

TAYSIDE VALUATION JOINT BOARD



Assessor for Tayside Valuation Joint Board

GUIDE TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME 2018

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The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act) requires Scottish public authorities to produce and maintain a publication scheme. Authorities are under a legal obligation to:

- publish the classes of information that they make routinely available
- tell the public how to access the information and what it might cost.

The Assessor for Tayside Valuation Joint Board has adopted the **Model Publication Scheme 2018 (as amended)** produced by the Scottish Information Commissioner. The scheme has the Commissioner's ongoing approval provided this guide is kept up to date.

You can see this scheme on our website at www.tayside-vjb.gov.uk or by contacting us at the address below.

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The purpose of this Guide to Information is to:

- allow you to see what information is available (and what is not available) in relation to each class.
- state what charges may be applied.
- explain how you can find the information easily.
- provide contact details for enquiries and to get help with accessing the information.
- explain how to request information we hold that has not been published.

AVAILABILITY AND FORMATS

The information we publish through the model scheme is, wherever possible, available on our website. We offer alternative arrangements for people who do not want to, or cannot, access the information online or by inspection at our premises. For example, we can usually arrange to send information to you in paper copy (although there may be a charge for this).

EXEMPT INFORMATION

We will publish the information we hold that falls within the classes of information below. If a document contains information that is exempt under Scotland's freedom of information laws (for example sensitive personal information or a trade secret), we may remove or redact the information before publication but we will explain why.

COPYRIGHT

Where The Assessor for Tayside Valuation Joint Board holds the copyright in its published information, the information may be copied or reproduced without formal permission, provided that:

- it is copied or reproduced accurately
- it is not used in a misleading context, and
- the source of the material is identified

Where The Assessor for Tayside Valuation Joint Board does not hold the copyright in information we publish, we will make this clear.

CHARGES

This section explains when we may make a charge for our publications and how any charge will be calculated.

Unless otherwise stated, all information contained within our scheme is available from us free of charge where it can be downloaded from our website.

We reserve the right to impose charges for providing information in paper copy or on computer disc. Charges will reflect the actual costs of reproduction and postage to the authority, as set out below. In the event that a charge is to be levied, you will be advised of the charge and how it has been calculated. Information will not be provided to you until payment has been received.

VAT will be charged where appropriate.

Reproduction costs:

Where charges are applied, photocopied information will be charged at a standard rate of 10p per A4 side of paper (black and white copy) and 30p per A4 side of paper (colour copy). Computer discs will be charged at the rate of £1.00 per CD-Rom.

Postage cost:

We will pass on postage charges to the requester at the cost to the authority of sending the information by first class post.

For the avoidance of doubt these costs relate to the delivering of information which is otherwise free.

Fixed Charge Publications:

There are a small number of pre-printed publications for which the Tayside Assessor makes a charge. These documents include the Valuation Roll, Draft Valuation Roll, Council Tax List and Electoral Register.

The costs for these documents are detailed below:

VALUATION ROLLS (including Draft Rolls)**Definition:**

“List of non-domestic properties for the Valuation Area with appropriate Rateable Valuations as a basis for rates bills.”

Availability:

Website (www.saa.gov.uk)

Paper copies can be inspected at Local Offices and main Libraries

Cost:

Valuation Roll (inc Draft)	Method	Charge
Supply of Data	Electronic	£50 per request *
	Photocopies (single/small number of pages)	10p per single side
	Printed	£50 per local authority area
Certified Extract		£10 per entry
Searches/Enquiries		No Charge

* Website (www.saa.gov.uk) Electronic format from the Portal Custodian at the office of the:-

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COUNCIL TAX VALUATION LISTS

Definition:

“List of domestic properties within the Valuation Area with appropriate Bands”.

Availability:

Website (www.saa.gov.uk)

Paper copies can be inspected at Local Offices and main Libraries.

Cost:

Council Tax List	Method	Charge
Supply of Lists	Electronic	£50 per request *
	Photocopies	10p per single side
	Printed	£75 per local authority area
Certified Extract		£10 per entry
1989 RV Certification	If available	£10 per entry
	If inspection/calculation required	£100 per entry
Searches/Enquiries		No Charge

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ELECTORAL REGISTER (OPEN)

Definition:

“Open version of the Register of Electors. This version does not include the names of those electors whose names appear in the Full version of the Register but who have taken advantage of the Representation of the People Legislation and chosen to have their names excluded from the Open version of the Register, which can be sold to anyone.”

