic rates revaluation appeals 2019-20 Q4 publication is available at: https://www.gov.scot/publications/non-domestic-rates-revaluation-appeals/.

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Comparison of 2010 and 2017 revaluation appeals

Figure 1 and Table 1 show a comparison of revaluation appeals at the end of Quarter 16 for the 2010 and 2017 revaluation cycles (four years after revaluation). The table shows that the proportion of properties for which an appeal was made was similar in both revaluation cycles, with 31% of all properties appealed in the 2010 cycle compared to 32% in the 2017 cycle. However, the overall number of properties appealed in the 2017 cycle was around 10% higher.

A similar proportion of the total RV on the Valuation Roll was appealed: in the 2010 revaluation cycle 75% of RV was appealed compared to 73% in the 2017 revaluation cycle. The proportion of appealed RV resolved by the end of Quarter 16 in the 2017 cycle (79%) is lower than that resolved by the end of Quarter 16 in the 2010 cycle (92%). The proportion of properties for which an appeal was resolved by the end of Quarter 16 in the 2017 cycle (92%) is also lower than in the 2010 cycle (99%).

Table 2 and Figure 2 show the proportion of appeals resolved in different revaluation cycles over time. Table 3 and Figure 3 show the proportion of RV resolved over time. These figures illustrate how the rates of resolution over time vary across the 2010 and 2017 revaluation cycles.

At the end of the 12th quarter of the 2017 revaluation cycle (as reported in May 2020), the proportion of appeals resolved, and the proportion of the appealed RV resolved, were similar to those figures at the end of the 12th quarter of the 2010 revaluation cycle, as shown in Figures 2 and 3. These figures show a clear divergence starting in the 13th quarter, with lower proportions of appeals and appealed RV being resolved than in the 13th quarter of the 2010 cycle. This is due to the severely restricted capacity of the parties to an appeal to carry out negotiations, site visits, etc., and of Valuation Appeal Committees to meet in person during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the reprioritisation of staff in certain assessors' offices to support local authorities in processing applications for COVID-19 business support grants.

Figure 1: Comparison of 2010 and 2017 cycles at end of Quarter 16

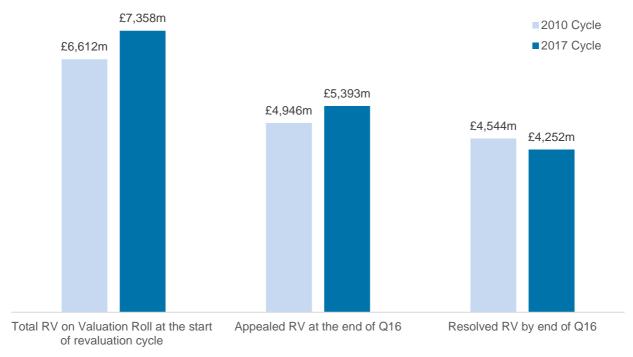


Table 1: Comparison of 2010 and 2017 Cycles at end of Quarter 16

		2010 Cycle	2017 Cycle
	Total RV on Valuation Roll at the start of revaluation cycle	£6,612m	£7,358m
Data da -	Appealed RV at the end of Q16	£4,946m	£5,393m
Rateable ⁻ Value	Resolved RV by end of Q16	£4,544m	£4,252m
_	% of Valuation Roll appealed	75%	73%
_	% of RV appealed resolved by end of Q16	92%	79%
	Total number on Valuation Roll at the start of revaluation cycle	213,311	233,386
	Number of appeals at the end of Q16	67,022	73,891
Properties	Number of resolved appeals by the end of Q16	66,433	68,343
_	% of Valuation Roll appealed	31%	32%
_	% of appeals resolved by end of Q16	99%	92%

Figure 2: Percentage of appealed subjects for which appeals were disposed of, 2010 and 2017 Revaluation

