

Rates Rebate Application Form



You can apply for a Rates Rebate if:

- you have to pay rates on the address you live at, *and*
- you were living there at the beginning of the **rating year**, and
- your name is on the rates bill, *or*
- you are the owner of an “owner-occupier flat” and your name is **not** on the bill but you pay some of the rates (*you must show proof of this*)
- the total income (*before tax*) of: you, your partner and any joint owner is low

If your partner and/or joint home owner were living with you on 1 July (the beginning of the rating year) you must declare his/her income.

*Please note that your total rates includes rates from Local Councils **and** regional rates if applicable.*

***Please complete all the questions in this form.
Once complete, please take this form to your Local Council;
if you qualify, they will work out your rebate.***

THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Te Tari Taiwhenua

In order to claim a Rates Rebate:

You must pay rates for the home you live in

If you are the owner of an “owner-occupier flat” and your name is not on the rates bill, ask the person whose name is for a letter that states:

- what the total rates are
- how much you pay (if you are not sure, state the amount you pay to run the property)

Include proof that you, or someone before you, agreed to pay some of the rates.

The address you pay rates on must principally be your home

You can only claim a rates rebate for one address, unless:

- you moved during this rating year.

To claim on the rates you paid at each address, please show proof of:

- the date you moved from your old address
- the rates on that address for this rating year
- any rebate you were given on those rates

Include the rates bill for your new address.

“Income” means money received, before tax, during the income tax year ended 31 March preceding the start of the rating year

“Income” does not include:

- cash grants/capital payments
- war widows’ or war disablement pensions
- medal or honour payments
- grants for funeral expenses
- prizes and winnings.

Beneficiaries and pensioners

If you were granted a benefit or pension (but not New Zealand Superannuation, ACC earnings compensation, or sickness and unemployment benefits) during the last *income tax year*:

- you do **not** need to declare money earned before the benefit/pension was granted
- you **do** need to declare:
 - ◇ what the full amount of the benefit/pension is per year
 - ◇ what money you earned after it was granted.

If you receive assistance from Work and Income or Studylink, you need to advise them of any rebate received.

Self-employed

- Declare your income (as you would for tax) for your most recent financial year.

Partner or joint home owner (who were living with you on 1 July of the rating year of your application)

List the income (for the last income tax year) of your partner or any joint home owner.

Do not include their income if they:

- died during the last rating year ended 30 June
- are a long-term hospital patient (and the house is not rented out).

Application number:
<For council use only>

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Complete?

“Rating Year”

What years are on your rates bill?

20____ (1 July) to
20____ (30 June)

Yes

Name

Family Name

First Name

Mrs/Mr/Ms/Miss (circle)

“partner” means a person you are married to or in a Civil Union or De Facto relationship with

Were you living with a partner or joint home owner on 1 July of the rating year of your application?

Yes

No

Yes

Address

Home

Street name and number Suburb Town and postcode
Postal Address (if different)

Street name and number Suburb Town and postcode

Why is your postal address different?

Do you earn money from home?

Yes

No

How? _____ Phone: _____

Yes

Income

Before tax

Do you, your partner or any joint home owner receive income from any of these Work and Income Benefits or from employment? (please tick):

Employment

Occupation: _____

Work and Income Benefit

Unemployment

Widows/Domestic Purposes Benefit

Sickness

Other Benefits (list):

Invalids

New Zealand Superannuation

Yes

Income

Declaration

	Your Income	Partner/Joint Home Owner Income
New Zealand Superannuation	\$	\$
Work and Income Benefit	\$	\$
Wages or Salary	\$	\$
Personal Superannuation	\$	\$
Interest	\$	\$
Share earnings	\$	\$
Profit before tax from any business (incl. Rental income)	\$	\$
ACC earnings compensation	\$	\$
Veteran’s pension	\$	\$
Income from other sources (list)	\$	\$
Total	\$	+
Total Income		= \$

Yes