Availability:

Paper copies can be inspected at Local Offices, or public Libraries.

Cost:

As prescribed by the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001.

Electoral Register (Edited)	Method	Charge
Supply of Register	Electronic	£20 per constituency plus £1.50 for each 1,000 entries (or remaining entries) in it
	Printed	£10 per constituency plus £5.00 for each 1,000 entries (or remaining entries) in it

We do not pass any other costs on to you in relation to our published information.

CONTACT US

You can contact us for assistance with any aspect of this publication scheme:

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We will also be pleased to advise you how to ask for information that we do not publish, or how to complain if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of this publication scheme.

THE CLASSES OF INFORMATION THAT WE PUBLISH

We publish information that we hold within the following classes. Once information is published under a class we will continue to make it available for the current and previous two financial years.

Where information has been updated or superseded, only the current version will be available. If you would like to see previous versions, you may make a request to us for that information.

Notes:

The Assessor for Tayside Valuation Joint Board is required to publish the information he holds which fall within the classes of the Model Publication Scheme 2018. If we do not hold information within a class, this is indicated under the class description below.

CLASS 1: ABOUT THE ASSESSOR FOR TAYSIDE VALUATION JOINT BOARD

Class description:

Information about The Assessor for Tayside Valuation Joint Board, who we are, where to find us, how to contact us, how we are managed and our external relations

The information we publish under this class	How to access it
General Information	www.tayside-vjb.gov.uk/
Addresses and contact details	Contact Us - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)
The Assessor and the Divisional Offices	The Assessor and the Divisional Offices - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)
Complaints Procedure	Board Policies and Guidelines - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)
Publication Scheme and Guide to Information	Freedom of Information - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)
Freedom of Information policy	Freedom of Information - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)
Business continuity plan	Board Policies and Guidelines - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)
Risk Register	Board Policies and Guidelines - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)

CLASS 2: HOW WE DELIVER OUR FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES

Class description:

Information about our work, our strategy and policies for delivering functions and services and information for our service users.

The information we publish under this class	How to access it
Valuation Roll	www.saa.gov.uk , inspection, purchase
Valuation Practice Notes	Rating Valuation Practice Notes - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)
Submission of a non-domestic rates proposal	Rating Proposals - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)
Proposal Determination Date Schedules	Proposal Determination Date Schedules - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)
Council Tax Valuation List	www.saa.gov.uk , inspection, purchase
Electoral Registration information	Electoral Registration - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk) Electoral Commission website
Electoral Register	Inspection, purchase of edited register.

CLASS 3: HOW WE TAKE DECISIONS AND WHAT WE HAVE DECIDED

Class description:

Information about the decisions we take, how we make decisions and how we involve others.

The information we publish under this class	How to access it
Board reports, agendas and minutes of meetings	Board Minutes & Agendas - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)

CLASS 4: WHAT WE SPEND AND HOW WE SPEND IT

Class description:

Information about our strategy for, and management of, financial resources (in sufficient detail to explain how we plan to spend public money and what has actually been spent).

The information we publish under this class	How to access it
Financial regulations	Board Policies and Guidelines - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)
Audited Accounts	Accounts - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)
Budget Reports	Minutes & Agendas 2023 - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)
Tender Procedures	Board Policies and Guidelines - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)

CLASS 5: HOW WE MANAGE OUR HUMAN, PHYSICAL AND INFORMATION RESOURCES

Class description:

Information about how we manage the human, physical and information resources of Tayside Valuation Joint Board and the Assessor for Tayside Valuation Joint Board.

The information we publish under this class	How to access it
Records management policy	Board Policies and Guidelines - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)

CLASS 6: HOW WE PROCURE GOODS AND SERVICES FROM EXTERNAL PROVIDERS

Class description:
Information about how we procure goods and services, and our contracts with external providers.