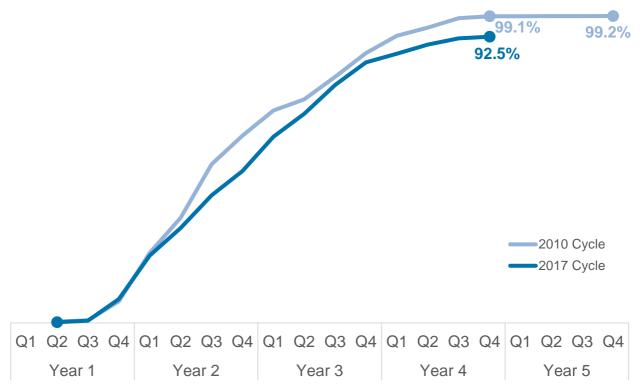


Table 2: Percentage of appealed subjects for which appeals were disposed of following 2010 and 2017 revaluations, Scotland

Year of Revaluation Cycle	Quarter	2010 Cycle	2017 Cycle
	Q1	-	-
Year 1	Q2	0.4%	0.2%
real i	Q3	0.8%	0.7%
	Q4	7.0%	7.7%
	Q1	22.6%	21.8%
Vaar 0	Q2	34.0%	30.7%
Year 2	Q3	51.2%	41.2%
	Q4	60.5%	49.1%
	Q1	68.6%	60.1%
	Q2	72.3%	67.6%
Year 3	Q3	79.5%	76.9%
	Q4	87.2%	84.2%
	Q1	92.8%	87.0%
	Q2	95.4%	89.9%
Year 4	Q3	98.5%	91.9%
	Q4	99.1%	92.5%
	Q1	99.1%	
V 5	Q2	99.2%	
Year 5	Q3	99.2%	
	Q4	99.2%	

Note: Since Q1 of Year 1 ended before the appeals deadlines, figures for Q1 of Year 1 have been excluded. The current number and proportion of appealed subjects for which appeals were disposed of in the 2010 cycle can be found in Table 8.

Figure 3: Percentage of appealed RV for which appeals were disposed following 2010 and 2017 revaluations

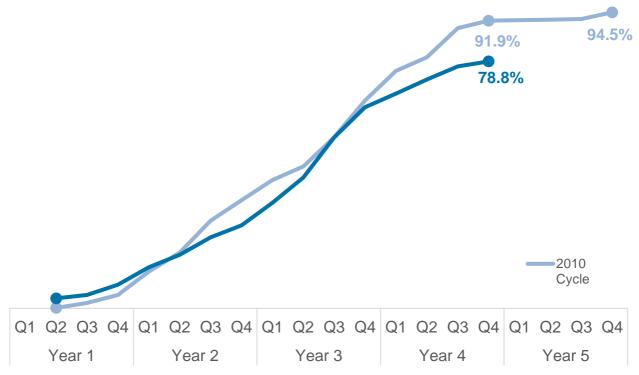


Table 3: Percentage of appealed RV for which appeals were disposed following 2010 and 2017 revaluations

Year of Revaluation Cycle	Quarter	2010 Cycle	2017 Cycle
	Q1	-	-
Year 1	Q2	0.2%	3.2%
rear r	Q3	1.7%	4.3%
	Q4	4.3%	7.5%
	Q1	11.8%	13.1%
Year 2	Q2	17.8%	17.1%
rear 2	Q3	28.0%	22.7%
	Q4	34.6%	26.5%
	Q1	41.0%	33.7%
Year 3	Q2	45.3%	41.8%
real 3	Q3	54.6%	54.6%
	Q4	66.4%	64.2%
	Q1	75.8%	68.6%
Vaar 1	Q2	80.2%	73.1%
Year 4	Q3	89.5%	77.3%
	Q4	91.9%	78.8%
	Q1	92.0%	
Voor E	Q2	92.2%	
Year 5	Q3	92.4%	
	Q4	94.5%	

Note: Since Q1 of Year 1 ended before the appeals deadlines, figures for Q1 of Year 1 have been excluded. The current percentage of appealed RV for which appeals have been disposed of in the 2010 cycle can be found in Table 8.

