() JLL Achieve Ambitions

Check Challenge Appeal (CCA)

A guide to registration and appointing an agent



- 1.1 In order for JLL to be able to represent you in CCA¹ proceedings in connection with the 2017 rating list, and to request the details of the valuation behind the rateable value, you must first register JLL as the nominated agent for your properties. We will not be able to initiate rates mitigation action on your behalf until this is done. Even an unrepresented ratepayer seeking to initiate CCA proceedings must first complete the same process to a large extent.
- 1.2 To start the process, you must first identify yourself to HMRC and establish your credentials as a representative of your company. Then you must select each of your properties where CCA action is contemplated in the rating list, "claim" the property as yours, and then nominate JLL as your agent. This cannot be done by any "bulk" process at present, and must be done on the Valuation Office Agency's ("VOA") website. This process does give you a degree of control over the process, in that you can limit what we can do (should you wish), and you will also be informed at stages in the process of the submissions and results to date.
- 1.3 This paper seeks to explain the procedure for registering you and your company with the VO, claiming your properties, and nominating an agent to act for you.
- 1.4 The VO has made it clear that an agent is not supposed to impersonate a client and carry out the registration process for them.

1.5 Before starting this process, you will need to have a copy of one of the following:

- Payslips
- UK passport
- P60.

These are required to identify yourself to HMRC of the Government Gateway (see page 6).

1.6 To claim properties you will usually need to have PDF copies of the latest rate demands available (see page 13).

1 CCA stands for "Check Challenge Appeal" which are the three stages that must be gone through if a ratepayer seeks a reduction in their rating assessment. This is explained in greater detail in another JLL information pamphlet which can be provided on request.



- 2.1 At this stage you need to register both your business and all persons permitted to carry out functions on behalf of that business (in connection with CCA) on the Government Gateway site. The first person to register the business must be an "administrator" in terms of the rights granted on the web site. They will be able to register the business, and nominate "assistants" (and other "administrators") by registering their names on the site, and obtaining unique login details for each one of them. These login details (including a temporary password) must then be passed to each assistant so that they can complete their registration by identifying themselves on the Gateway. Their login will then be attached to the business they are associated with.
- 2.2 It seems that registration is best done directly on the Government Gateway. This can be found at: https://myaccount.gateway.gov.uk/Pages/Credentials/View.aspx
- 2.3 This should open up a screen that looks like this:

Sovernment Gat	teway
Login	
You will need to register be our services	fore you can use Register >
Please choose your login metho	od: <u>Help?</u>
User ID & password	Enter your User ID & password:
Digital certificate	User ID
Chip & pin - respond	Eorgotten your User ID?
Chip & pin - identify	Password Forgotten your password?
One time password	Cancel Log in >

2.4 If you are an administrator registering your business for the first time, you need to choose "Register" in the top box. If you are an assistant or a second administrator who has already been nominated by your internal administrator and are seeking to complete your registration, you must choose to log in in the lower box using the 12 digit user ID and [temporary] password provided to you. Once you have logged in you can change your password to something more memorable for you. If you incorrectly choose "Register" you will simply create another "first" registration which will be a duplicate and not attach you to the existing business record.²

² It is not clear at the time of writing whether one individual will be able to be an administrator or assistant for more than one business, or whether they will require different login details for each business.

2.5 If you are registering your business, you select **"Register"** above and will be presented with the following screen.



- 2.6 Please note that this is a general government registration scheme. To use this service you need to select "Organisation". The other two options do not apply to CCA.
- 2.7 You will now need to register your business and record your credentials to represent it. The next screen looks like this.

