

This application for rates remission relates to the rating year commencing 1 July _____

A formal application is required **annually** for consideration, and this application should outline the reasons for which you are seeking a remission. The application will be investigated and the applicant will receive written response from Council about the outcome.

In the event whereby an applicant is not satisfied with the response, the applicant can request further review in writing and the application will be referred to Council for its consideration. The outcome will be notified within 10 working days of the decision being made.

Applications must be received by 30 April for the following rating year commencing 1 July.

The Maori Freehold Land Rates Remission Policy needs to be read prior to, and in conjunction with this application form. For a full copy of the Rates Remission Policy go to www.waitomo.govt.nz or contact our Customer Services Team on 0800 932 4357 or 07 878 0800.

Section A - Applicant Information

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| Name: | | | |
| Street Address or PO Box: | | | |
| Suburb or RD: | | | |
| Town or City: | | | Postcode: |
| Contact Number(s): | Home: | Work: | Mobile: |
| Email Address: | | | |

Section B - Property Information

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| Valuation Number/s: | <input type="text"/> |
| Property Legal Description: | <input type="text"/> |
| Property Location: | <input type="text"/> |

Section C - Remission Categories

The following land use categories will be considered for remission of rates:

New Lessee

Where a new lease/occupier takes over the land with existing rates arrears that would not be recoverable based on previous use, the rates arrears may be remitted where the new lessee assumes payment of current and future rates from the commencement of the use or occupation.

Under this category the following conditions and criteria apply:

- A copy of the lease or proposed lease is provided with the application for remission
- There is a commitment to pay the current and future rates for a minimum period of two years detailed in the lease document.

Dwellings on Maori Freehold Land

Where there is one or more dwelling/s on the land, Council may establish and identify separately used or inhabited parts of the rating unit. The separately used or inhabited portion of the rating unit will be defined based on the area occupied,

Section C - Remission Categories continued

and or the area unproductive and unoccupied as identified by the owner/s and confirmed by Council. Rates charged on the occupied portion of the property will remain payable.

Beehives on Maori Freehold Land

Where there are beehives located on the land for the purposes of harvesting honey, Council may establish and identify separately used or inhabited parts of the rating unit. The separately used or inhabited portion of the rating unit will be defined based on the area in use for the purposes of harvesting honey, and/or the area unproductive and unoccupied as identified by the owner/s and confirmed by Council. Rates charged on the occupied portion of the property will remain payable.

Please indicate which remission category this application relates to: _____

Section D - Questions

To be eligible for remission you MUST answer all of the following questions.

If the application is incomplete, it will be returned to you.

Please indicate yes or no and provide further details where necessary.

1) Does this application apply to the whole property?

YES NO

If only part, please define/describe the area:

2) Is part of the property unoccupied or undeveloped?

YES NO

If yes, please describe:

3) Is there any income derived from the land? (This includes beehives, rent, lease, licence to occupy or business operations)

YES NO

If yes, please describe:

4) Are there any improvements on the land (eg: building structures of any kind)?

If yes, please describe the improvements and their use:

YES NO

5) Are there any Dwellings on the Property?

YES NO

If yes, please define the area occupied:

Section D - Questions continued

Please identify any other factors that Council should take into consideration:

Section E - Criteria

An annual application for a rate remission under Category B (Maori freehold land - occupied and productive land) must be made no later than 30 April for the following rating year commencing 1 July (ie; applications must be made in advance of the beginning of the rating year). The application must be made on the prescribed form.

Note: it is the obligation of the applicant/s to advise Council of any change of use that may affect eligibility for rates remission, under this category.

When applying for a remission on Maori Freehold Land, the following information is required:

- Documentation that the land in question has been determined to be Maori Freehold Land by the Maori Land Court.
- A copy of the Certificate of Title if available.
- An identified owner, agent of owner, or occupier to be recorded on the rating records pursuant to Part 4 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.
- That identified owner, agent or owner or occupier must provide evidence that he or she has full control over the property.
- Details of the property size and use.
- Aerial Photographs if available.
- A description of the intended use of the land, and a statement as to how the objectives defined under this policy will be achieved by the granting of rates remission.
- Other documentation that Council may require to make a decision.

If you have any other relevant documentation in support of this application, please attach to this form.

Section F - Declaration

I/We do Solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars details above are correct and that the conditions concerning the land detailed apply.

I/We do solemnly and sincerely declare that I/we have authority to act on behalf of the owners.

Signature:

Date:

Check List:

1. Have you read the full policy to ascertain your eligibility?
2. Have you attached evidential documents supporting your eligibility?
3. Have you completed all the questions? Incomplete applications will be returned to you to complete
4. Have you signed the form?

Please note: Your Rates Remission Application must be in by 30 April for the following rating year beginning 1 July. All Rates must be paid by the due date regardless of the status of your rates remission application.