

# De Minimis Rate

## De minimis rate

The rate is equal to the sum of:

- (A) a taxing unit's no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate;
- (B) the rate that when applied to a taxing current total value, will impose an amount of taxes equal to \$500,000, and
- (C) a taxing unit's current debt rate.

## De minimis rate calculation example:

### Step 1:

\$500,000

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CURRENT YEAR TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE

X

\$100

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RATE NECESSARY TO IMPOSE \$500,000 IN TAXES

### Step 2:

ADJUSTED CURRENT YEAR NNR M&O TAX RATE

+

RATE NECESSARY TO IMPOSE \$500,000 IN TAXES

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CURRENT YEAR DEBT RATE

=

DE MINIMIS RATE

## Which taxing units calculate a de minimis rate?

## What adopted tax rates trigger an election or petition for a taxing unit with a de minimis rate?

TAXING UNIT	Yes	No
County	X	
Small City (population of 30,000 or less)	X	
Other Special Districts (M&O tax rate above 2.5 cents)	X	
City (population of 30,000 or more)		X
Hospital District		X
Junior College District		X
School District		X
Special Taxing Unit (M&O tax rate at 2.5 cents or less)		X
Water District		X

Tax increase elections for taxing units that calculate a de minimis rate depend on whether the adopted tax rate is greater than or less than the voter-approval rate AND the de minimis rate.

### ADOPTED TAX RATE IS:

BELOW voter-approval tax rate	No election required
ABOVE voter-approval tax rate but BELOW de minimis rate	Voters may petition for an election
ABOVE voter-approval tax rate; Taxing unit does not calculate a de minimis rate	Election required
ABOVE voter-approval tax rate and ABOVE the de minimis rate	Election required

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