> Register as an Organisation	
Registering as an Organisation (employer, business, sole trader, farming organisation, etc.) allows you to access government services online using the Government Gateway. About the Government Gateway	
If you are an Individual and would like access to government services online you should <u>register as an Individual</u> If you are an Agent (you submit forms to government on the behalf of clients) you should <u>register as an Agent</u>	
1. Enter your details 2. Enrol for services 3. Activate services if required	
Register Digital certificate	
Register Register	
Already registered? Log in here	2
Frequently Asked Questions	1 Personale

a ging

1

2.8 It is quite possible that your business is already registered with HMRC / Government for other purposes. Provided that registration is as an **"Organisation"** you may opt to use the existing registration for CCA. Selecting **"Register"** in the left hand box gives you this screen:

≫ Register for a Government Gateway account
To register for a Government Gateway account using a User ID enter your details below. The details you enter will not be sent to any third partie
*required information (if you only have a first name or a sumame (not both), leave one of the name boxes empty)
*First name(s)
*Sumamo
Email address
Password must:
contain 0-12 letters and numbers contain at least one number and one letter not contain the word 'password'
Please ensure you create a password that you will remember in future.
Enter a password
Confirm password
Additional information (optonal)
organisation/department, telephone
organisation identify you. This information
Max 255 characters
Cancel Submit >
Disease da set una lite baseras basis builta literatura di literatura en literatura de setteratura de setteratura de s

2.9 You will then need to complete the questions. This will take you through a series of screens at the end of which you will have registered the company as an "organisation", established your own credentials to represent that company (for which you will need either a payslip (if you are on PAYE), a P60 or a passport to verify your identity); and then be able to nominate assistants by giving their names and being assigned a 12-digit ID code for each as selecting a temporary password. Those details will then need to be passed to each nominated assistant so that they can log in on the same Government Gateway site, prove their identity (again using a pay-slip, P60 or passport) and start using the system attached to the business registration you have just completed.



Registering on the Valuation Office website for CCA

3.1 Once you (and your organisation) are registered on the Government Gateway, you then need to register on the Valuation Office website specifically for CCA. You can do this from the property pages in the rating list but the easiest way we have found is to access this web page:

https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/business-rates-property-linking/start

3.2 This will bring up the following page:

Register to use	this service	
f you're a returning user, you can <u>sign in</u> t	o use this service.	
f you've already registered for this service ousiness want to register, you need to <u>add</u> Government Galeway account ㎡.	e and other people from your <u>d them to your business</u>	
To register for this service you'll need to v National Insurance number, date of birth following:	erify your identity by providing your and details from at least one of the	
• payslips		
UK passport		
• P60		
You should allow approximately 15 min complete the registration process.	nutes without interruption to	

3.3 If you have already signed in and get to this screen, you can use the "sign in" link in the first line. Assuming this is your first visit, you need to register your Government Gateway ID number and password on this site by clicking on **"Register now"**. The following screen will appear:



3.4 You need to select **"Yes"**. Selecting "No" will simply take you to a screen telling you to register your company on the Government Gateway as per Stage one above. Selecting **"Yes"** will bring up a second selection box like this:



3.5 Again, if you answer "no" you will be asked to contact your administrator and go back to the Government Gateway site. Select **"Yes"** and **"Continue"** and you get this screen:

📾 GOV.UK	Check and challenge your business rates valuation
BETA This is a new service - you	r <u>feedback</u> will help us to improve it.
What you n	eed to do next
To complete your registration	you need to:
1. create a Government Gate	way account
2. verify your identity	
3. register your business	
I want to register as an agent	

3.6 Select "Continue" and this screen appears:

B GOV.UK	
B) HM Revenue & Customs	
ign in	
Iter your Government Gateway credentials to sign in. You received ese when you created your HMRC online account. ser ID	
roblems signing in	
ying to file Self Assessment using GOV.UK Verify?	
on't have a Government Gateway account	
orgotten user ID	
orgotten password	
rgotten user ID and password	
et help from HMRC's automated assistant 🖻	

3.7 Sign in with the access code (12 digits – do not put in any spaces) and your password as per the Government Gateway site, and you should see your **"Dashboard home"** page as shown below. On the first use you will need to identify yourself again (using your pay-slip, P60 or passport) and then you will be put through to your "dashboard" which looks something like this. This is the dashboard of one of our Directors and includes details relating to the JLL status as an **"Agent"** for CCA purposes.

