

Era of transparent, Objective and Scientific Property Tax System begins in your city Self Assessment of Property Tax – Empowerment of citizens

## SHORT SYNOPSIS OF UNIT AREA ASSESSMENT

Annual Property Tax under the Unit Area Assessment (UAA) system is calculated on the basis of the following formula:

Annual Tax
Payable
(Rs/annum)

= Base Unit Area
Value
(Rs/sq. ft/annum)

X Multiplicative Factors Covered Area / Land Area (sq. ft.)

X Tax
Rate (%)

Base Unit Area Value

payment under new system.

less/excess payment will be taken care of subsequently with

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The Municipal Valuation Committee divided the ward no. 1-141 of Kolkata into 293 blocks; each of these blocks was classified into one of the seven categories (viz. A to G) based on variations in land value, service availability and infrastructure. Final Notification had been published after having feedback on the above block division and categorization from the citizens, duly considered by Anomaly Review Committee after conducting public hearings. For every category, a Base Unit Area Value (BUAV) has been assigned. The BUAV is the highest for category 'A' and has reduced for every succeeding category; BUAV of category 'G' being the lowest. The concept of BUAV ensures equity at a macro level for properties lying within the same block or similar category block.

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Multiplic ative Factors To account for the wide heterogeneity among properties within a block, Multiplicative Factors (MFs) will be used. MFs would account for variations in terms of purpose of use, age of property, its location within the block, nature of occupancy and type of structure and their value will vary within 0.5 to 8 depending on different types. Final BUAV will either increase or decrease on multiplication of such fators with BUAV.

Tax Rate (%) A flat tax rate, has been introduced under the UAA system for different types of properties. Tax rate under the UAA system is expected to be significantly lower (6% to 20%) than the property tax rates of the current system (11% to 40%). Howrah bridge tax will be added to it.

One of the major objectives of the UAA is to relieve the poor from the burden of property tax. Anomaly Review Committee deliberated at length upon the suggestion of grouping all slums under category G irrespective of their geographical location and all RR & R colonies & Govt notified EWS scheme under category E provided they are not already situated within a block which is classified under a lower category (viz. F & G).

Slums and Colonies

Consider the case of Kalabagan slum . Although, otherwise it is situated under 'C' category having BUAV, Rs. 42 / sq. ft.; being a slum, it will fall under a BUAV, Rs. 13/sq. ft. applicable for category 'G'. As slums are generally semi-pucca in nature and located on narrow IP roads, structure and location MFs of 0.6 and 0.6 respectively would be applicable, bringing the Final BUAV down to Rs.  $(13 \times 0.6 \times 0.6 \times 1 \times 1) = \text{Rs.} 4.68/\text{sq}$ . ft. For 200 sq.ft. covered area the Annual Value will be Rs. 940.00 & A tax rate of 8% would imply tax of Rs. 78.00 per year (including Howrah Bridge Tax). Also, if the Annual Value of any property is found to be Rs. 500 or less then such slum property would be exempted from paying property tax.

Flats and Vacant Land A flat tax rate will be applied to all types of properties including general flats that are part of apportioned share and tax will depend solely on a property's annual valuation instead of aggregated annual value of all flats within the building which causes, in present system, application of highest tax rate (40%) for all flats. For land with construction, if ground coverage at the plinth level exceeds 40% of the plot area or permissible plinth area is fully consumed, no property tax shall be levied on appurtenant vacant land. For vacant land, Annual Value will not depend on market value of the land (like @ 2.5% or 7%, as the case may be, in the present system).

Extra Rebate

Additional 5% rebate, over normal 5% rebate on the demand of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Qtly will be allowed if tax against all 4 quarters are paid at a time within rebate date of first quarter.

Tax Capping Provision is kept in KMC Act and relevant regulation so that existing Tax on already assessed portion is not increased or decreased by more than 20% provided that is there no change in nature & character of the property since last valuation. There will be further scope for removal of hardship on case to case basis.

