



Name of Scheme	Arts, Crafts, Artisan Food Shop	Non Competing Retail & Commercial Services	Office Refurbishment	Retail Fit Out Scheme
<b>What type of business is eligible?</b>	Those involved in the self production and sale of arts, crafts and artisan food.	Any non competing retail or commercial services	Existing office accommodation and buildings not currently used as office accommodation.	Clothing, footwear and homeware retailers
<b>Does the business have to be new?</b>	No	Yes – business cannot have operated in Waterford within the last two years. Exception: existing home based businesses moving to a vacant town centre premises will be eligible.	No	Yes – business cannot have operated in Waterford within the last two years.
<b>What geographic area<sup>1</sup> does the scheme cover?</b>	Waterford City centre , Dungarvan, Tramore and all Level 3 and 4 towns <sup>2</sup> and village centres (see below for full list)	Tramore and all Level 3 and Level 4 towns and villages centres (see below for full list).	Waterford City Centre Dungarvan Town Centre Tramore Town Centre and all Level 3 and Level 4 towns and villages centres (see below for full list)	Waterford City Centre. Tramore.
<b>Are there any restrictions on the scheme?</b>	Premises must be vacant for a period of 3 or more months. Under Artisan Food, only food shops are eligible. Café, restaurants and bars are not eligible. Floorspace should be less than 40sq m.	Premises must be vacant for a period of 3 or more months. Business must not be in direct competition or cause displacement to an existing business in the same town/village centre. [Displacement to existing business will not apply if the provider is offering high quality / high end product].	Existing offices: subject to structural works being undertaken, all costs of refurbishment are eligible Vacant premises: all costs of office refurbishment. Premises must be vacant for a period of 3 or more months. Office equipment, furniture and IT equipment are excluded	Premises must be vacant for a period of 3 or more months or be a new unoccupied development.  Only applicable to clothing, footwear and homeware.  Excludes stock for resale.

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<b>How much grant relief am I entitled to?</b>	100% of commercial rates for up to three years.	100% of commercial rates for up to three years.	100% of commercial rates in year 1, 50% in year 2 and 25% in year 3 subject to eligible vouched expenditure.	100% of commercial rates in year 1, 50% in year 2 and 25% in year 3 subject to eligible vouched expenditure.
<b>Any other requirements under the scheme?</b>	That there are no local authority charges owing on the building.  You must sign up to a Direct Debit on any other local authority charges.	That there are no local authority charges owing on the building.  You must sign up to a Direct Debit on any other local authority charges.	That there are no local authority charges owing on the building.  You must sign up to a Direct Debit on any other local authority charges i.e. commercial rates.  Scheme shall apply to the authorised planning use of premises.  Only works undertaken during the period of the scheme are valid.	That there are no local authority charges owing on the building.  You must sign up to a Direct Debit on any other local authority charges i.e. commercial rates.  Scheme shall apply to the authorised planning use of a premises. Only works undertaken during the period of the scheme are valid.  You must have a 3 year lease.

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