chefic properties	My properties	Agents	Drafts	My details	
			Welcome,	[name - organisation].	Not you?
It may take several ho	urs for your property to	o display here once y	you have claimed it.		
Address	Local authority reference	Status	Appointed Agents	Actions	
Q	Q	All 🔻 Q	٩	<u>Clear search</u>	
1. WHITE STREET.	300567803445	Declined		Appoint agent	
ANYTOWN AB1 3CD		0		View valuations	
CAR PARK, BLUE WAY,	334559983	Approved		Appoint agent	
TOWNLAND EF2 3GH				View valuations	
	·	Der Kend			
CINEMA, YELLOW	23456889	Declined		Appoint agent	
IJ4 5KL		U		view valuations	
OFFICE 1A, TAILORS	400000345	Approved		Appoint agent	
WALK, HIGH STREET,				View valuations	
SMALLTOWN, MN7					

3.8 Congratulations – you are now ready to use CCA and appoint an agent to act for you on each property.

Alternative access route

3.9 You can also get to the Dashboard through a property details page. If you access

https://www.gov.uk/correct-your-business-rates

You will get the usual VO rating list start page. Select **"Start now"** and you will be put through to the search screen. This is the same as per 4.3 below. Put in your search criteria to obtain a list of possible properties, then click on one to get that property's details page.

Building 1	-		Sign in	Regis
Dunung	, Street A, City, A	AB12 3CD		
Valuation Previous valuations Sim		r properties		
Description	Car park and premises	Valuation scheme refere	ence 109876	
Local authority	Authority	Special category code	0123A	
Local authority refere	nce 0123456	Effective date	1 April 2017	
Base rate	£300.00 per m²/unit	Appeals		
14. 				
If you're the owner	or occupier for this property, you	can register or sign in to:		
If you're the owner • view the detailed	or occupier for this property, you Valuation	can register or sign in to:		
If you're the owner • view the detailed • propose changes	or occupier for this property, you I valuation ; to the valuation	can register or sign in to:		
If you're the owner • view the detailed • propose changes Register Alre	or occupier for this property, you I valuation 5 to the valuation ady registere ? <u>Sign in</u>	can register or sign in to:		
If you're the owner • view the detailed • propose changes Register Alre Parts of the pr	or occupier for this property, you I valuation 3 to the valuation ady registere ? <u>Sign in</u> operty	can register or sign in to:		
If you're the owner • view the detailed • propose changes Register Alre Parts of the pro Floor D	or occupier for this property, you I valuation is to the valuation ady registere ? Sign in operty escription	can register or sign in to: Area m²/unit	Price per m²/unit	Va

3.10 Both at the top of the page (and indeed the previous page) and in the centre as circled there is a **"Sign in"** option. Click on this and you will get the same log in screen as shown above.





- 4.1 At this stage you will "claim" properties as belonging to your organisation, and can nominate an agent to represent you on a per property basis. In order to prove your right to "claim" the property, you will need to prove it is "your" property. The easiest way of doing this is to have a copy of the rate demand. As you will need to upload this, it is best to prepare by taking a PDF scan first.
- 4.2 From your dashboard page, select "Manage properties". This screen will appear:



4.3 Once you have added properties this screen will be populated with your property list. To add a new property, click on "Add property". The next screen looks like this:

Find a property	Dashboard	Sign oul
elect an option to search for a property to add to your account:		
Postcode OStreet name and town OAdvanced		
AB12 3CD 🗙 Q		
Back to dashboard		
Other useful information		

- 4.4 This is the standard Valuation Office search screen. The easiest way of finding your property is to use the postcode. Please note that you will have to use the postcode on the rate demand as the postcodes used by the Valuation Office are not always the same as the post office use. If you cannot use the post code, or the list of the properties with the same postcode is very long, you can use the **"Advanced"** option but this is less easy³.
- 4.5 Here is the result of the above search:

Showing 2 results					
Can't find your property?					
Address	Description	Total area (m²/unit)	Price per m²/unit	Current rateable value	Action
Car Park 1, Street A, City, AB12 3CD	Premises incapable of beneficial occupation	Not published	Not published	£0	Claim this property
Car Park 1, Streel A, City, AB12 3CD	Car park and	82	£300	£99,999	Claim this property
Get help with this page.					