Howrah Bridge Tax  $How rah\ Bridge\ Tax\ on\ AV-\ 0.5\%\ (wd\ 1-65,68-88,90)\ ,\ 0.25\%\ (wd\ 66,67,89,91-100,115-141)\ and\ Nil\ (wd\ 101-114)$ 

## ILLUSTRATION (Multiplicative factors as stated are illustrative and not exhustive)

PD/Fresh Bills for 2017-2018	Base Unit Area Values for covered space of bldg or land comprising bldg or vacant land								
r 2	Category	Rs. / sq. ft.							
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B۱	С	42							
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Code	Age of building / premises (MF1)	Multiplicative factor value
A1	Age of premises 20 years or less	1
A2	Age of premises > 20 years but ≤ 50years	0.9
A3	Age of premises > 50 years	0.8

Code	Type of property	Tax Rate
1	Un-developed Bustee	6%
2	Developed Bustee	8%
3	Government Properties within the meaning of section 171 subsection (8) of KMC Act,1980	10%
4	Properties having Annual Value < Rs. 30000/-	15%
5	Others	20%

Code	Location of property/ premise (MF2)	MF
L1	Property abutted by roads having width ≤ 2.5m	0.6
L2	Property abutted by roads having width >2.5 m but ≤ 3.5 m	0.8
L3	Property abutted by roads having width >3.5 m but ≤ 12 m	1
L4	Property abutted by roads having width >12 m	1.2

Occu pancy Code	Occupancy Status (MF3)	MF					
O1	Property (or portion thereof) under occupation of tenant(s) or anybody else other than an owner or his/her "family" as defined in the scheme, where the tenancy $\leq 20$ years old and is used for non residential purpose	4					
O2	Property (or portion thereof) under occupation of tenant(s) or anybody else other than an owner or his/her "family" as defined in the scheme, where the tenancy $\leq 20$ years old and is used for residential purpose						
О3	Fee/ Commercial Car Parking Space/ garage	4					
04	Property (or portion thereof) under occupation of tenant(s) or anybody else other than an owner or his/her "family" as defined in the scheme, where	1.2					
04	i. the tenancy $> 20$ years old but $\le 50$ years old and,						
	ii. the tenant <b>is not protected</b> under West Bengal Premises Tenancy Act 1997						
0.5	Property (or portion thereof) under occupation of tenant(s) or anybody else other than an owner or his/her "family" as defined in the scheme, where	1					
O5	i. the tenancy $> 20$ years old but $\le 50$ years old and,						
	ii. the tenant <b>is protected</b> under West Bengal Premises Tenancy Act 1997						
O6	Property (or portion thereof) under occupation of tenant(s) or anybody else other than an owner or his/her "family" as defined in the scheme, where the tenancy > 50 years old						
О7	Property (or portion thereof) under occupation of owner or his/her "family" as defined in the scheme	1					

Struc ture Code	Structure of Building (MF4)	MF				
S1	Residential Building (not being an apartment) on a plot size > 10 cottah	1.5				
S2	statutory body) or,					
	Apartments having "covered space (excluding car parking space)" > 2000 sq. ft.					
S3	All Pucca properties and such other properties not falling under any of the other categories	1				
S4	All Car Parking Spaces (open and covered) and Garage	0.8				
S5	Semi-Pucca	0.6				
S6	Proportionate Common Area	0.5				
S7	Kuchcha	0.5				
Use Code	Usage Types (MF5)	MF				
U1	Water Body	0.5				
U2	Residential use	1				
U3	Industrial/manufacturing, Shop<250 Sq.Ft., Restaurant	2				
U4	Health, Edu - Inst, Single Screen Cinema, Hotel < 3 star, Bar	3				
U5	Hotels 3 star and 4 star, Ceremonial House	4				
U6	Office, bank, Hotel 5 star or more	5				
U7	Commercial shops(not in U3), mall, Multiplex	6				
U8	Offsite ATM, Tower, Hoarding, Night Club	7				
U9	Vacant Land upto 5 cottah not falling under U1 to U8	2				

