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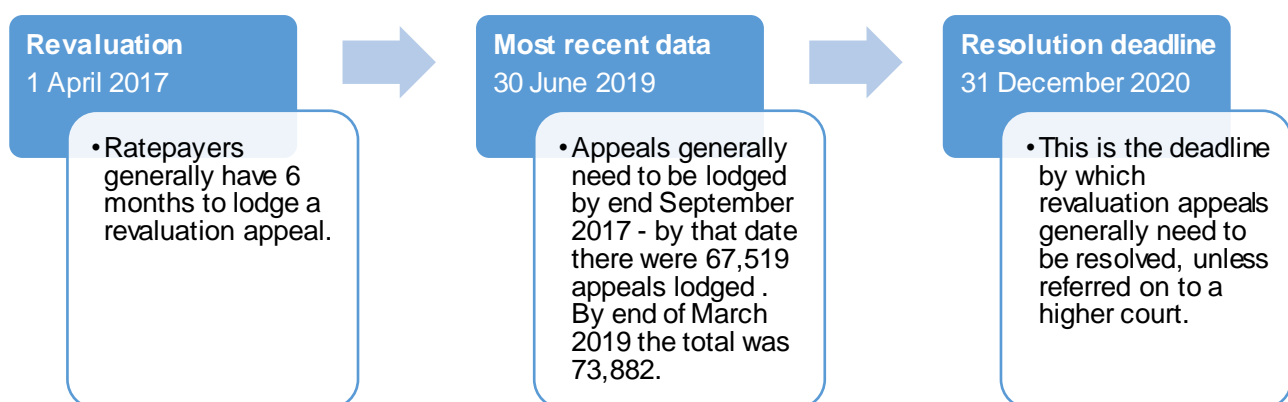
NON-DOMESTIC RATES REVALUATION APPEALS STATISTICS, SCOTLAND, 2019-20 QUARTER 1

Context

Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) in Scotland are based on the rateable value (RV) of individual non-domestic properties. Periodically there is a statutory revaluation process which revises RVs, and the revaluation appeals process allows ratepayers to appeal against these.

This routine publication provides quarterly statistics on the progress and results of revaluation appeals following the 2017 Revaluation (effective 1 April 2017) and the 2010 Revaluation (effective 1 April 2010). Running Roll appeals (i.e. those due to material change of circumstances or a change in occupier) are not included in these statistics.

Further information on NDR can be found in the background notes.



The deadline for lodging appeals was 30 September 2017 (although if the valuation notice was issued after 1 April 2017, then the deadline is instead six months from that issue date).

This publication reports progress at the end of June 2019 on the number of properties and RV appealed at the 2017 Revaluation. Progress on appeals lodged in the 2010 revaluation cycle is still monitored and is also reported here.

Key points (as at 30 June 2019)

- To 30 June 2019 a total of 44,391 appeals against the 2017 revaluation, with an original rateable value (RV) of £1,816m have been resolved. This represents 60% of the 73,882 appealed properties and 34% of the £5,393m appealed RV.
- A total of 29,491 appeals against the 2017 revaluation are still outstanding, representing £3,577m of appealed RV.
- Around three quarters of appeals resolved to date (33,308) did not result in any change in rateable value. However, while only 25% of appeals resolved to date have resulted in a reduction in RV, these appeals accounted for almost 52% of the total RV that has been resolved so far. The RV decrease to date of £129m is associated with 11,083 resolved appeals.
- Comparing data from the 2010 and 2017 revaluations, 27 months after the beginning of the revaluation cycle shows that the proportion of appeals resolved to date was higher in the previous cycle (69% in the 2010 cycle compared to 60% in the 2017 cycle). The proportion of RV resolved at this stage in the previous cycle was also higher (41% in the 2010 cycle compared to 34% in the 2017 cycle).
- Progress on resolution of appeals for the 2010 revaluation cycle continues to be monitored. As at 30 June 2019, revaluation appeals had been resolved for over 99% of appealed properties (66,894 of 67,026).
- As a result of appeals in the 2010 revaluation cycle, the RV of properties whose appeal has been resolved has been reduced by £265m. This is in line with the forecast of appeals loss relating to the 2010 cycle, and so will have no net impact on Scottish Government revenues. Larger, more complex cases tend to be the appeals which are resolved latest. There is still £54m of outstanding RV under appeal following the 2010 revaluation cycle, relating to 132 properties. The majority of these are telecommunications appeals, and most have been referred to the Lands Tribunal for Scotland.

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Comparison of 2010 and 2017 revaluation appeals

Figure 1 and Table 1 show a comparison of revaluation appeals at the end of Quarter 9 for the 2010 and 2017 revaluation cycles (27 months following revaluation). The table shows that the proportion of properties for which an appeal was made was similar in both revaluation cycles, with 31% of all properties appealed in the 2010 cycle compared to 32% in the 2017 cycle. However, the overall number of properties appealed in the 2017 cycle was around 10% higher. A similar proportion of the total RV on the roll was appealed: in the 2010 revaluation cycle, 75% of RV was appealed compared to 73% in the 2017 revaluation cycle. The proportion of appealed RV resolved by the end of Quarter 9 was higher in the 2010 cycle (41%) compared to the 2017 cycle (34%). The proportion of properties for which an appeal was resolved by the end of Quarter 9 was also higher in the 2010 cycle (69%) compared to the 2017 cycle (60%).