2017 Revaluation cycle

Table 4 shows that out of the 73,891 appeals lodged, 68,343 were resolved by the end of the fourth year following revaluation, accounting for £4,252m of the appealed RV.

Table 4: 2017 Revaluation appeals resolved by 31 March 2021

	Appealed	Resolved	Percentage resolved
Number of properties	73,891	68,343	92%
Rateable Value	£5,393m	£4,252m	79%

Table 5 shows that to date a large proportion of resolved appeals (47,105, or 69% of resolved appeals), accounting for £1,714m of appealed RV, resulted in no change in RV upon the appeal being resolved. The remaining resolved appeals to date (21,238), accounting for £2,538 of appealed RV, were resolved with a reduction in RV of £292m in total. Although only 31% of resolved appeals resulted in a reduction in RV, these appeals accounted for 60% of appealed RV that has been resolved.

Table 5: 2017 Revaluation appeals resolved, in total and with RV reduction, by 31 March 2021

	Number of properties	Original rateable value	Revised rateable value	Change in rateable value
All resolved appeals:	68,343	£4,252m	£3,960m	£292m
of which resulted in no RV reduction	47,105	£1,714m	£1,714m	£0m
of which resulted in RV reduction	21,238	£2,538m	£2,246m	£292m
% of resolved appeals/ RV resulting in RV change	31%	60%		

Tables 6 and 7 provide a breakdown of appealed properties and RV by local authority and Valuation Joint Board (VJB). Map 1 shows the proportion of 2017 revaluation appeals resolved by VJB.

Table 6: 2017 Revaluation appeals resolved by Valuation Joint Board (VJB)

and Local Authority area, as at 31 March 2021

Number of Number					
Local Authority / VJB	Total number of appeals	appeals resolved by 31 March 2021	Percentage resolved by 31 March 2021	resolved by 31 March 2021 which resulted in change in RV	Outstanding appeals
East Ayrshire	1,141	1,076	94%	362	65
North Ayrshire	1,488	1,403	94%	459	85
South Ayrshire	1,488	1,396	94%	477	92
Ayrshire VJB	4,117	3,875	94%	1,298	242
Clackmannanshire	790	759	96%	87	31
Falkirk	1,539	1,458	95%	343	81
Stirling	1,787	1,637	92%	452	150
Central VJB	4,116	3,854	94%	882	262
Dumfries & Galloway	1,930	1,814	94%	557	116
Argyll and Bute	1,714	1,604	94%	467	110
East Dunbartonshire	758	694	92%	214	64
West Dunbartonshire	989	933	94%	363	56
Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute	3,461	3,231	93%	1,044	230
Fife	3,720	3,384	91%	1,428	336
Glasgow	10,620	9,680	91%	2,370	940
Aberdeen City	5,121	4,429	86%	1,080	692
Aberdeenshire	3,882	3,649	94%	1,095	233
Moray	1,099	986	90%	286	113
Grampian VJB	10,102	9,064	90%	2,461	1,038
Highland	3,730	3,085	83%	1,549	645
Na h-Eileanan Siar	376	332	88%	196	44
Highland & Western Isles VJB	4,106	3,417	83%	1,745	689
North Lanarkshire	4,200	4,030	96%	1,031	170
South Lanarkshire	4,046	3,796	94%	994	250
Lanarkshire VJB	8,246	7,826	95%	2,025	420
City of Edinburgh	7,370	6,883	93%	2,411	487
East Lothian	1,083	987	91%	300	96
Midlothian	1,014	939	93%	301	75
West Lothian	2,218	2,076	94%	767	142
Lothian VJB	11,685	10,885	93%	3,779	800
Orkney	181	169	93%	76	12
Shetland	244	237	97%	140	7
Orkney & Shetland VJB	425	406	96%	216	19
East Renfrewshire	563	532	94%	185	31
Inverclyde	829	804	97%	198	25
Renfrewshire	2,150	2,083	97%	632	67
Renfrewshire VJB	3,542	3,419	97%	1,015	123
Scottish Borders	1,998	1,953	98%	532	45
Angus	1,258	1,204	96%	511	54
Dundee City	2,229	2,160	97%	773	69
Perth & Kinross	2,336	2,171	93%	602	165
Tayside VJB	5,823	5,535	95%	1,886	288
SCOTLAND	73,891	68,343	92%	21,238	5,548

