

# **Gerald Eve Client Access System (CAS)**

User Guidance Notes



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# 1 System Requirements

The following system requirements should be available to you to ensure smooth access and use of the Gerald Eve Client Access System

- Internet connection via LAN, Broadband or other nontelephone dialup system. CAS can operate through a dialup connection but connection is likely to be slow;
- Machines should have at least Windows 98 (SE) installed with a 486/66 Pentium processor;

It should be noted that on some lower specification machines it may take a considerable length of time to run a report for a large number of properties.

Internet Explorer 6 or above;

It should be noted that CAS has not been built to operate on any other web browser and full functionality is unlikely to be available, if access can be achieved at all.

- Adobe Acrobat reader version 6 or above;
- The ability to modify Trusted Sites within Internet Explorer;

Please refer to Appendix 2 for further information

- The ability to accept ActiveX controls;
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- JavaScript and Cookies to be enable;
- Email client able to accept emails in HTML format;
- Excel 2000 or above.

# 2 Accessing the Client Access System

CAS can be accessed from the menu option on the Gerald Eve homepage, <a href="www.geraldeve.com">www.geraldeve.com</a> - it appears as the item *Client Access* in the navigation menu on the left-hand side of the page.

### 2.1 LOGGING IN TO CAS

It is not possible to login to CAS unless your Gerald Eve contact has confirmed your access to CAS. This is to protect against unauthorised access to your information on our system.



Once your Gerald Eve contact has granted you access you will be sent an automated email from CAS advising you of your user name and password

The text will be similar to the example on the next page.

THIS IS AN AUTOMATED MESSAGE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE AS IT IS GENERATED FROM A MAILBOX WHICH IS NOT MONITORED

Dear Client Access System user

Welcome to the Gerald Eve Client Access System Your new password is: 3E0G0.

You will be required to change this password the first time you log in to the Gerald Eve Client Access System.

Follow this link to log in: Gerald Eve.

Should you have any queries regarding the Client Access System please speak to your usual Gerald Eve contact.

- Click on the link provided which will take you to the CAS Login screen
- Enter your user name this is the email address you provided to your Gerald Eve contact
- Enter your password

If this is the first time you are logging in to CAS you will be required to enter the password that was sent to you by email.

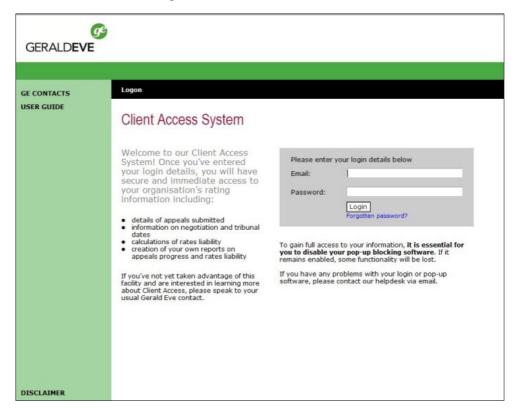
If this is not the first time you are logging in to CAS you should enter the password you chose the first time you logged on.

Press Login

See screen shot 1 on page 5



### Screen shot 1 - CAS Login



### 2.2 FIRST LOGIN

The first time you log in to CAS you will be asked to change your password and enter a password hint. (The password you choose must include both numbers and letters, and be at least 5 characters in length).

Press **Update** to save these password changes

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## Screen shot 2 - Update Login Details





### 2.3 FORGOTTEN PASSWORDS

If you forget your password

• Click Forgotten Password? on the login screen

You will then be sent an email with your password hint. The text will be similar to the example below

You have requested a password hint from the Gerald Eve Client Access system. Your password hint is 'PET'

If this does not aid your memory, please contact Gerald Eve customer support: <a href="mailto:cassupport@geraldeve.com">cassupport@geraldeve.com</a> to have it reset.

If you still cannot remember your password

Email <u>cassupport@geraldeve.com</u> to have it reset

Any reset requests will be audited to re-confirm that access should be granted. As this is a manual process there may be some delay in responding to your request.

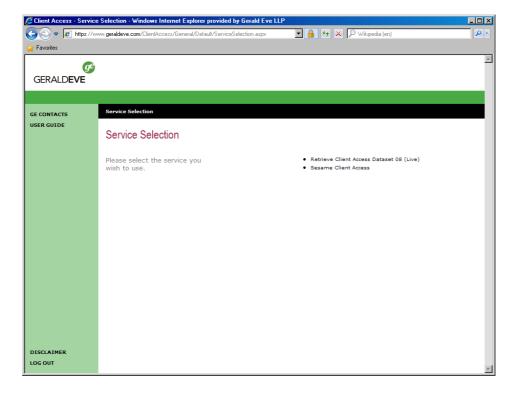


## 3 Service Selection

Once you have logged in to the Client Access portal, you may be presented with a choice of services. Clients of our corporate property management services may have been set up for on-line access to our Retrieve application which is one of the applications accessed via the Client Access portal.