Table 2 and Figure 2 show the proportion of appeals resolved in different revaluation cycles over time. Table 3 and Figure 3 show the proportion of RV resolved over time.

Figure 1: Comparison of 2010 and 2017 cycles at end of Quarter 9

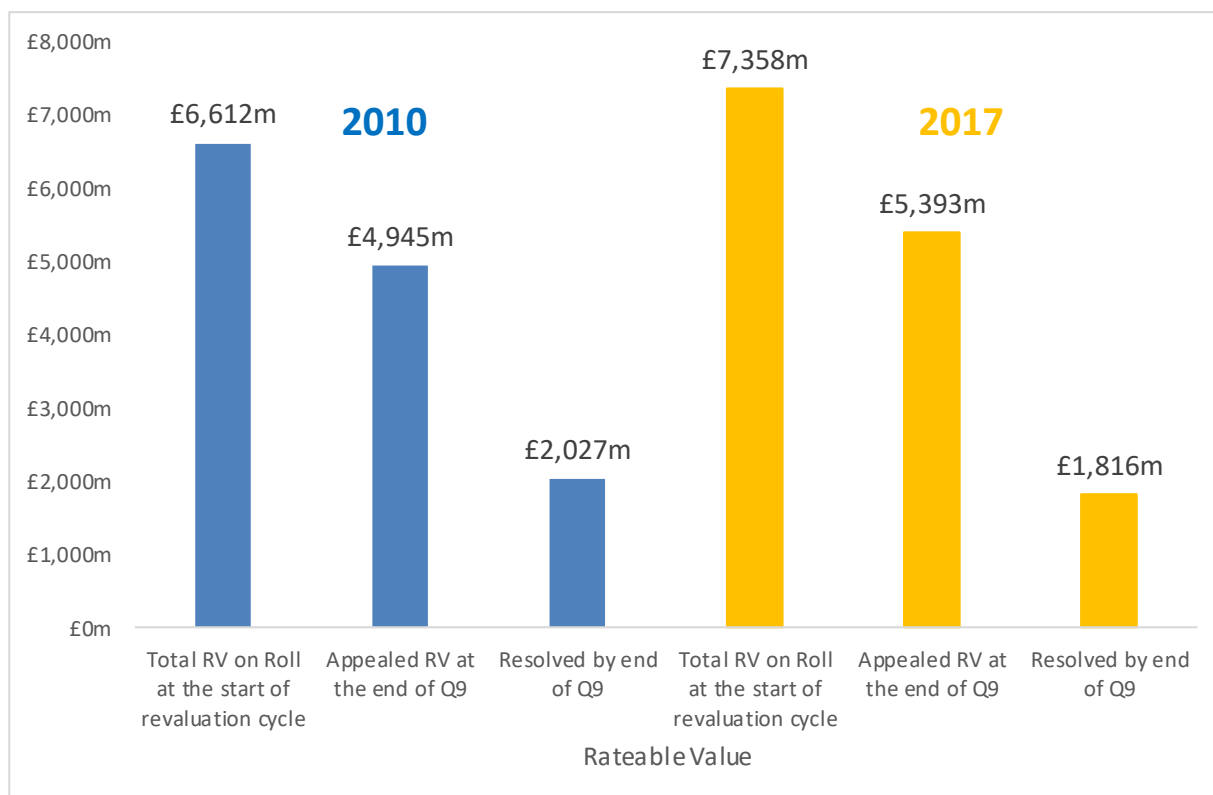
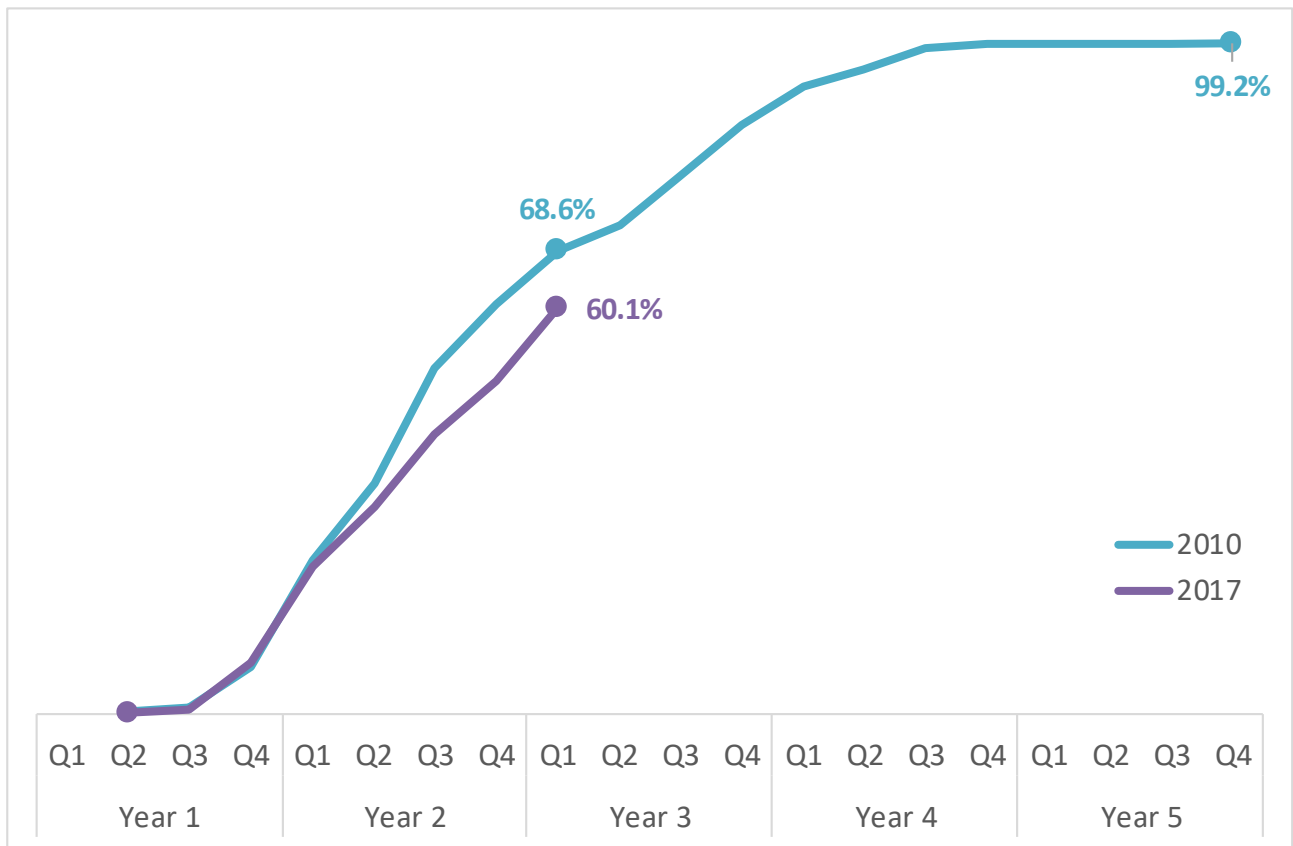