Note: Figures are rounded to the nearest percentage point. Specific VJBs have responsibility for specific utilities: Electricity (Lanarkshire); Gas (Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute); Water (Fife); Docks and Harbours (Central); Railways (Highland & Western Isles); and Telecommunications (Renfrewshire).

Map 1: Proportion of 2017 revaluation appeals resolved, by Valuation Joint Board (VJB) area as at 31 March 2021

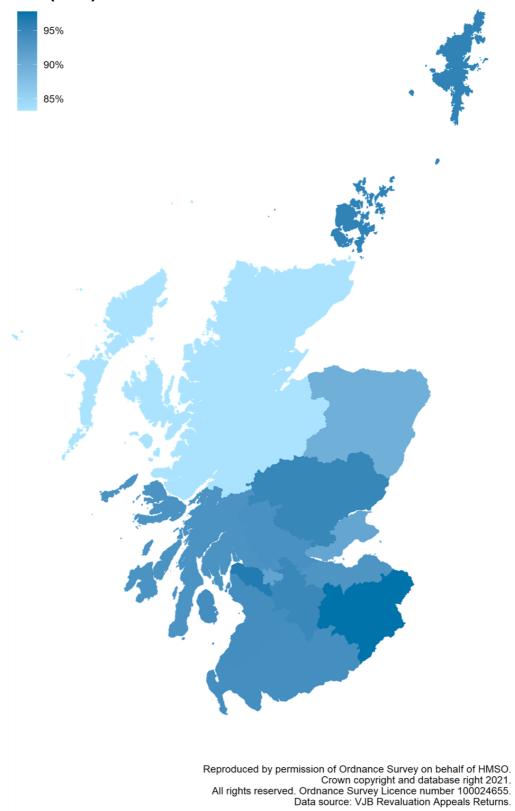


Table 7: 2017 Revaluation - Appealed RV, resolved by Valuation Joint Board

(VJB) and Local Authority area, as at 31 March 2021

Local Authority / VJB	Total RV appealed (£m)	Original RV of all appeals resolved (£m)	Original RV of those appeals resolved which resulted in an RV change (£m)	Revised RV of those appeals resolved which resulted in an RV change (£m)	RV loss to date (£m)	Outstanding appealed RV (£m)
East Ayrshire	55.4	47.5	33.3	30.0	3.3	7.8
North Ayrshire	80.4	56.9	33.5	30.1	3.4	23.5
South Ayrshire	82.6	65.1	45.2	40.1	5.1	17.4
Ayrshire VJB	218.4	169.6	112.0	100.2	11.8	48.8
Clackmannanshire Falkirk	35.1 142.3	21.4 104.4	4.8 49.0	3.9 42.9	0.9 6.1	13.7 37.9
Stirling	89.5	72.4	40.4	35.4	5.0	17.1
Central VJB	266.9	198.2	94.3	82.2	12.1	68.7
Dumfries & Galloway	77.6	66.5	44.6	40.6	3.9	11.1
Argyll and Bute	76.6	41.8	23.2	20.6	2.6	34.7
East Dunbartonshire	50.7	41.1	24.4	22.4	2.0	9.6
West Dunbartonshire	125.4	118.5	30.2	26.6	3.6	6.9
Dunbartonshire &	252.6	201.3	77.8	69.7	8.2	51.2
Argyll & Bute Fife	220.4	101 1	125.6	100 1	17.5	150.1
	339.1	181.1	125.6	108.1	17.5	158.1
Glasgow	769.0	686.8	339.4	304.7	34.8	82.2
Aberdeen City Aberdeenshire	505.9 214.9	364.1 190.1	167.6 108.4	154.4 100.0	13.2 8.4	141.8 24.7
Moray	82.5	43.2	25.7	23.2	2.5	39.2
Grampian VJB	803.3	597.4	301.7	277.6	24.1	205.8
Highland	203.6	151.6	110.5	94.6	15.9	52.0
Na h-Eileanan Siar	9.4	7.9	5.6	4.5	1.1	1.6
Highland & Western Isles VJB	213.0	159.4	116.1	99.1	16.9	53.6
North Lanarkshire	211.3	179.6	98.8	89.8	9.0	31.8
South Lanarkshire	549.4	391.5	325.9	289.6	36.3	158.0
Lanarkshire VJB	760.8	571.0	424.7	379.3	45.4	189.8
City of Edinburgh East Lothian	688.1	548.7	326.4	288.8	37.5	139.4
