
STATES OF JERSEY



ISLAND WIDE RATE FIGURE FOR 2021

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REPORT

The Island-wide rate for 2021 has been determined in accordance with the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005.

Members may recall that the 2020 AIRF was not increased as the States approved the Draft Covid-19 (Rates) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.85/2020) to prevent the automatic increase in the Annual Island-wide Rate Figure. The measure kept the Island-wide rate at its 2019 level for 2020, matching the intention of the Parishes not to increase Parish rates. It provided further support to Islanders (businesses and households) as Jersey came out of Covid-19 lockdown last year.

These Regulations were being made under the vires of the Covid-19 (Enabling Provisions) (Jersey) Law 2020. In order to rely on these emergency powers, it was necessary to specify that the 2021 rates are uprated against a deemed 2020 increase – so limiting the reduction in income only to 2020.

The Annual Island-wide Rate Figure (AIRF) that would have been in effect for 2020, but for the aforementioned Regulations, is therefore adjusted by the movement in the Jersey Retail Prices Index (RPI) for the 12 months to March 2021 of 0.8% resulting in a sum of £13,754,277.

In accordance with the Rates (Apportionment) (Jersey) Regulations 2006, 55% of the AIRF is to be met from the domestic rate and 45% of the AIRF is to be met from the non-domestic rate.

The rates are determined by dividing the sum to be raised between the number of quarters assessed on domestic property (c. 1,003 million quarters) and on non-domestic property (c. 573 million quarters). The rates will therefore be 0.76 pence per quarter for domestic ratepayers (an increase from 2019 and 2020 which was 0.74 pence per quarter) and 1.08 pence per quarter for non-domestic ratepayers (an increase from 2019 and 2020 which was 1.05 pence per quarter).