If this is the case then you will need to select *Sesame Client Access* to open the rating application. If you are only set up for access to the rating application this selection screen is skipped and you will be taken directly to the Property Search screen.

### Screen shot 3 - Property Search





# 4 Property Information

Once logged in you will be taken directly to the Property Search screen. Within the Property Search screen the GE Instruction(s), i.e. our reference number(s) for your rating work, to which you have access will be listed.

#### 4.1 PROPERTY SEARCH

To view the properties you require within the GE Instruction, either

Click on the appropriate GE Instruction

The GE Instruction field, on the right hand search criteria grid, will be populated with the GE Instruction number.

or

 Enter the desired search criteria in the right hand search criteria grid

Please refer to the Glossary within CAS or in Appendix 1 of this document for explanation of the fields.

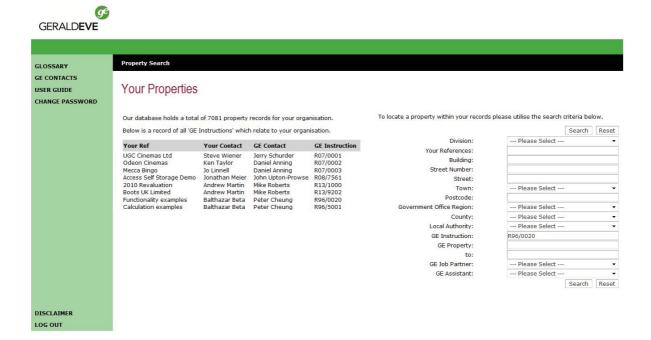
Press Search

The search results will then be displayed.

To reset the search criteria grid

Press Reset

### Screen shot 4 - Property Search







### 4.2 PROPERTY SEARCH RESULTS

The results of your property search will be displayed on the search results screen.

From the results page you can either view details of an individual property by

· Clicking on the required property to view more details

This will take you to the Property Details screen, (see Screen shot 6 on page 11 for details).

or

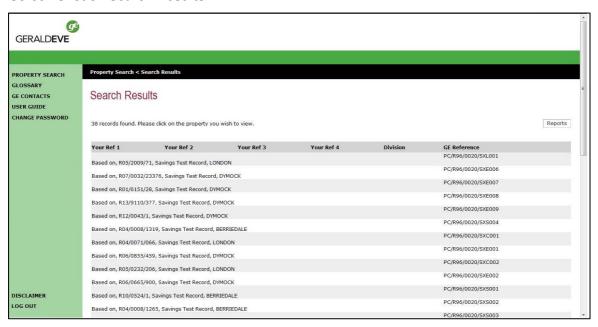
Prepare reports relating to all of the records, (see Section 5 for further information on report generation).

or

To return to the Property Search screen

 Select property search from the grey navigation toolbar at the top or left of the screen

### Screen shot 5 - Search Results





### 4.3 PROPERTY DETAILS

The property details screen is split into various areas.

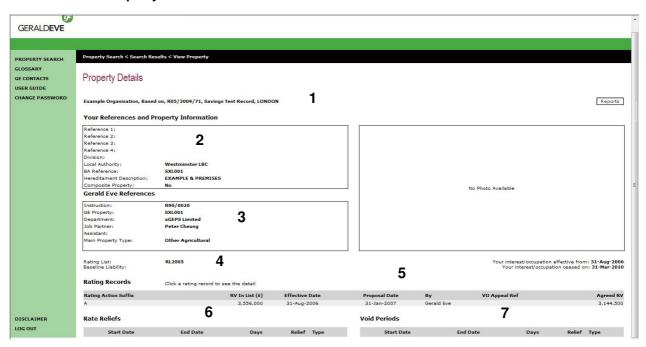
- 1 Property address
- 2 Your own property references (if recorded) and information from the rating list
- 3 Gerald Eve references and information
- 4 Rating list details, baseline liability figure, interest/occupation effective from/to dates
- 5 Rating information, current RV and appeal information
- 6 Rate relief information
- 7 Void period information

To view more detailed information about the Rating information for the property

Click on one of the rating records within section 5 of this screen

You will be taken to the Appeal Information screen, see Screen shot 7 on page 12 for further details.