Midlothian	48.7 58.4	36.2 47.6	22.1 25.9	20.0 23.4	2.2 2.4	12.5 10.7
West Lothian	149.0	128.1	84.8	74.4	10.5	20.9
Lothian VJB	944.2	760.7	459.2	406.6	52.6	183.4
Orkney	12.8	12.1	10.0	8.7	1.3	0.7
Shetland	41.6	20.8	16.9	15.2	1.6	20.8
Orkney & Shetland	54.4	32.9	26.9	24.0	3.0	21.5
East Renfrewshire	30.3	29.4	18.3	15.9	2.4	0.9
Inverciyde	40.3	37.3	21.8	19.4	2.4	3.1
Renfrewshire VJB	253.6 324.3	241.2 307.9	174.2 214.3	137.4 172.8	36.7 41.5	12.4 16.4
Scottish Borders	524.3 65.6	54.1	36.0	31.9	41.5	11.5
Angus	53.1	47.7	30.3	26.9	3.4	5.4
Dundee City	141.0	132.7	89.9	81.6	8.3	8.3
Perth & Kinross	109.9	85.0	45.6	40.7	4.8	24.9
Tayside VJB	304.0	265.4	165.8	149.3	16.5	38.6
SCOTLAND	5,393.2	4,252.5	2,538.3	2,246.1	292.2	1,140.7

Note: Figures are rounded to the nearest percentage point. Specific VJBs have responsibility for specific designated utilities: Electricity (Lanarkshire); Gas (Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute); Water (Fife); Docks and Harbours (Central); Railways (Highland & Western Isles); and Telecommunications (Renfrewshire).

2010 Revaluation cycle

Progress on the resolution of appeals for the 2010 revaluation cycle continues to be monitored. As shown in Table 8, 66,948 properties have had their appeals resolved for the 2010 revaluation cycle, 99,9% of the total number of properties for which appeals were lodged. These appeals account for 99.4% of the total appealed RV.

Figure 4 shows the ongoing progress made in the 2010 cycle. As at 31 March 2021, £4,918m of RV had been resolved, resulting in a revised RV of £4,651m and a reduction in RV of £267m. This accounts for around 4% of the total RV on the Valuation Roll as at 1 April 2010 in line with the forecast of appeals losses for the 2010 revaluation cycle. There is still £28m of outstanding appealed RV to be resolved, relating to 78 subjects.

Table 8: 2010 Revaluation appeals resolved by 31 March 2021

	Appealed	Resolved	Percentage resolved
Number of properties	67,026	66,948	99.9%
Rateable Value	£4,946m	£4,918m	99.4%

Figure 4: 2010 Revaluation Appeals resolved by 31 March 2021



Table 9 provides a breakdown of appeals resolved by local authority and VJB.

