

Rates Remission Application

Applicant Details

Owner Name:

Property Address

Rates Valuation Reference

Your Postal Address

I/we wish to apply for the following: (tick appropriate box)

Please check the reverse of this form for the conditions and criteria for each remission type and include documentation to demonstrate the property meets these.

- ☐ Remission of Rates on land used by sporting, recreational and community organisations
- ☐ Remission of Rates on land protected for natural, historical or cultural conservation purposes
- ☐ Remission of Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) and Roding Charge in certain circumstances (Subdivision, multiple rating units, or a runoff unit)

Evidence supporting your application – please provide any additional information that may support your application

I understand the following

- ☐ This application applies to South Wairarapa District Council rates only
- ☐ I/we confirm that I/we are the owner(s) of the above property
- ☐ I/we confirm that the information supplied is true and correct in every respect
- ☐ I/we confirm that I/we will advise council should the qualifying criteria of the property change during the remission period

Signed:

Date:

Applicants name: (please print clearly)

Approved/Declined

Date:

Authorised by:

Notes for the applicant

Applications must be received prior to the commencement of the rating year the remission is being applied for (1 July). No applications will be backdated beyond the current rating year.

Please return your completed application to the Rates team either by email to rates@swdc.govt.nz or by post to:

Rates Team
South Wairarapa District Council
PO Box 6
Martinborough 5741

Qualifying criteria – further details can be found under our Remission of Rates policy on councils' website – www.swdc.govt.nz

Remission of rates on land used by sporting, recreational and community organisations

- This policy will apply to land owned by the Council or owned or occupied by a not for profit organisation, which is used exclusively or principally for sporting, recreation, or community purposes.
- Council will remit 50% of rates, except for targeted rates for water, wastewater, and refuse & recycling.
- Rural Halls will receive 100% remission, except for targeted rates for water, wastewater, and refuse & recycling.
- Sporting organisations will qualify for 50% remission regardless of whether they hold a current license under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.
- Applications for remission must be made to the Council prior to the commencement of the rating year. Applications received during a rating year will be applicable from the commencement of the following rating year. Applications will not be backdated.
- Organisations making an application should include the following documents in support of their application: information on activities and programmes, details of membership and statement of objectives

Remission of rates on Land protected for natural, historical or Cultural conservation purposes

- Ratepayers who own or occupy rating units which have some feature of cultural, natural, or historic heritage, which is voluntarily protected, or that are protected under the Combined District Plan as a site of significance for Māori, may qualify for remission of rates under this part of the policy.
- Applications must be made in writing. Applications should be supported by documentary evidence of the protected status of the rating unit e.g., a copy of the covenant or other legal mechanism. Receipt of evidence of protection without a written application will not be considered.
- In considering any application for remission of rates under this part of the policy the Council will consider the following criteria:
 - The extent to which the preservation of natural, cultural, or historic heritage will be promoted by granting remission of rates on the rating unit.
 - The degree to which features of natural, cultural, or historic heritage are present on the land.
 - The degree to which features of natural, cultural, or historic heritage inhibit the economic utilisation of the land.
- In granting remissions under this part of the policy, Council may specify certain conditions before remissions will be granted. Applicants will be required to agree in writing to these conditions and to pay any remitted rates if the conditions are violated.
- Council will decide what amount of rates will be remitted on a case-by-case basis.
- Remissions will apply to the following rating year and will not be retrospective.

Remission of Uniform Annual General Charge and Rooding Charge in certain circumstances

For **Subdivision purposes** this policy will apply to land that is:

- subdivided into two or more lots; and
- where title has been issued; and
- the unsold lots remain in common ownership
- Remission will be for the Uniform Annual General Charge and Rooding charge for each unsold lot except one.

For **multiple rating units**, this policy will apply to land that is:

- Owned by the same person or persons; and
- Used jointly as a single unit (including being used as part of the same farming operation); and
- Contiguous or separated only by a road, railway, drain, water race, river , or stream
- Remission will be the Uniform Annual General Charge and Rooding charge for each unit except the main farm residence unit. Remission will apply to the following rating year and will not be retrospective

For **a runoff unit**, this policy will apply to one unit that is:

- Used as a run-off for a farming operation. A separate application in writing must be made for consideration of this remission.
- Remission will be the Uniform Annual General Charge and Rooding charge for each unit except the main farm residence unit.
- Remission will apply to the following rating year and will not be retrospective

Delegation for approval of Remission of Rates

Approval will be as per councils Delegated Financial Authority

Miscellaneous

Council may request further details to support an application for Rates Remission. If this is not provided your application may be declined.