Table 1: Comparison of 2010 and 2017 Cycles at end of Quarter 9 (Q9)

		2010 Cycle	2017 Cycle
Rateable Value	Total RV on Roll at the start of revaluation cycle	£6,612m	£7,358m
	Appealed RV at the end of Q9	£4,945m	£5,393m
	Resolved by end of Q9	£2,027m	£1,816m
	Percent of roll appealed	75%	73%
	Percent RV appealed resolved by end of Q9	41%	34%
Properties	Total Number on Roll at the start of revaluation cycle	213,311	233,386
	Number of appeals at the end of Q9	66,986	73,882
	Resolved by end of Q9	45,965	44,391
	Percent of roll appealed	31%	32%
	Percent appeals resolved by end of Q9	69%	60%

Figure 2: Percentage of appealed subjects for which appeals were disposed of following 2010 and 2017 revaluations, Scotland



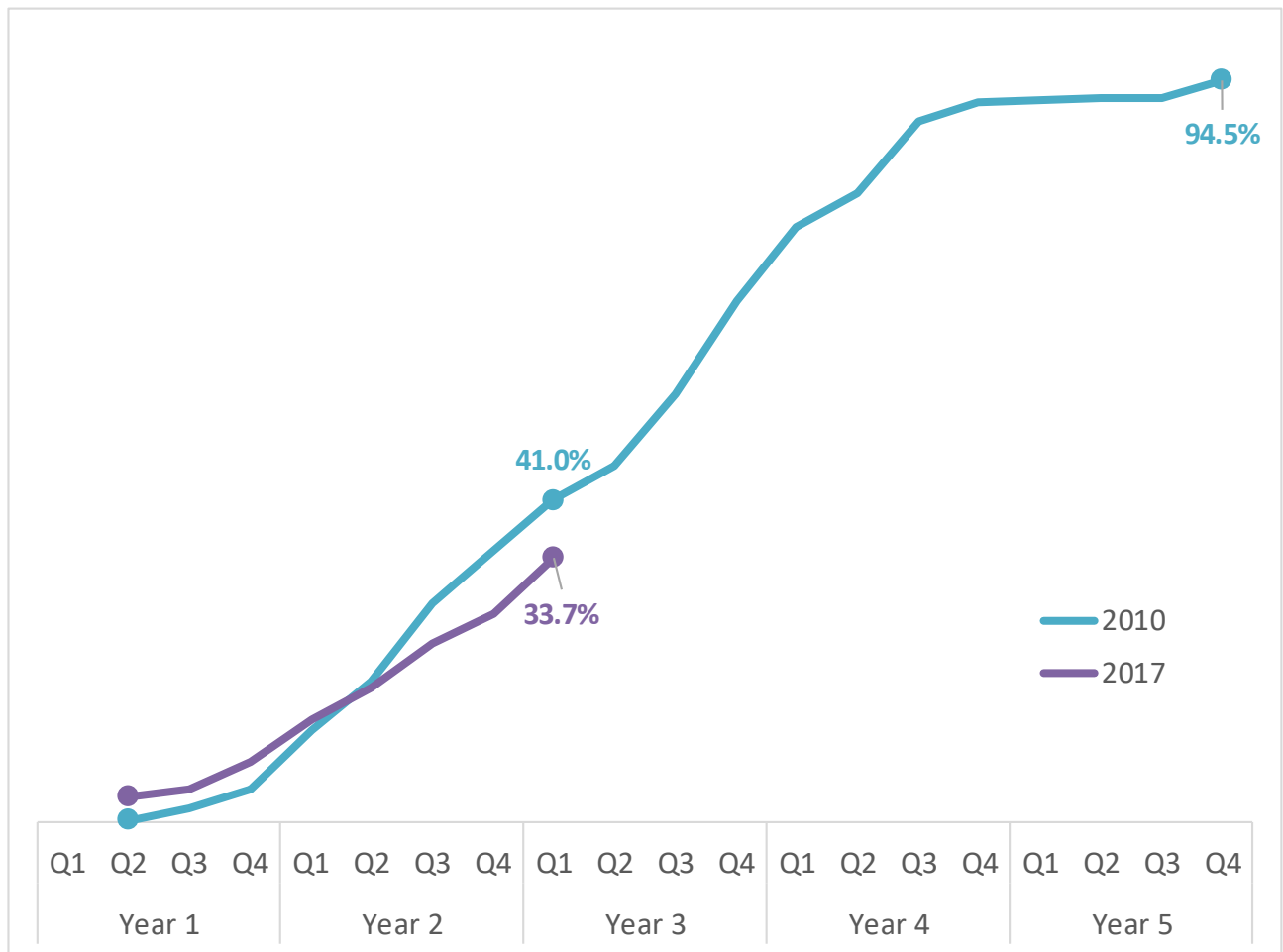
Note: Since Q1 of Year 1 ended before the September 2010 & 2017 appeals deadlines, figures for Q1 of Year 1 have been excluded.

Table 2: Percentage of appealed subjects for which appeals were disposed of following 2005, 2010 and 2017 revaluations, Scotland

Year of Revaluation Cycle	Quarter	2010	2017
Year 1	Q1		
	Q2	0.4%	0.2%
	Q3	0.8%	0.7%
	Q4	7.0%	7.7%
Year 2	Q1	22.6%	21.8%
	Q2	34.0%	30.7%
	Q3	51.2%	41.2%
	Q4	60.5%	49.1%