Table 9: 2010 Revaluation appeals resolved by Valuation Joint Board (VJB)

and Local Authority area, as at 31 March 2021

Local Authority / VJB	Number of appeals resolved at 31 March 2021	Number of outstanding appealed properties	Outstanding appealed RV (£m)
East Ayrshire	1,189	1	0.06
North Ayrshire	1,350	2	0.99
South Ayrshire	1,325	3	0.16
Ayrshire VJB	3,864	6	1.22
Clackmannanshire	822	1	1.98
Falkirk	1,477	-	-
Stirling	1,229	1	0.04
Central VJB	3,528	2	2.01
Dumfries & Galloway	2,108	1	0.94
Argyll and Bute	1,505	10	6.31
East Dunbartonshire	802	1	0.00
West Dunbartonshire	930	1	0.02
Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute	3,237	12	6.33
Fife	4,887	3	4.52
Glasgow	9,785	2	1.01
Aberdeen City	3,362	4	0.07
Aberdeenshire	2,929	3	0.13
Moray	851	5	6.96
Grampian VJB	7,142	12	7.16
Highland	3,983	11	3.27
Na h-Eileanan Siar	285	6	0.38
Highland & Western Isles VJB	4,268	17	3.65
North Lanarkshire	4,058	-	-
South Lanarkshire	2,923	1	0.05
Lanarkshire VJB	6,981	1	0.05
City of Edinburgh	6,712	2	0.03
East Lothian	1,038	2	0.03
Midlothian	905	2	0.02
West Lothian	1,724	2	0.01
Lothian VJB	10,379	8	0.09
Orkney	163	-	-
Shetland	163	-	-
Orkney & Shetland VJB	326	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
East Renfrewshire	477	-	-
Inverclyde	935	2	0.03
Renfrewshire	1,981	6	0.74
Renfrewshire VJB	3,393	8	0.77
Scottish Borders	1,405	-	-
Angus	1,222	-	-
Dundee City	2,352	1	0.01
Perth & Kinross	2,071	5	0.11
Tayside VJB	5,645	6	0.12
SCOTLAND	66,948	78	27.86

Note: Specific VJBs have responsibility for specific designated utilities: Electricity (Lanarkshire); Gas (Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute); Water (Fife); Docks and Harbours (Central); Railways (Highland & Western Isles); and Telecommunications (Renfrewshire).

Annex

Annex A: Appeals by Valuation Joint Board (VJB) and Local Authority area,

2017 revaluation cycle

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Local Authority / VJB	RV on Roll (as at 1 April 2017) £m	Total RV appealed (£m)	% of RV appealed	Total number of properties on Roll (as at 1 April 2017)	Total number of properties appealed	% of properties appealed
East Ayrshire	80.4	55.4	69%	3,953	1,141	29%
North Ayrshire	115.2	80.4	70%	5,063	1,488	29%
South Ayrshire	115.2	82.6	72%	4,841	1,488	31%
Ayrshire VJB	310.7	218.4	70%	13,857	4,117	30%
Clackmannanshire	42.5	35.1	83%	1,553	790	51%
Falkirk	184.7	142.3	77%	4,998	1,539	31%
Stirling	122.6	89.5	73%	5,302	1,787	34%
Central VJB	349.8	266.9	76%	11,853	4,116	35%
Dumfries & Galloway	123.3	77.6	63%	9,396	1,930	21%
Argyll and Bute	109.9	76.6	70%	8,516	1,714	20%
East Dunbartonshire	69.0	50.7	73%	2,388	758	32%
West Dunbartonshire	185.7	125.4	67%	2,926	989	34%
Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute	364.7	252.6	69%	13,830	3,461	25%
Fife	427.6	339.1	79%	13,644	3,720	27%
Glasgow	1,016.8	769.0	76%	27,246	10,620	39%
Aberdeen City	593.8	505.9	85%	9,543	5,121	54%
Aberdeenshire	286.6	214.9	75%	11,884	3,882	33%
Moray	108.4	82.5	76%	4,609	1,099	24%
Grampian VJB	988.8	803.3	81%	26,036	10,102	39%
Highland	359.8	203.6	57%	17,861	3,730	21%
Na h-Eileanan Siar	26.5	9.4	36%	2,470	376	15%
Highland & Western Isles VJB	386.3	213.0	55%	20,331	4,106	20%
North Lanarkshire	292.0	211.3	72%	10,013	4,200	42%
South Lanarkshire	744.3	549.4	74%	9,961	4,046	41%
Lanarkshire VJB	1,036.3	760.8	73%	19,974	8,246	41%
City of Edinburgh	945.6	688.1	73%	22,855	7,370	32%
East Lothian	75.0	48.7	65%	3,483	1,083	31%
Midlothian	84.1	58.4	69%	3,023	1,014	34%
West Lothian	207.9	149.0	72%	6,479	2,218	34%
Lothian VJB	1,312.6	944.2	72%	35,840	11,685	33%
Orkney	28.9	12.8	45%	2,175	181	8%
Shetland	60.8	41.6	68%	2,056	244	12%
Orkney & Shetland VJB	89.7	54.4	61%	4,231	425	10%
East Renfrewshire	43.3	30.3	70%	1,751	563	32%
Inverclyde	57.3	40.3	70%	2,345	829	35%
Renfrewshire	316.8	253.6	80%	6,503	2,150	33%
Renfrewshire VJB	417.4	324.3	78%	10,599	3,542	33%
Scottish Borders	106.8	65.6	61%	7,191	1,998	28%
Angus	80.4	53.1	66%	4,884	1,258	26%
Dundee City	186.9	141.0	75%	5,853	2,229	38%
Perth & Kinross	159.6	109.9	69%	8,621	2,336	27%
Tayside VJB	427.0	304.0	71%	19,358	5,823	30%
SCOTLAND	7,357.7	5,393.2	73%	233,386	73,891	32%

