

The CARF scheme is subject to the subsidies chapter within the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA)

However, for CARF there is an exemption for subsidies under the value of approximately £2,243,000 per economic actor (broadly speaking, for example, a holding company and its subsidiaries). This allowance comprises 325,000 Special Drawing Rights (at current exchange rates about £343,000) for Small Amounts of Financial Assistance and a further £1,900,000 for COVID-19 related subsidy.

To be awarded CARF you must not have claimed over the period 2019/20 to 2021/22 more than £2,243,000 from schemes that fell within the Small Amounts of Financial Assistance or COVID-19 related allowances. COVID-19 business grants you have received from local government and the 2019/20 Retail Relief should count towards this limit, but you should not count any Expanded Retail Discount you have received since 1 April 2020.

Further details regarding subsidy controls levels applicable to CARF, can be found at [COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund \(CARF\): local authority guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-additional-relief-fund-carf-local-authority-guidance)