Application for New Build Empty Property Relief
(Please refer to explanatory notes overleaf)

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**Name of ratepayer(s):** (include names of all partners and trading name where applicable)

I confirm that these premises remain empty. I undertake to inform South Lakeland District Council should the position change.

Signature of ratepayer:..........................................................................................................................

Capacity of person signing:.....................................................................................................................

Date: / /  Telephone Number:
NEW BUILD EMPTY PROPERTY RELIEF

The Government announced in September 2013 that it will exempt all newly built commercial property completed between 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2016 from empty property rates for the first 18 months, subject to state aid limits. The scheme is at the discretion of Local Authorities but South Lakeland District Council has agreed to introduce the scheme in this District.

Which properties will benefit from the relief?

Properties that will benefit from the relief will be all unoccupied non domestic hereditaments that are wholly or mainly comprised of qualifying new structures.

The hereditament must have been completed after 1 October 2013 and before 30 September 2016.

(A Completion Notice will have been issued by the Local Taxation Team specifying the date the hereditament is regarded as being completed for Rating purposes).

How much relief will be available?

Relief of 100% will be available for up to 18 months from the date the hereditament is completed. The Non-Domestic (Unoccupied Property) (England) Regulations 2008 provide that empty property rates are not payable until a non-industrial property has been empty for 3 months or an industrial property has been empty for 6 months. The New Build Property Relief will apply once these statutory periods have elapsed provided that the hereditament remains empty. The relief will apply for the balance of the 18 month period from the date of completion of the hereditament where it remains unoccupied, subject to state aid limits.

State Aid

State Aid law is the means by which the European Union regulates state funded support to businesses. An undertaking shall not receive more that €200,000 in total of De Minimis aid within the current financial year or the previous two financial years.

When to apply

Once the statutory period of exemption from empty property rates expires you will be issued with a non domestic rates bill for empty property rates. Once you have received this bill you should complete and return the application form overleaf if the hereditament remains empty in order to apply for the New Build Empty Property Relief. Should the property become occupied in the meantime please inform the Local Taxation Team at the address overleaf.