

# STATES OF JERSEY



Jersey

## **DRAFT COVID-19 (RATES) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 202-**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 1st July 2020  
by the Minister for Treasury and Resources**

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## REPORT

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1. The Draft Covid-19 (Rates) (Jersey) Regulations 202- would amend the [Rates \(Jersey\) Law 2005](#) to prevent the automatic increase (by reference to March RPI) in the Annual Island-wide Rate Figure (“AIRF”) established by Article 20(1) of that law.
2. This measure will keep the Island-wide rate at its 2019 level for 2020, matching the intention of the Parishes not to increase Parish rates. It will provide further support to Islanders (businesses and households) as Jersey comes out of Covid-19 lockdown.
3. It is estimated that not uprating the Island-wide rate will keep £4 in the pocket of a family living in an average 3-bedroom home. General Revenues Income will be reduced by around £360,000 in 2020 only.
4. These Regulations are being made under the vires of the [Covid-19 \(Enabling Provisions\) \(Jersey\) Law 2020](#). In order to rely on these emergency powers, it will be necessary to specify that the 2021 rates are uprated against a deemed 2020 increase – so limiting the reduction in income only to 2020.
5. Maintaining the Island-wide rate at its 2019 level during 2020 will not, of course, significantly help Islanders in financial distress nor will it significantly deprive the public purse of monies to help Islanders in distress. It does, however, synchronise the approach of the Parishes and the Government towards the rates charges and further reinforces the States Assembly’s commitment to support Islanders as Jersey works its way out of the Pandemic.

### **Financial and manpower implications**

This measure reduces General Revenues Income by around £360,000 in 2020 only. There are no other financial or staffing implications arising from the adoption of these draft Regulations.



**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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These Regulations, if passed, would reduce the amount to be levied in 2020 by way of the Island-wide rate under the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 to the amount levied in 2019. The amount levied in 2021 (and in subsequent years) is not affected by this change.

The Regulations would come into force on the day after they are made and expire at the end of 2020.





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*Made* [date to be inserted]  
*Coming into force* [date to be inserted]

**THE STATES** make these Regulations under Article 2 of the Covid-19 (Enabling Provisions) (Jersey) Law 2020<sup>1</sup> –

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### **1 Calculation of Island-wide Rates Figure for 2020**

- (1) Instead of using the Annual Island-wide Rates Figure for 2020 calculated under Article 20(1) of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005<sup>2</sup>, the Island-wide rate for 2020 is to be calculated under Article 20(4) of that Law by using the Annual Island-wide Rates Figure for 2019.
- (2) Nothing in paragraph (1) is to be read as derogating from the requirement for the Annual Island-wide Rates Figure for 2021 to be calculated under Article 20(1) of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 using the Annual Island-wide Rates Figure for 2020.

### **2 Citation, commencement and expiry**

- (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Covid-19 (Rates) (Jersey) Regulations 202-.
- (2) These Regulations come into force on the day after they are made and expire at the end of 2020.

**ENDNOTES**

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<i>1</i>	<i>L.2/2020</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>chapter 24.950</i>