Year 3	Q1	68.6%	60.1%
	Q2	72.2%	
	Q3	79.5%	
	Q4	87.2%	
Year 4	Q1	92.8%	
	Q2	95.4%	
	Q3	98.5%	
	Q4	99.1%	
Year 5	Q1	99.1%	
	Q2	99.2%	
	Q3	99.2%	
	Q4	99.2%	

Note: Since Q1 of Year 1 ended before the September 2010 and 2017 appeals deadlines, figures for Q1 of Year 1 have been excluded.

Figure 3: Percentage of appealed RV for which appeals were disposed following 2010 and 2017 revaluations



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Table 3: Percentage of appealed RV for which appeals were disposed following 2005, 2010 and 2017 revaluations

Year of Revaluation Cycle	Quarter	2010	2017
Year 1	Q1		
	Q2	0.2%	3.2%
	Q3	1.7%	4.3%
	Q4	4.3%	7.6%
Year 2	Q1	11.8%	13.1%
	Q2	17.8%	17.1%
	Q3	28.0%	22.7%
	Q4	34.6%	26.5%
Year 3	Q1	41.0%	33.7%
	Q2	45.3%	
	Q3	54.6%	
	Q4	66.4%	
Year 4	Q1	75.8%	
	Q2	80.2%	
	Q3	89.5%	
	Q4	91.9%	
Year 5	Q1	92.0%	
	Q2	92.2%	
	Q3	92.4%	
	Q4	94.5%	

Note: Since Q1 of Year 1 ended before the September 2010 and 2017 appeals deadlines, figures for Q1 of Year 1 have been excluded.

2017 Revaluation cycle

Table 4 shows that out of the 73,882 appeals lodged, 44,391 were resolved in the first 27 months following revaluation, accounting for £1,816m of RV.

