

# Non-Domestic Rating (Multipliers and Private Schools) Bill

## RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS IN GRAND COMMITTEE

*Tabled up to and including  
11 February 2025*

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*[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]*

### **Clause 1**

BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 1, page 2, line 5, at end insert –

“(1A) Regulations under subsection (1)(a) must provide discretion for billing authorities with regard to the application of the higher multiplier.”

#### ***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to introduce an element of discretion for billing authorities in the application of the higher multiplier.*

BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

*Baroness Scott of Bybrook gives notice of her intention to oppose the Question that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill.*

### **Clause 3**

BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 3, page 3, line 27, after “more,” insert “and is not a retail premises which is open to customers for more than 18 hours a day,”

#### ***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment, along with another in the name of Baroness Scott of Bybrook, seeks to exempt businesses that open for longer than 18 hours a day because they are often the only retailer in the local area.*

## BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 3, page 3, line 27, after “more,” insert “and is not a premises which is shared with a Post Office,”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment, along with another in the name of Baroness Scott of Bybrook, seeks to exempt businesses which host a Post Office because they provide an essential service to the community.*

## BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 3, page 3, line 27, after “more,” insert “and is not a premises which is shared with a Banking Hub,”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment, along with another in the name of Baroness Scott of Bybrook, seeks to exempt businesses which host a banking hub because they provide an essential service to the community.*

## BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 3, page 3, line 31, after “hospitality” insert “, manufacturing”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to include the manufacturing industry in the types of business that can qualify for the lower multiplier.*

## BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 3, page 3, line 35, after “hospitality” insert “, manufacturing”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to include the manufacturing industry in the types of business that can qualify for the lower multiplier.*

## BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 3, page 3, line 36, leave out “has such meaning” and insert “and “Banking Hub” have such meanings”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment, along with another in the name of Baroness Scott of Bybrook, seeks to exempt businesses which host a banking hub because they provide an essential service to the community.*

## BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 3, page 4, line 7, after “more,” insert “and is not a retail premises which is open to customers for more than 18 hours a day,”

***Member's explanatory statement***

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***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment, along with another in the name of Baroness Scott of Bybrook, seeks to exempt businesses which host a banking hub because they provide an essential service to the community.*

BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 3, page 4, line 11, after “hospitality” insert “, manufacturing”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to include the manufacturing industry in the types of business that can qualify for the lower multiplier.*

BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 3, page 4, line 15, after “hospitality” insert “, manufacturing”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to include the manufacturing industry in the types of business that can qualify for the lower multiplier.*

BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 3, page 4, line 16, leave out “has such meaning” and insert “and “Banking Hubs” have such meanings”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment, along with others in the name of Baroness Scott of Bybrook, seeks to exempt businesses which host a banking hub because they provide an essential service to the community.*

**After Clause 4**

BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

After Clause 4, insert the following new Clause—

**“Review of impact on businesses, high streets and economic growth**

- (1) The Secretary of State must review the impact of sections 1 to 4 of this Act on—
  - (a) businesses,
  - (b) high streets, and
  - (c) economic growth.
- (2) The review must consider—
  - (a) the impact on different types of business, including small businesses;
  - (b) the impact on businesses operating mainly or solely on high streets;
  - (c) whether the provisions have had a measurable impact on economic growth, and if so what that impact has been.
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay a report of the review before Parliament within six months of the day on which those sections take effect.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require the Secretary of State to review the impact of sections 1 to 4 of this Act within six months.*

**Clause 5**

BARONESS BARRAN  
BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 5, page 5, line 16, at end insert “, subject to sub-paragraph (5A).”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is consequential on the other amendments in the name of Baroness Scott of Bybrook which allow for the exemptions of certain schools.*

BARONESS BARRAN  
BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 5, page 5, line 23, leave out “or other consideration”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This probing amendment seeks to understand what “or other consideration” refers to in regard to whether an institution is considered a private school*

BARONESS BARRAN  
BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 5, page 5, leave out lines 26 to 37

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to probe whether institutions providing foundation courses would be considered private schools.*

BARONESS BARRAN  
BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 5, page 5, line 27, leave out “wholly or mainly”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to establish what the percentage cut off will be for institutions providing education for those over the compulsory school age but under 19.*