### Screen shot 6- Property Details





### 4.4 APPEAL INFORMATION

The appeal information screen contains detailed information about an appeal or rating list entry for the specific property. As the appeal progresses through the different stages the appeal programming section and settlement information will be updated.

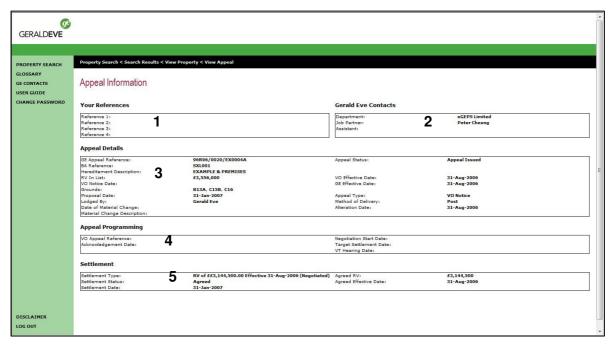
To access the Appeal Information for a property

Select the required Rating Record from the Property Details screen

The Appeal Information screen is split into various sections

- 1 Your reference information (if recorded)
- 2 Gerald Eve Contacts your contacts within Gerald Eve dealing with the particular appeal
- Appeal Details information about the appeal e.g. RV in List, Proposal Date and grounds for appeal on any appeal that has already been served
- 4 Appeal Programming information about the progress of the appeal
- 5 Settlement information about the settlement status and agreed RV

### Screen shot 7 - Appeal Information





# 5 Reports

Reports can be generated for an individual property record or for a group of properties

### 1.1 Individual Reports

Individual liability reports can be viewed for a specific property by

- Selecting the Reports button on the Property Details screen
- Select the Rates Liability Report
- Select to Preview as PDF file

The report will open as an Adobe Acrobat file

or

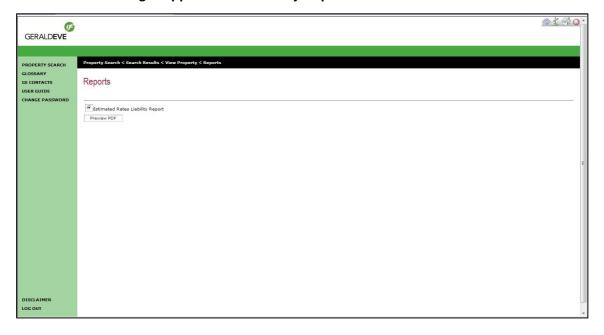
Select to Save as a PDF file

Press Ok to both security messages that appear and select the location to which the file should be saved. See



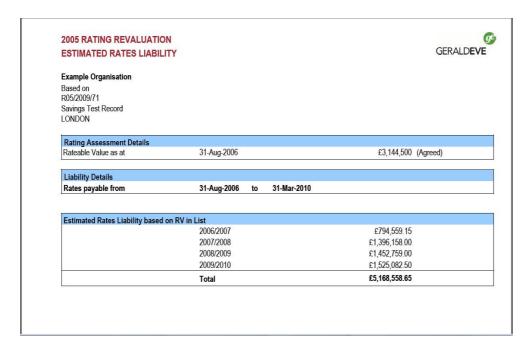
# Screen shot 9 page 15 for an example of an individual liability report

# Screen shot 8 – Single Appeal Rates Liability Report





### Screen shot 9 - Example of individual report



### 5.1 GROUP REPORTS (FOR A GROUP OF PROPERTIES)

Group reports can be generated for a range of properties

To create a global report

- Search for the properties to be reported on
- From within the Search Results screen select the Reports button
- Select the report type to be created
- Select the required sort order

The sort order will only apply to pdf reports. It is ignored for Excel report as Excel includes its own sorting facilities.

View the report as a PDF file

The report will automatically open in Adobe Acrobat Reader. See Screen shot 10 page 16 for an example of a pdf report.

or

Save as a PDF file

Click OK to the two security messages and then select the location to which the file should be saved. NB Your pop-up blocker should be disabled

or



- Select Excel
- Click Yes to accept Active X controls

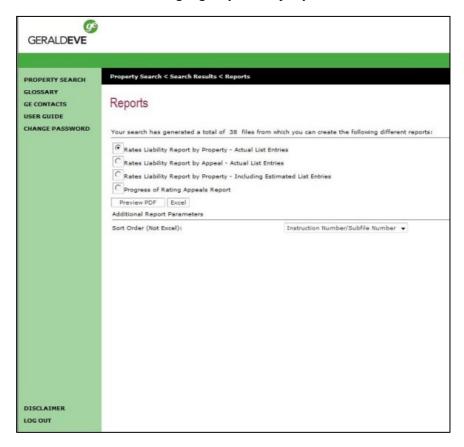
This interaction is safe and your Excel report will not open unless you allow the interaction