Table 4: 2017 Revaluation appeals resolved by 30 June 2019

	Appealed	Resolved	Percentage resolved
Number of properties	73,882	44,391	60%
Rateable Value	£5,393m	£1,816m	34%

Table 5 shows that to date a large proportion of resolved appeals (33,308, or 75%), accounting for £863m in RV, resulted in no change in RV upon the appeal being resolved. The remaining resolved appeals to date (11,083), accounting for £953m RV were resolved with a reduction in RV of £129m in total. Although only 25% of appeals resulted in a reduction in RV, these appeals accounted for 52% of RV appealed.

Table 5: 2017 Revaluation appeals resolved, in total and with RV reduction, by 30 June 2019

	Number of properties	Original Rateable Value	Revised Rateable Value	Change in Rateable Value
All resolved appeals	44,391	£1,816m	£1,688m	£129m
Of which resulted in no RV reduction	33,308	£863m	£863m	£0m
Of which resulted in reduction in RV	11,083	£953m	£824m	£129m
% of resolved appeals RV resulting in RV change	25%	52%		

Tables 6 and 7 provide a breakdown of appealed properties and RV by local authority and Valuation Joint Board.

Table 6: 2017 Revaluation appeals resolved by Valuation Joint Board (VJB) and local authority area, as at 30 June 2019

Local Authority / VJB	Total Number Appeals	Number resolved by 30 June 2019	Percentage resolved by 30 June 2019	Number resolved by 30 June 2019 which resulted in change in RV	Outstanding Appeals
East Ayrshire	1,141	674	59%	153	467
North Ayrshire	1,488	901	61%	214	587
South Ayrshire	1,488	961	65%	229	527
Ayrshire VJB	4,117	2,536	62%	596	1,581
Clackmannanshire	790	681	86%	68	109
Falkirk	1,538	1,061	69%	160	477
Stirling	1,779	1,135	64%	222	644
Central VJB	4,107	2,877	70%	450	1,230
Dumfries & Galloway	1,928	1,186	62%	274	742
Argyll and Bute	1,714	1,003	59%	228	711
East Dunbartonshire	757	516	68%	122	241
West Dunbartonshire	989	623	63%	235	366
Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute VJB	3,460	2,142	62%	585	1,318
Fife	3,720	1,978	53%	687	1,742
Glasgow	10,620	6,995	66%	1,545	3,625
Aberdeen City	5,119	2,823	55%	628	2,296
Aberdeenshire	3,881	2,140	55%	427	1,741
Moray	1,098	666	61%	125	432
Grampian VJB	10,098	5,629	56%	1,180	4,469
Highland	3,728	2,220	60%	944	1,508
Eilean Siar	380	140	37%	45	240
Highland & Western Isles	4,108	2,360	57%	989	1,748
North Lanarkshire	4,200	2,403	57%	575	1,797
South Lanarkshire	4,046	2,302	57%	516	1,744
Lanarkshire VJB	8,246	4,705	57%	1,091	3,541
East Lothian	1,083	564	52%	127	519
Edinburgh	7,370	4,591	62%	1,315	2,779
Midlothian	1,014	371	37%	141	643
West Lothian	2,218	1,172	53%	250	1,046
Lothian VJB	11,685	6,698	57%	1,833	4,987
Orkney	181	93	51%	31	88
Shetland	244	99	41%	43	145
Orkney & Shetland VJB	425	192	45%	74	233
East Renfrewshire	563	370	66%	107	193
Inverclyde	829	599	72%	97	230
Renfrewshire	2,150	1,485	69%	356	665
Renfrewshire VJB	3,542	2,454	69%	560	1,088
Scottish Borders	2,003	1,138	57%	288	865
Angus	1,258	810	64%	309	448
Dundee City	2,229	1,326	59%	394	903
Perth & Kinross	2,336	1,365	58%	228	971
Tayside VJB	5,823	3,501	60%	931	2,322
SCOTLAND	73,882	44,391	60%	11,083	29,491

Note: Figures are rounded to the nearest percentage point. Specific VJBs have responsibility for specific utilities. Electricity (Lanarkshire); Gas (Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute); Water (Fife); Docks and Harbours (Central); Railways (Highland & Western Isles); and Telecommunications (Renfrewshire).

Table 7: 2017 Revaluation - Appealed RV, resolved by Valuation Joint Board (VJB) and local authority area, as at 30 June 2019