³ Hint – if you are looking for an address on the Advanced screen that includes a fourth floor (for example), you can use the "%" symbol as a wild character. So inputting "%4%" into the "building" box will bring up everything with the number 4 anywhere in the first line of the address (that complies with the other selected criteria).

4.6 Once you have found your property, click on "Claim this property". The next screen is:

ou are adding this property to your business's customer cord:	
CAR PARK 1, STREET A, CITY, AB12 3CD	
If this isn't the right property you can search for a different property	
n the owner or occupier for only part of this property n not the owner but I let the property to someone else, as a sublet n an agent acting on behalf of the owner or occupier for this property	
hat is your relationship to the property?	
Owner	
Occupier	
Owner and occupier	
hen did you become the owner or occupier of the operty?	
On or before 1 April 2017	
After 1 April 2017	
o you still own or occupy the property?	
Yes O No	
Add property	

4.7 Fill in the boxes and click on "Add property".



4.8 You will now need to prove your connection with the property. In this example we have used a property which we occupy. If you are claiming ownership of a property which is leased to another party, then proving your relationship with the property will be different – see 4.19 below. If you click on **"I have a business rates bill"** the next screen is:

Submit a copy of your	Dashboard Signod
business rates bill	
Your file must be:	
a JPEG or PDF	
no more than 10MB in size	
How do I convert a file into a PDF?	
How do I convert a file into a PDF?	



4.9 If you have already prepared a PDF of your rates bill, click on **"Choose a file to upload"**. If not then scan the bill now and note the name and location of the scanned file. Once you have uploaded the file you will be presented with the following declaration screen:



4.10 You will note that this declaration is set out as irrevocable and the Valuation Officer expects you to be certain that the property you are claiming is yours. If you make an error (by claiming a property that is not yours) you will need to contact the Valuation Officer to correct this but please be aware that knowingly claiming a property that is not yours could have consequences. The following confirmation screen will appear:



4.11 The property will in due course be added to your business's property list on your dashboard. This is not immediate. In the meantime you can proceed to claim more properties.

4.12 When you have claimed your properties, in due course they will be attached to your Dashboard. You will then be able to select individual properties by selecting **"Manage properties"** on the dashboard. This will show a list of your claimed properties and allow you to select individual properties to nominate your agent.

			Da	shboard	Sign ou
Manage properti	ies				
It may take several hours for your property	to display here once y	ou have claime	ed it.		
····· , ···· , ·· , ···	,				
Address	Local authority reference	Status	Appointed Agents	Actions	
CAR PARK 1, STREET A, CITY, AB12 3CD	null	Pending	None	Appointa	gent
		Submission ID: PL1111		<u>View valu</u>	ations
Showing 1 to 1 of 1					

4.13 Select "Appoint agent". You will need to know the agent's registered code number which for JLL is

BETA This is a new service - your <u>feedback</u> will help us to improve it.		
Appoint an agent	Dashboard	<u>Sign ou</u>
You'll need to enter the code of the agent you want to appoint and tell us what they can do on behalf of your business.		
My agent hasn't given me a code		
Please be aware that you'll be responsible for any information your agent submits to us about your property. You'll be liable for any penalty or the backdaling of revised valuations if your agent submits false information.		
Agent code		
42882		
Do you want this agent to submit checks?		
What is a check?		
Ves No		
Do you want this agent to submit challenges?		
What is a challenge?		
Yes No		
0 0		

- 4.14 You will see that you have control over what we are allowed to do on your behalf. For a full explanation of the "Check" and "Challenge" stages see our separate note. Please note we cannot do a "Challenge" until we have first done a "Check" so in order for us to discuss valuation issues with the Valuation Officer you will need to select both options.
- 4.15 That completes the agent appointment process. Please then tell us that you have completed the registration process so that we can collect the additional information that should now be available to us and initiate the Check.
- 4.16 If you select **"View valuations"** at the Manage Properties page above (at 4.12), you get a screen similar to this:

					Dashboard 9	ian out
Valuat	ions					ignou
Car Park 1,	Street A, City, AE	312 3CD				
Effective date	Rateable value	Capacity	From	То	Actions	
Effective date						

4.17 When your property link is pending, you (or us as your agent) will have access to the summary valuation only. If your property is approved and it is a shop, warehouse, office or standard factory then you and your agent will be able to access the detailed valuation instead of the summary valuation. If the property is not in one of those categories, you will see the summary valuation only (as per the public website). In these cases you can request a copy of the detailed valuation along with a check form but just starting a check will not allow you to see any further information.