This will open the report in Excel

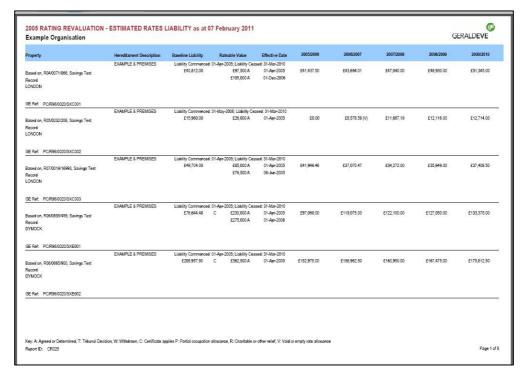
If you have difficulties opening an Excel report please refer to Appendix 2 – Running Excel Reports

### Screen shot 10 - Creating a group liability report





### Screen shot 11 - Example of a group liability report



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# 6 Other components of CAS

### 6.1 USER GUIDE

A copy of this user guide can be access electronically by clicking User Guide on the left menu bar.

### 6.2 GLOSSARY

The glossary of terms used in the Client Access System can be accessed by

Selecting Glossary from the left menu bar

The Glossary will open in a new window.

Use your keyboard to jump to specific letter of the alphabet or scroll through the list using your mouse.

A copy of the glossary can also be found in Appendix 1 of this document.

### 6.3 YOUR CONTACTS

The "Your Contacts" option in the menu bar takes you to the contacts section of the main Gerald Eve website, through which you can search for a specific contact and find email address and telephone number.

### 6.4 CHANGE PASSWORD

This takes you to the change password screen as displayed upon your first login.

Use this screen to change your password, see page 5 for further details. You may change your password at any time.

### 6.5 LOGOUT

Use this to logout of the CAS system. Press Ok and then Yes to confirm you wish to logout of CAS.



# Appendix A

### Glossary of terms

% The % of relief or void period to be applied

Acknowledgement Date The date which the VO acknowledged receipt of the appeal

Agreed RV This is the RV that has been agreed with the VO

Alteration Date The date on which the VO updated the rating list

Appeal Grounds B13A - reduce RV

B13B - delete assessment

B13C - split assessment

B13D - merge assessments

B13E - change effective date

B13F - other change to assessment

B14 - enter into rating list

C15A - compiled list incorrect

C15B - challenge VO alteration

C15C - effective date incorrect

C15D - material change of circumstances

C15E - no longer exists

C15F - exempt

C15G - deletion for other reason

C15H - should be more than one assessment

C15I - should be different assessment

C15J - should be rateable

C15K - VT decision

C15L - wrongly described

C16 - detailed reasons supplied

SCHED - a schedule of proposed changes supplied

Appeal Type The type of appeal sent to the VO (the appeal type is determined

by the grounds of appeal)



Assessment No This is the reference number provided by the local authority to

identify the property

Assistant See GE Assistant

Baseline Liability The liability value derived from the previous list upon which

transitional liability calculations are based. This is not necessarily

the same as the actual amount paid in the previous list.

By The party which submitted the appeal. This is normally Gerald Eve

unless it was submitted by another company before the record

was transferred to Gerald Eve

Composite Property If set to "yes" the property includes a residential element; if set to

"no" the property is a wholly non-domestic property.

County Administrative counties

Date of Material Change The day on which a change which affects or may affect rateable

value took place.

Days The number of days between the start and end dates of an

allowance or liability period.

Description The description of the property as recorded in the rating list.

Division If your company has subsidiary companies or groups its properties

in a particular way this may be used by Gerald Eve to identify

those companies or groupings

Effective Date The date the RV in list came into effect.

End Date The date the relief and/or void period ends

GE Gerald Eve

GE Appeal Ref The unique GE reference automatically generated upon issuing an

appeal.

GE Assistant A Gerald Eve surveyor responsible for the property record(s) if not

the partner directly.

GE Contact Your main contact within Gerald Eve

GE Instruction The GE reference for an overall instruction

GE Partner The Gerald Eve partner responsible for the property record(s)
GE Property This is an individual client property record linked to a specific

instruction

GE Rating Suffix The individual rating appeal reference

GE Reference This is the unique reference used by GE to identify an individual

property or appeal record.

Government Office Region The standard Government Office Regions of England, plus

Scotland and Wales.

