

56452 Business Registrations and Inspections

I'm writing to request the following information relating to the operation of barbershops, vape shops, nail bars/beauty salons, car washes, Harry Potter shops and American-style candy shops (e.g. selling imported sweets or novelty confectionery) in your council area.

For the period spanning 30 June 2020 to 30 June 2025, please specify:

Business Licences and Registrations

A list of all businesses in the categories listed above that have applied for or been granted a licence to operate within your area during this period.

For each business, please include:

Name of business

Type of business

Address

Date of licence application and approval

Business licence number

Any declarations made about beneficial ownership

[We are unable to provide the information requested because it is not held by the Council.](#)

[The types of businesses you have listed are not required to be licensed by the City of Edinburgh Council for the nature of the activities you have listed, therefore we cannot provide a list as the information as it is not held.](#)

Enforcement and Complaints

The number of inspections (routine or complaint-driven – please specify which) carried out on these businesses during the same period.

Please provide a breakdown of:

How many were found to be in breach of regulations (e.g. licensing, trading standards, health and safety, etc.)

The nature of the breaches (brief description)

Any penalties issued (fines, closures, warnings)

The number of businesses referred to other authorities (e.g. Police Scotland, HMRC, NCA) and the name of the authority/authorities to which these firms were referred.

[We are unable to provide the information requested as the cost to the Council of locating, retrieving and providing the information far exceeds the statutory maximum of £600.](#)

Business Rate Relief

A list of businesses in the above categories that have received Small Business Bonus Scheme relief or any other form of Business Rates relief.

Please include:

Name and address of the business

Type of relief received

Amount of relief granted per financial year

It is not possible to identify and extract data from our systems about these types of business premises, based on the description of their operations which has been provided. For example, for Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) purposes, most of these businesses will simply be described as a Shop, Hairdresser or Salon on the Valuation Roll. We would not be able to provide an answer without inadvertently including details of other businesses which are not in the scope of this request, e.g. a shop which functions as something other than an American style candy store.

You may wish to review the published version of our Business Rates database (which also includes details of any Relief awarded). This is published on our website at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/download/13854/non-domestic-rates-business-rates-data>