4.18 We attach as an Appendix a simple flow diagram showing some of the above stages in sequential form.

Note – claiming a property as owner or other "interested party"

4.19 If you cannot show a current rate demand for the property, select **"I don't have a business rates bill"** at 4.7 above and you get this screen:

	Dashboard	Sign ou
Upload other evidence		
You've indicated that you don't have a business rates bill for this property		
Please provide other evidence.		
Evidence that we may accept includes:		
• the lease agreement		
• a water rate demand		
other utility bills		
Stamp Duty Land Tax form		
I'm unable to provide any of these documents.		
Your file must be:		
a JPEG or PDF		
no more than IOMB In size		
How do I convert a file into a PDF?		
Choose a file to upload		
Type of evidence		
Lease V		

4.20 The initial options cover both owners and occupiers of property but the only immediate option for the landlord is a counterpart copy of the lease. At this stage we have not explored what other options might be available (such as a land registry record). Once you have up-loaded a valid document you will then be able to access the screen at 4.9 above to make the necessary declaration.



CCA Registration Guide

My business is registered with CCA, I am an Administrator, and I want to add a new use



1 "CCA" = "Check Challenge Appeal", which is shorthand for the new appeals system under the 2017 Rating List in England

^{2 &}quot;GG" = Government Gateway

r to my business account



Contacts



City and Docklands Rating +44 (0)20 7399 5453 +44 (0)7769 725410 tim.beattie@eu.jll.com



Nicholas Boyle City and Docklands Rating +44 (0)20 7399 5138 +44 (0)7973 148659 nicholas.boyle@eu.jll.com



Stanley Booton
South East England Rating

+44 (0)20 7087 5760 +44 (0)7709 470169 stanley.booton@eu.jll.com



Sean Starling Outer London Rating +44 (0)20 7087 5813 +44 (0)7753 451247 sean.starling@eu.jll.com



James Carson

West End Rating +44 (0)20 7852 4082 +44 (0)7809 593560 james.carson@eu.jll.com



Peter Fuliam Birmingham and Midlands Rating +44 (0)121 214 9807 +44 (0)7894 816 589 peter.fullam@eu.jll.com

Leeds and North East

England Rating

+44 (0)113 235 5204

+44 (0)7747 487793

paul.davinson@eu.jll.com



Ben O'Connor

West End Rating +44 (0)20 7087 5158 +44 (0)7801 141630 ben.oconnor@eu.jll.com



Phillip Jay Bristol and South West England Rating +44 (0)117 930 5621 +44 (0)7802 789639 phillip.jay@eu.jll.com



Ross Haywood Leeds and North East England Rating

+44 (0)113 235 5260 +44 (0)7807 836144 ross.haywood@eu.jll.com

......



Manchester and North West England Rating

+44 (0)161 238 6245 +44 (0)7710 973893 stephen.barlow@eu.jll.com



Manchester and North West England Rating +44 (0)161 238 6286 +44 (0)7967 384768 david.burke@eu.jll.com



© 2017 Jones Lang LaSalle IP, Inc. All rights reserved. The information contained in this document is proprietary to JLL and shall be used solely for the purposes of evaluating this proposal. All such documentation and information remains the property of JLL and shall be kept confidential. Reproduction of any part of this document is authorized only to the extent necessary for its evaluation. It is not to be shown to any third party without the prior written authorization of JLL. All information contained herein is from sources deemed reliable; however, no representation or warranty is made as to the accuracy thereof.