Local Authority / VJB	Total RV Appealed (£m)	Original RV of all appeals resolved (£m)	Original RV of those appeals resolved which resulted in an RV change (£m)	Revised RV of those appeals resolved which resulted in an RV change (£m)	RV loss to date (£m)	Outstanding appealed RV (£m)
East Ayrshire	55.4	15.4	7.7	6.8	1.0	40
North Ayrshire	80.4	20.8	9.4	8.1	1.3	60
South Ayrshire	82.6	25.2	13.4	11.6	1.7	57
Ayrshire VJB	218.4	61.5	30.5	26.5	4.0	157
Clackmannanshire	35.1	14.1	2.0	1.5	0.5	21
Falkirk	142.2	34.8	8.2	7.0	1.2	107
Stirling	89.5	27.7	13.0	10.8	2.2	62
Central VJB	266.7	76.5	23.2	19.3	3.9	190
Dumfries & Galloway	77.4	26.4	13.8	12.4	1.4	51
Argyll and Bute	76.6	16.5	6.8	5.9	0.9	60
East Dunbartonshire	50.6	13.2	5.4	4.8	0.6	37
West Dunbartonshire	125.4	17.4	10.2	8.7	1.4	108
Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute VJB	252.6	47.2	22.3	19.5	2.9	205
Fife	339.3	49.9	27.1	22.9	4.1	289
Glasgow	769.0	347.9	146.7	132.2	14.5	421
Aberdeen City	505.9	192.0	70.7	65.4	5.3	314
Aberdeenshire	214.9	72.4	27.4	25.8	1.6	142
Moray	82.4	16.0	6.0	5.6	0.4	66
Grampian VJB	803.2	280.4	104.2	96.8	7.4	523
Highland	203.4	68.2	42.1	34.5	7.6	135
Eilean Siar	9.5	3.0	1.5	1.2	0.3	6
Highland & Western Isles VJB	212.8	71.2	43.6	35.7	8.0	142
North Lanarkshire	211.3	58.7	20.4	17.1	3.3	153
South Lanarkshire	549.4	271.0	244.7	214.6	30.1	278
Lanarkshire VJB	760.8	329.7	265.1	231.7	33.5	431
East Lothian	48.7	8.6	4.4	3.8	0.5	40
Edinburgh	688.1	213.1	99.9	84.4	15.5	475
Midlothian	58.4	11.0	4.3	3.9	0.4	47
West Lothian	149.0	40.1	23.5	19.7	3.9	109
Lothian VJB	944.2	272.9	132.1	111.8	20.3	671
Orkney	12.8	2.8	1.3	1.2	0.1	10
Shetland	41.6	4.7	3.2	2.7	0.5	37
Orkney & Shetland	54.4	7.5	4.5	3.9	0.6	47
East Renfrewshire	30.3	7.6	3.1	2.5	0.6	23
Inverclyde	40.3	14.0	5.2	4.4	0.8	26
Renfrewshire	253.6	136.9	90.1	67.9	22.2	117
Renfrewshire VJB	324.3	158.4	98.4	74.8	23.7	166
Scottish Borders	65.8	12.6	5.8	5.0	0.8	53
Angus	53.1	12.6	7.4	6.6	0.8	41
Dundee City	141.0	37.1	19.8	17.9	1.9	104
Perth & Kinross	109.9	24.4	8.5	7.7	0.8	85
Tayside VJB	304.0	74.1	35.7	32.2	3.5	230
SCOTLAND	5,392.9	1,816	953	824	129	3,577

Note: Figures are rounded to the nearest percentage point. Specific VJBs have responsibility for specific designated utilities. Electricity (Lanarkshire); Gas (Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute); Water (Fife); Docks and Harbours (Central); Railways (Highland & Western Isles); and Telecommunications (Renfrewshire).

2010 Revaluation cycle

Progress on the resolution of appeals for the 2010 revaluation cycle continues to be monitored. As shown in Table 8, 66,894 properties have had their appeals resolved for the 2010 revaluation cycle, 99.8% of the total number of properties for which appeals were lodged. These appeals account for 98.9% of the total appealed RV.

Figure 4 shows the ongoing progress made in the 2010 cycle. As at 30 June 2019, £4,892m of RV had been resolved, resulting in a revised RV of £4,627m and a reduction in RV of £265m. This accounts for around 4% of the total RV on the roll as at 1 April 2010 in line with the forecast of appeals losses for the 2010 revaluation cycle. There is still £54m of outstanding appealed RV to be resolved, relating to 132 subjects.

Table 9 provides a breakdown of appeals resolved by local authority and VJB.

Table 8: 2010 Revaluation appeals resolved by 30 June 2019

	Appealed	Resolved	Percentage resolved
Number of properties	67,026	66,894	99.8%
Rateable Value	£4,946m	£4,892m	98.9%

