

# VAT & CCL Guidance

An overview of charitable and domestic use



## Domestic use

Types of premises	Domestic use	Non-domestic use
Residential premises in general	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self contained dwelling such as a house or flat</li> <li>Caravan</li> <li>Houseboat</li> <li>Monastery, nunnery or similar</li> <li>Residential accommodation for the Armed Forces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Running a business from home</li> <li>By law, gas and power supplied to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitals, prisons or similar</li> <li>Hotels, B&amp;Bs or similar</li> </ul>                             are not considered to be domestic use.                         </li> </ul>
Residential homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home/institution providing residential accommodation for children</li> <li>Home or institution providing residential accommodation for people in need of personal care because of:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Old age</li> <li>Disability</li> <li>Drug dependency or alcohol</li> <li>Mental disorder</li> </ul> </li> <li>Hospice or palliative care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supplies within a residential home used for office/managerial activities</li> </ul>
Caravan parks/holiday accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caravans solely for residential use either on a fulltime, weekend or holiday basis</li> <li>Caravans hired out on a self-catering bases</li> <li>Shower/toilet blocks for the use of those staying in the caravan park</li> <li>Self-catering holiday accommodation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business activities carried out from a caravan</li> <li>Non-residential services within a caravan park such as retail or catering outlets</li> <li>Leisure or sport activities for which a charge is made</li> <li>Hotel or B&amp;B accommodation</li> </ul>
Schools and other educational establishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential accommodation for boarding students and staff</li> <li>Ancillary rooms used by boarding students and staff including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kitchens</li> <li>Dining rooms</li> <li>Bathrooms, study rooms, etc</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ancillary rooms used by non-boarding students and staff including:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kitchens</li> <li>Dining rooms</li> <li>Bathrooms, study rooms, etc</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Charitable use

Types of premises	Charitable non-business use	Charitable business use
Charities in general	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activities or services provided, which are funded by:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grants</li> <li>Donations</li> <li>Voluntary contributions</li> <li>Investment income</li> </ul> </li> <li>Membership subscriptions which only provide members with copies of reports, annual accounts and the right to vote at meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where the activity is provided in return for a consideration</li> <li>Where the activity has a degree or frequency or scale</li> <li>Any membership subscriptions which provide members with additional benefits such as discounted entrance fees</li> </ul>
Churches and other places of worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where the supply is used for worship and related meetings</li> <li>Where income is generated by donations, voluntary contributions or investment income, rather than by fixed charges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where any part of the premises are used for non church purposes                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where income is generated from hiring or renting out the facilities</li> </ul> </li> <li>Where the premises are hosting fundraising activities, where goods and/or services are supplied in return for payment</li> </ul>
Village halls/community centres/Leisure centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activities or services provided, which are funded by:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grants</li> <li>Donations</li> <li>Voluntary contributions</li> <li>Investment income</li> </ul> </li> <li>Membership subscriptions which only provide members with copies of reports, annual accounts and the right to vote at meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fundraising activities such as:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hiring or renting out the facilities</li> <li>Charging admission to events held on the premises</li> <li>Sale of goods and services including food and refreshments</li> </ul> </li> <li>Any membership subscriptions which provide members with additional benefits such as discounted entrance fees</li> </ul>
Schools and other educational establishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where the education provider:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has charitable status and</li> <li>Does not charge for their services</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where the education provider does not have charitable status</li> <li>Where the education provider has charitable status but makes a charge for their services e.g. tuition fees, hiring out the premises, etc</li> </ul>