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UK GENERAL

Stamp duty needs urgent reform, MPs says

This article looks at a report from Housing, Communities and Local Government stating that a reform of stamp duty and council tax is needed to help first time buyers against a background of falling home ownership.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.mortgagefinancegazette.com/uncategorised/stamp-duty-needs-urgent-reform-mps-says-09-06-2026/>

Two thousand pubs at risk unless business rates are reformed

This article looks at a warning from the British Beer and Pub Association that 2,300 pubs could face closure this year, despite the package of rates relief given by the government this

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year. The article notes that the Treasury are currently looking at the way property tax assessments are calculated for pubs.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://ca.finance.yahoo.com/news/two-thousand-pubs-risk-unless-153009091.html>

ENGLAND

Call for business rates rethink as 100,000 firms face tax hit

This article reports that the Federation of Small Businesses has urged the government to raise the thresholds for business rates relief as over 100,000 small businesses have breached the exemption limit. The Federation has also asked for a change in how the tax is calculated for companies in shared offices.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Call for business rates rethink as 100,000 firms face tax hit](#)

Government must fix 'broken business rates'

This article reports that the British Chamber of Commerce have urged the government to reform business rates – one of its key manifesto pledges – instead of “tinkering round the edges”.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.myaccountant.co.uk/news/latest-news-for-business/archive/news-article/2026/June/government-must-fix-broken-business-rates>

Ministers could give billions raised by business rates to England's regions

This article reports that the government are working on a plan to devolve control of a share of some national taxes, including parts of income tax and business rates, to regional leaders.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Ministers could give billions raised by business rates to England's regions | Tax and spending | The Guardian](#)

SCOTLAND

Fresh Start: Scottish companies face 10% rise on already record-breaking business rates

This article looks at the level of business rates which will collect 10% more revenue from non-domestic properties this year. The article hears from the Scottish Federation of Small Businesses who fears the increased taxes will have a deadening effect on investments plans.

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The article can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.sundaypost.com/fp/business-rates-rise/>

Government announces urgent review of ‘anomalous’ business rates hikes

This article reports on the announcement that the Scottish Government will carry out a review of outcomes of the 2026 revaluation for business rates concentrating on anomalous high increases penalising certain sectors of the market.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Government announces urgent review of ‘anomalous’ business rates hikes | The Independent](#)

Third of firms want to see business rates cut, survey finds

This article reports on the results of a survey of 500 businesses in Scotland. The article looks at analysed data from the survey’s answers and concentrates on the fact that one third of businesses see a business rates cut as a priority to help them survive.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Third of firms want to see business rates cut, survey finds](#)

WALES

Ministers considering whether to go ahead with council tax changes

This article examines whether the Plaid Cymru government will continue with the 2028 revaluation for Council Tax or consider more radical reform.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Welsh ministers considering whether to go ahead with council tax changes - BBC News](#)

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