Note: Figures are rounded to the nearest percentage point. Specific VJBs have responsibility for specific designated utilities: Electricity (Lanarkshire); Gas (Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute); Water (Fife); Docks and Harbours (Central); Railways (Highland & Western Isles); and Telecommunications (Renfrewshire).

BACKGROUND NOTES

Data Sources

The data in this publication are derived from the RVAPP (Rateable Value Appeals) statistical return which the Scottish Assessors provide to the Scottish Government on a quarterly basis. The continued co-operation of the Scottish Assessors in completing these returns is gratefully acknowledged.

Definitions

NDR are a property-based tax. They are based on the RV of a non-domestic property, multiplied by a poundage set nationally by Scottish Ministers (49.8p in 2020-21 for properties of rateable value up to £51,000), less any relief to which a ratepayer may be eligible. Note that for properties of rateable value over £51,000 and up to £95,000 the Intermediate Property Rate (1.3p on top of the poundage) applies, and for those with a rateable value over £95,000 the Higher Property Rate (2.6p on top of the poundage) applies.

For example, if a non-domestic property has a rateable value of £20,000, and the poundage is 49.8p (2020-21 level), the annual gross bill (before reliefs) would be:

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Non-Domestic\ Rates\ bill = £20,000*0.498 = £9,960 (before any reliefs)
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If a non-domestic property has a rateable value of £60,000 then in 2020-21 the annual gross bill (before reliefs) would be:

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Non - Domestic \ Rates = £60,000 * (0.498 + 0.013) = £30,660 (before any reliefs)
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For a non-domestic property that has a rateable value of £100,000, in 2020-21 the annual gross bill would be:

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Non - Domestic \ Rates = £100,000 * (0.498 + 0.026) = £52,400 (before any reliefs)
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Revaluations are carried out by independent Assessors. The 2017 Revaluation RVs are effective from 1 April 2017 and ratepayers generally had 6 months to lodge a revaluation appeal against their new RV. The poundage is adjusted at each revaluation, to ensure that they are broadly revenue-neutral to the Scottish Government.

Further Information

More information on Non-Domestic Rates, including appeals procedures and reliefs, can be found on the Scottish Government's website: https://www.gov.scot/policies/local-government/non-domestic-rates/

Further Local Government Finance statistics can be found at: https://www.gov.scot/collections/local-government-finance-statistics/

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