## **EXAMPLE:----**

Consider, a Two stroied house (with single assessee & premises no.) which is 25 years old and located in category 'C' by the side of a road having width 10.75 m with the following description considering which property is already assessed in old system; Covered Space at Gr.Floor(Rented to bank) at a monthly Rent of Rs.1.10 lac--3225 sq.ft.; Covered Space of 1st floor(Owner's occupied & Residential)-- 3225 sq.ft. and car parking space (Owner's Occupied)-225 sq.ft. Total plot area 7000 sq.ft. Since ground coverage at plinth level > 40% of plot area no tax will be levied on remaining vacant land.

Factor / Parameter	Portion 1 (1 <sup>ST</sup> FL- Resi) Description	Values	Portion 2(Gr FL-NON – RESI/Bank) Description	Values	Portion 3 (GR FL-Car Parking) Description	Values
BUAV	'C' category	Rs. 42 / sq. ft.	'C' category	Rs. 42 / sq. ft.	'C' category	Rs. 42 / sq. ft.
Age (MF1)	Age (MF1) 25 years 0.9 (A2)		25 years	0.9 (A2)	25 years	0.9 (A2)
Location (MF2) Property abutted by roads having width > 3.5 m but ≤ 12 m		Property abutted by roads having width > 3.5 m but ≤ 12 m	1 (L3)	Property abutted by roads having width > 3.5 m but ≤ 12 m	1 (L3)	
Occupancy (MF3)	Self-occupied	1 (07)	Tenant	4 (O1)	Self-occupied	1 (O7)
Structure (MF4)	Pucca	1 (S3)	Pucca	1 (S3)	Car Parking	0.8 (S4)
Usage MF (MF5)	Residential	1 (U2)	Bank	5 (U6)	Car Parking	1 (U2)

Portion	Is it already assessed	Base Unit	Covered	Age	Structure	Usage	Location	Occu-	Annual	Aggregate Rent,
Location/	in the manner (in same	Area	Space*	Multipli-	Multipli-	Multipli-	Multipli-	pancy	Value*	if any, including
Description	nature and area of	Value*	(in sq. ft.)	cative	cative	cative	cative	Multipli	(A2b X A2c X A2d	Maintenance/
/ Unit	structure or usage or	(in Rs./		Factor	Factor	Factor	Factor	-	X A2e X A2f X A2g X A2h)	Service Charge
	occupancy) as is being	sq. ft		(AF)*	(SF)*	(UF)*	(LF)*	cative	(in Rs)	etc. as receivable
	mentioned here (Y/N)							Factor		from tenant*
								(OF)*		(in Rs.)
A2a	A2aa	A2b	A2c	A2d	A2e	A2f	A2g	A2h	A2i	A2j
GROUND FLOOR(Bank)	Y	42	3225	A2(0.9)	S3(1)	U6(5)	L3(1)	O1(4)	42 X 3225 X 0.9 X 1 X 5 X 1 X 4 =2438100	1.10 lac
1 st FLOOR(RESI)	Y	42	3225	A2(0.9)	S3(1)	U2(1)	L3(1)	O7(1)	42 X 3225 X 0.9 X 1X 1X1 X 1 =121905	
GROUND FLOOR(CP)	Y	42	225	A2(0.9)	S4(0.8)	U2(1)	L3(1)	O7(1)	42 X 225 X 0.9 X 0.8 X 1 X 1 X 1 =6804	
		Total A	Annual Val	lue					2566809	

Total Annual Value			Rs	. 2560	6809 say	Rs.2566810	(rounded off to nearest rupees ten)
Tax Rate			20%				
Annual Howrah Bridge Tax			0.5%				
Gross Annual Tax =	AV	X	20.5%	Rs.	526196.05		
Gross Qtly Tax		Rs.1	31549 (Subj	ect to cappin	g)		