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2 Meanings of the items that have a zero rate of VAT.

Books and booklets are normally bound in a cover stiffer than their pages. They may be in the form of printed, photocopied, typed or hand-written items.

Brochures usually consist of several sheets of reading matter fastened or folded together, which are not necessarily bound in covers. They usually contain advertising material in the form of text or illustrations.

Pamphlets are usually comprised of material of a political, social, or intellectual nature.

Leaflets are normally either of an ephemeral nature or designed to accompany some other product or service, for example an instruction leaflet.

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own right, rather than as ancillary to another supply, it would not be a leaflet. For example, items designed to be used as a calendar.

Items printed on laminated paper are not leaflets.

Items which might otherwise be considered to be leaflets, brochures and pamphlets may not be zero-rated if they are primarily intended for completion or detachment. This distinguishes brochures, pamphlets, and leaflets from standard-rated forms.

Items are not primarily intended for completion or detachment if 25% or less of their total area consists of:

- areas which are blank and available for completion and/or
- parts that one can detach and return.

Issued at least once a week in a continuous series under the same title.

Each issue usually has a date or a serial number.

Contain information about current events of local, national, or international interest.

Publications which do not contain a substantial amount of news are not

8 A to Z List of common items of printed matter and their VAT liability

Acceptance cards	Standard-rated
Account Books	Standard-rated
Accounts (fully printed)	Zero-rated
Address books	Standard-rated
Advertising leaflets	Zero-rated
Agendas (fully printed)	Zero-rated
Albums	Standard-rated
Almanacs	Zero-rated
Amendment slips	Standard-rated
Amendments (loose-leaf)	Zero-rated
Announcement cards	Standard-rated
Annuals	Zero-rated
Antique books	Zero-rated
Antique maps	Zero-rated
Appointment cards	Standard-rated
Articles of association (complete in booklet form)	Zero-rated

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Bills of quantity (completed)	Zero-rated
Binders	Standard-rated
Bingo cards	Standard-rated.
Biorhythm charts	Standard-rated
Blotters	Standard-rated
Book covers	Standard-rated
Bookmarks	Standard-rated
Book tokens	Standard-rated
Booklets	Zero-rated
	Standard-rated
Books	Zero-rated
Brochures	Zero-rated
Bulletins	Zero-rated
Business cards	Standard-rated
Calendars	Standard-rated
Catalogues	Zero-rated
Certificates	Standard-rated
Charts (geographical or topographical)	Zero-rated
Cheques and cheque books	Standard-rated
Cigarette cards	Standard-rated
Circulars	Zero-rated
Cloakroom tickets	Standard-rated
Colour cards	Standard-rated
	Zero-rated
Comics	Zero-rated
Company accounts and reports	Zero-rated
Compliment slips	Standard-rated
Copy books	Standard-rated
Correspondence cards	Standard-rated
Coupon books	Standard-rated
Coupons	Standard-rated

Music	Zero-rated
Music rolls	Standard-rated
Music scores	Zero-rated
Newspapers	Zero-rated
Notebooks, pads, and paper	Standard-rated
Order books and forms	Standard-rated
Orders of Service	Zero-rated
	Zero-rated
Pamphlets	Zero-rated
Paper, unprinted	Standard-rated
Parts of books	Standard-rated
Pattern cards	Standard-rated
Periodicals	Zero-rated
Photograph albums	Standard-rated
Photographs	Standard-rated
Picture books	Zero-rated
Plans	Standard-rated
Playing cards	Standard-rated
Poll cards	Standard-rated
Pools coupons	Standard-rated
Postcards (whether completed or not)	Standard-rated
Poster magazines	Zero-rated
Posters	Standard-rated
Prayer books	Zero-rated
Price cards and tags	Standard-rated
Price lists (fully printed leaflets or brochures)	Zero-rated
Printed pictures	Standard-rated
Programmes	Zero-rated
Questionnaires	Standard-rated
Rag books (ch	Zero-rated
Receipt books and forms	Standard-rated

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Recipe books Zero-rated

Record books Standard-rated

Record labels Standard-rated

Record sleeves Standard-rated

Registers Standard-rated

Rent books Standard-rated.

Reply-paid coupons and envelopes Standard-rated

Reproductions of paintings Standard-rated

Road maps Zero-rated

Score cards Standard-rated

Scrap books (blank) Standard-rated

Scrap books (completed) Zero-rated

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Timecards and sheets	Standard-rated
Timetables (in book or leaflet form)	Zero-rated
Tokens	Standard-rated
Topographical plans	Zero-rated
Toys	Standard-rated
Tracts	Zero-rated
Trade catalogues	Zero-rated
Trade directories	Zero-rated
Transcripts	Standard-rated
Transfers	Standard-rated
Transparencies	Standard-rated
Travel brochures	Zero-rated
Visiting cards	Standard-rated
Vouchers	Standard-rated
Wall charts	Standard-rated
Wastepaper	Standard-rated
Wills	Standard-rated
Winding cards	Standard-rated
Wrapping paper	Standard-rated
Wreath cards	Standard-rated