The information we publish under this class	How to access it
Tender procedures	Board Policies and Guidelines - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)
Procurement Procedures	Board Policies and Guidelines - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)
Contracts Register	Contracts Register - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)

CLASS 7: HOW WE ARE PERFORMING

Class description:
Information about how we perform as an organisation, and how well we deliver our functions and services

The information we publish under this class	How to access it
Best Value Key Performance Indicators	Assessor Performance Information - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)
Annual Public Performance Reports	Assessor Performance Information - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)
Customer Satisfaction Surveys	Assessor Performance Information - Tayside Valuation Joint Board (tayside-vjb.gov.uk)

CLASS 8: OUR COMMERCIAL PUBLICATIONS

Class description:
Information packaged and made available for sale on a commercial basis and sold at market value through a retail outlet e.g. bookshop, museum or research journal.

The information we publish under this class	How to access it
NONE	

CLASS 9: OUR OPEN DATA

Class description:

Open data made available by the authority as described by the Scottish Government's Open Data Strategy and Resource Pack, available under an open licence.

The information we publish under this class	How to access it
NONE	

HOW TO ACCESS INFORMATION WHICH IS NOT AVAILABLE UNDER THIS SCHEME

If the information you are seeking is not available under this publication scheme, then you may wish to request it from us. The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) provides you with a right of access to the information we hold, subject to certain exemptions. The Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs) separately provide a right of access to the environmental information we hold, while the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) provides a right of access to any personal information about you that we hold. Again, these rights are subject to certain exceptions or exemptions.

Should you wish to request a copy of any information that we hold that is not available under this scheme, please write to

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Alternatively, an information request form is available from our website – www.tayside-vjb.gov.uk

Charges for information which is not available under the scheme:

The charges for information which **is** available under this scheme are set out under the section on **Charges** above. If you submit a request to us for information which **is not** available under the scheme the charges will be based on the following calculations:

General information requests:

- There will be no charge for information requests which cost us £100 or less to process.
- Where information costs between £100 and £600 to provide you may be asked to pay 10% of the cost. That is, if you were to ask for information that cost us £600 to provide,

you would be asked to pay £50, calculated on the basis of a waiver for the first £100 and 10% of the remaining £500.

- We are not obliged to respond to requests which will cost us over £600 to process.
- In calculating any fee, staff time will be calculated at actual cost per staff member hourly salary rate to a maximum of £15 per person per hour.
- We do not charge for the time to determine whether we hold the information requested, nor for the time it takes to decide whether the information can be released. Charges may be made for locating, retrieving and providing information to you.
- In the event that we decide to impose a charge we will issue you with notification of the charge (a fees notice) and how it has been calculated. You will have three months from the date of issue of the fees notice in which to decide whether to pay the charge. The information will be provided to you on payment of the charge. If you decide not to proceed with the request there will be no charge to you.

Charges for environmental information:

We do not charge for the time to determine whether we hold the information requested, nor for the time it takes to decide whether the information can be released. Charges may be made for locating, retrieving and providing information to you.

In the event that we decide to impose a charge we will issue you with notification of the charge and how it has been calculated. The information will be provided to you on payment of the charge. If you decide not to proceed with the request there will be no charge to you.

Charges are calculated on the basis of the actual cost to the authority of providing the information.

- Photocopying is charged at 10p per A4 sheet for black and white copying, 30p per A4 sheet for colour copying.
- Postage is charged at actual rate for first class mail.
- Staff time is calculated at actual cost per staff member hourly salary rate to a maximum of £15 per person per hour.

The first £100 worth of information will be provided to you without charge. Where information costs between £100 and £600 to provide, you will be asked to pay 10% of the cost. That is, if you were to ask for information that cost us £600 to provide, you would be asked to pay £50, calculated on the basis of a waiver for the first £100 and 10% of the remaining £500.

Where it would cost more than £600 to provide the information to you, however, we will ask you to pay the full cost of providing the information, with no waiver for any portion of the cost.

Requests for your own personal data:

You are entitled to request your personal data from Tayside Assessor who shall provide free of charge any requests for an individual's own personal data within one month of the request and on provision of acceptable ID. Where there is delay, we will advise you of this. If further copies of your personal data are required by you, we may charge a reasonable fee based on administrative costs.