Figure 4: 2010 Revaluation Appeals resolved by 30 June 2019

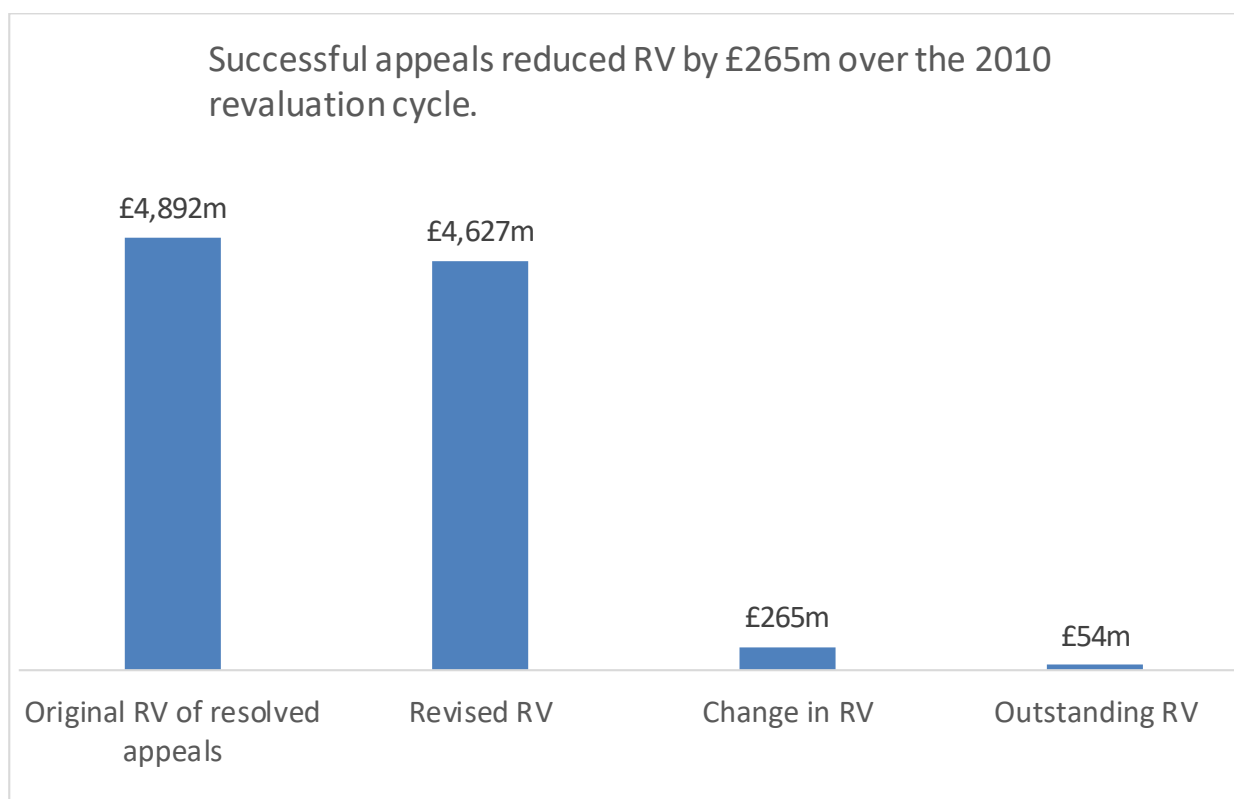


Table 9: 2010 Revaluation appeals resolved by Valuation Joint Board (VJB) and local authority area, as at 30 June 2019

Local Authority / VJB	Number resolved at 30 June 2019	Outstanding Appealed Properties	Outstanding Appealed RV (£m)
East Ayrshire	1,189	1	0.06
North Ayrshire	1,348	4	1.30
South Ayrshire	1,325	3	0.16
Ayrshire VJB	3,862	8	1.53
Clackmannanshire	822	1	1.98
Falkirk	1,475	2	10.50
Stirling	1,228	2	0.05
Central VJB	3,525	5	12.53
Dumfries & Galloway VJB	2,107	2	1.18
Argyll and Bute	1,501	14	6.86
East Dunbartonshire	801	2	0.01
West Dunbartonshire	927	4	0.16
Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute VJB	3,229	20	7.03
Fife	4,883	7	5.30
Glasgow	9,785	2	1.01
Aberdeen City	3,362	4	0.07
Aberdeenshire	2,922	10	4.42
Moray	847	9	7.20
Grampian VJB	7,131	23	11.69
Highland	3,983	11	3.27
Eilean Siar	283	8	0.44
Highland & Western Isles VJB	4,266	19	3.70
North Lanarkshire	4,052	6	0.97
South Lanarkshire	2,919	5	0.95
Lanarkshire VJB	6,971	11	1.92
East Lothian	1,037	3	0.04
Edinburgh	6,710	4	0.81
Midlothian	902	5	2.54
West Lothian	1,724	2	0.01
Lothian VJB	10,373	14	3.40
Orkney	163	0	-
Shetland	163	0	-
Orkney & Shetland VJB	326	0	-
East Renfrewshire	476	1	0.01
Inverclyde	933	4	0.04
Renfrewshire	1,978	9	4.44
Renfrewshire VJB	3,387	14	4.49
Scottish Borders	1,404	1	0.03
Angus	1,222	0	-
Dundee City	2,352	1	0.01
Perth & Kinross	2,071	5	0.11
Tayside VJB	5,645	6	0.12
SCOTLAND	66,894	132	53.94

Note: Specific VJBs have responsibility for specific designated designated utilities. Electricity (Lanarkshire); Gas (Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute); Water (Fife); Docks and Harbours (Central); Railways (Highland & Western Isles); and Telecommunications (Renfrewshire).

Annex

Annex A shows the number of appeals and RV appealed in the 2017 revaluation cycle by local authority and valuation joint board.