Grounds These are the grounds upon which the appeal was or will be

submitted to the VO

Interest/Occupation Ceased This is the date occupation of or interest in the property ceased, if



From during the currency of the 2005 Rating List/Roll

Interest/Occupation Effective

From

This is the date occupation of or interest in the property commenced, if after the start of the 2005 Rating List/Roll

Local Authority English, Welsh and Scottish local authorities responsible for

billing.

Main Property Type This is the main property use

Method of Delivery Whether the appeal was sent to the VO by post, fax or

electronically

Negotiation Start Date The date provided by the VOA or the earliest they expect to

commence negotiations.

Partner See GE Partner

Post code where known. (Note the post code used by the VO

often differs from that which you may have been allocated as a a

volume post user)

Proposal Date The date the appeal document was sent to the VO

Rate Reliefs The time period for which the property qualifies for a discount on

rates payable

Rating List A list of all RV entries and appeals made in respect of the

property.

Rating Records Wherever an appeal is agreed or where a £0 RV is recorded an

indication of whether the property has been deleted or is zero

rated.

RV (£) Rateable Value

RV in List The current list RV for the specific property as recorded by the VO

in the Rating list or Scottish Valuation Roll

Settlement Date The date the appeal was agreed with the VO

Settlement Status If the agreed RV is greater than £0 then this will be set to

"Agreed". If the agreed RV is set to £0 then it is set to "Deleted" if

the property has been deleted from the list or "Zero Rated".

Settlement Type This is how the settlement was reached with the VO, i.e. whether

the RV was negotiated; the appeal was withdrawn; the VO considered the proposed RV as acceptable; or the RV was

determined through a tribunal decision.

Start Date The date the relief and/or void period commences

Street Name (excluding number)

Street Number Building Number

Target Settlement Date

The date by which the VO has targeted completion of all

negotiations prior to recourse to a Valuation Tribunal hearing

Town Postal Town (These are limited to the 1500 postal towns

recognised by the Post Office - any other name by which a

location is known is likely to be a dependent locality)



Type The type of rate relief or void period

VO Valuation Offices in England and Wales or the Assessor in

Scotland

VO Appeal Ref This is the case reference the VO provides upon

acknowledgement of the appeal document.

VO Notice Date

The date on which a notice is issued to an occupier advising an

alteration to the Rating list.

Void Periods The time period during which the property is exempt from rates or

qualifies for unoccupied rates

VT Valuation Tribunal in England and Wales or Valuation Appeal

Committee in Scotland.

VT Hearing Date The date the appeal is listed for hearing by the VT or citation date

for VAC in Scotland

Your Contact The main contact within your company for the Instruction

Your References The references provided by the client which you know or accord

the property.

Your Reference 1 The main reference provided to us by you for the property

Your Reference 2 An additional cross reference provided to us by you for the

property



# **Appendix B**

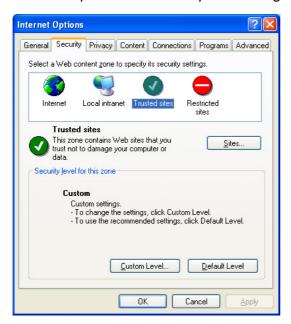
# Running Excel reports

Before you can run an Excel liability report within Gerald Eve Client Access you will need to ensure that the Sesame Rating website is set in your trusted site list:

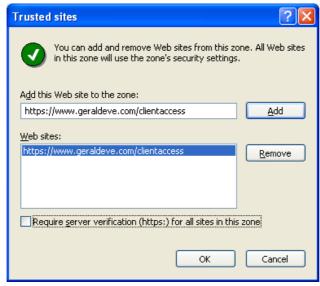
To set Sesame Rating as a trusted site

- Launch Internet Explorer
- From the menu bar select Tools then Internet Options

This will open the Internet Options dialog box



- Select the Security tab
- Click on Trusted Sites
- Press the Sites button





- Uncheck Require server verification (https:) for all sites in this zone
- Add https://www.geraldeve.com/clientaccess to the Add this Web site to the zone textbox.
- Press Add
- Press Ok

This will confirm the changes and return to the Internet Options dialog box

To ensure that Excel can open on your machine

- Within in the Security tab select Trusted Sites
- Select Custom Level

This will open the custom security settings dialog box



- On Security tab, ensure Trusted Sites is selected
- Click Custom Level
- Set Initialize and script ActiveX controls not marked as safe to Prompt
- Press Ok

This will confirm the changes and return you to the Internet Options dialog box.

Press Ok

This will close the Internet Options dialog box.