BARONESS BARRAN  
BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 5, page 5, line 34, leave out “or other consideration”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This probing amendment, and another in the name of Baroness Barran, seeks to understand what “or other consideration” refers to in regard to whether an institution is considered a private school.*

BARONESS BARRAN  
BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 5, page 5, line 38, leave out “wholly or mainly”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This probing amendment seeks to understand how many students will be required to have an EHC plan in an institution to be exempt from private school status.*

BARONESS BARRAN  
BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 5, page 5, line 39, leave out “for whom an EHC plan is maintained” and insert “with special educational needs and disabilities as defined in the Children and Families Act 2014”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would change the definition to exempt pupils with SEND.*

BARONESS BARRAN  
BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 5, page 5, line 40, at end insert –

“(5A) An institution is not to be considered a private school for the purposes of sub-paragraph (3) if it is wholly or mainly concerned with providing full-time education for less than an annual fee of £27,642 per pupil.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to exempt schools that charge less than the average fee for private schools, as they are often smaller, local schools.*

BARONESS BARRAN  
BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 5, page 5, line 40, at end insert –

“(5A) An institution is not to be considered a private school for the purposes of sub-paragraph (3) if it is wholly or mainly concerned with providing full-time education where at least 7% of gross income is spent on means-tested fee assistance.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to exempt schools where they offer bursaries or other means-tested assistance to pupils that amounts to more than 7 per cent of their gross income.*

BARONESS BARRAN  
BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK  
LORD BLACK OF BRENTWOOD

Clause 5, page 5, line 40, at end insert –

“(5A) An institution is not to be considered a private school for the purposes of sub-paragraph (3) if it is wholly or mainly concerned with providing full-time education for gifted arts students.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to exempt schools that offer arts education, such as music and drama.*

BARONESS BARRAN  
BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 5, page 5, line 40, at end insert –

- “(5A) An institution is not to be considered a private school for the purposes of sub-paragraph (3) if it has a religious character or other special character and there is no maintained school or academy of the same character within the specified distance from the school.
- (5B) In this paragraph –  
“religious character” has the meaning given under section 69 (duty to secure provision of religious education) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998;  
“other special character” has the meaning as defined by the Secretary of State by regulation;  
“specified distance” is the distance specified under section 444(5) (offence: failure to secure regular attendance at school of registered pupil) of the Education Act 1996.
- (5C) Regulations under this section are to be made by statutory instrument.
- (5D) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to exempt schools that are faith schools.*

BARONESS BARRAN  
BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 5, page 5, line 40, at end insert –

- “(5A) An institution is not to be considered a private school for the purposes of sub-paragraph (3) if it is wholly or mainly concerned with providing full-time education where at least 10% of students have at least one parent or guardian serving in the military.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to exempt schools where at least 10 per cent of students have a parent or guardian who is serving in the military.*

LORD MOYNIHAN

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Clause 5, page 5, line 40, at end insert –

- “(5A) An institution is not to be considered a private school for the purposes of sub-paragraph (3) if 10% of students are in receipt of bursaries or scholarships for sporting excellence.”

## LORD MOYNIHAN

★ Clause 5, page 6, line 11, at end insert –

“(8) Sports facilities or any area used primarily for sport in a hereditament which is wholly or mainly used for the purposes of carrying on a private school must not be included in the value of land for the purposes of calculating the chargeable amount under this paragraph.”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment seeks to ensure that no part of a private school which is used primarily for sport is included in the value of the land used by the valuation agency for the purposes of calculating business rates.*

BARONESS BARRAN  
BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

*The above named Lords give notice of their intention to oppose the Question that Clause 5 stand part of the Bill.*

**Clause 6**

BARONESS BARRAN  
BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 6, page 6, line 23, leave out from “effect” to end of line 24 and insert “after an impact assessment is published assessing the impact of the provisions in section 5 on children in private schools who receive means-tested fee assistance and their access to university”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would require an impact assessment on how Clause 5 will affect the ability of pupils with means-tested assistance currently in private schools to access university before the Act is passed.*

BARONESS BARRAN  
BARONESS SCOTT OF BYBROOK

Clause 6, page 6, line 24, leave out “2025” and insert “2026”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would delay the provisions of Clause 5 from coming into being until 2026, so that schools had time to prepare.*



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