Annex A: Appeals by Valuation Joint Board (VJB), 2017 revaluation cycle

Local Authority / VJB	Total RV on roll (as at 1st of April 2017) £m	Total RV appealed (£m)	% of RV appealed	Total properties on roll (as at 1st of April 2017)	Total properties appealed	% of properties appealed
East Ayrshire	80	55	69%	3,953	1,141	29%
North Ayrshire	115	80	70%	5,063	1,488	29%
South Ayrshire	115	83	72%	4,841	1,488	31%
Ayrshire VJB	311	218	70%	13,857	4,117	30%
Clackmannanshire	42	35	83%	1,553	790	51%
Falkirk	185	142	77%	4,998	1,538	31%
Stirling	123	89	73%	5,302	1,779	34%
Central VJB	350	267	76%	11,853	4,107	35%
Dumfries & Galloway	123	77	63%	9,396	1,928	21%
Argyll and Bute	110	77	70%	8,516	1,714	20%
East Dunbartonshire	69	51	73%	2,388	757	32%
West Dunbartonshire	186	125	67%	2,926	989	34%
Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute VJB	365	253	69%	13,830	3,460	25%
Fife	428	339	79%	13,644	3,720	27%
Glasgow	1,017	769	76%	27,246	10,620	39%
Aberdeen City	594	506	85%	9,543	5,119	54%
Aberdeenshire	287	215	75%	11,884	3,881	33%
Moray	108	82	76%	4,609	1,098	24%
Grampian VJB	989	803	81%	26,036	10,098	39%
Highland	360	203	57%	17,861	3,728	21%
Eilean Siar	26	9	36%	2,470	380	15%
Highland & Western Isles VJB	386	213	55%	20,331	4,108	20%
North Lanarkshire	292	211	72%	10,013	4,200	42%
South Lanarkshire	744	549	74%	9,961	4,046	41%
Lanarkshire VJB	1,036	761	73%	19,974	8,246	41%
East Lothian	75	49	65%	3,483	1,083	31%
Edinburgh	946	688	73%	22,855	7,370	32%
Midlothian	84	58	69%	3,023	1,014	34%
West Lothian	208	149	72%	6,479	2,218	34%
Lothian VJB	1,313	944	72%	35,840	11,685	33%
Orkney	29	13	45%	2,175	181	8%
Shetland	61	42	68%	2,056	244	12%
Orkney & Shetland VJB	90	54	61%	4,231	425	10%
East Renfrewshire	43	30	70%	1,751	563	32%
Inverclyde	57	40	70%	2,345	829	35%
Renfrewshire	317	254	80%	6,503	2,150	33%
Renfrewshire VJB	417	324	78%	10,599	3,542	33%
Scottish Borders	107	66	62%	7,191	2,003	28%
Angus	80	53	66%	4,884	1,258	26%
Dundee City	187	141	75%	5,853	2,229	38%
Perth & Kinross	160	110	69%	8,621	2,336	27%
Tayside VJB	427	304	71%	19,358	5,823	30%
SCOTLAND	7,358	5,393	73%	233,386	73,882	32%

Note: Figures are rounded to the nearest percentage point. Specific VJBs have responsibility for specific designated utilities. Electricity (Lanarkshire); Gas (Dunbartonshire & Argyll & Bute); Water (Fife); Docks and Harbours (Central); Railways (Highland & Western Isles); and Telecommunications (Renfrewshire).

BACKGROUND NOTES

Data Sources

The data in this publication are derived from the RVAPP (Rateable Value Appeals) statistical return which the Scottish Assessors provide to the Scottish Government on a quarterly basis. The continued co-operation of the Scottish Assessors in completing these returns is gratefully acknowledged.

Definitions

Non-domestic rates are a property based tax. They are based on the rateable value (RV) of a non-domestic property, multiplied by a poundage set nationally by Scottish Ministers (49p in 2019-20 for properties of rateable value up to £51,000), less any relief to which a ratepayer may be eligible. Note that for properties of rateable value over £51,000 a large business supplement (2.6p in 2019-20) is also applied.

For example, if a non-domestic property has a rateable value of £20,000, and the poundage is 49p (2019-20 level), the annual gross bill would be:

Non-domestic rates bill = £20,000 x 0.49 = £9,800 (before any reliefs)

If a non-domestic property has a rateable value of £60,000 then in 2019-20 the annual gross bill (before reliefs) would be:

Non-domestic rates bill = £60,000 x (0.49+0.026) = £30,960 (before any reliefs)

The 2017 revaluation was carried out by independent Assessors across Scotland. New RVs are effective from 1st April 2017 and ratepayers generally had 6 months to lodge a revaluation appeal against their new RV.

Further Information

More information on Non-Domestic Rates, including appeals procedures and reliefs, can be found in the Scottish Government's 'Brief Guide to Non-Domestic Rates' at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/local-government/17999/11199/brief-guide>

Further Local Government Finance statistics can be found at:

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