

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DUE TO CHANGES TO REVENUE & FINANCING POLICY

**Application For Rates Relief / Remission
2025/26 Rating Year.**

We recognise that the recent changes to our Revenue & Financing Policy (the way we set our rates) may have created additional hardship for some ratepayers, which will affect their ability to pay their rates invoice for 2025/26. Council's Remission Policy provides discretion to consider a partial remission for the 2025/26 rating year in situations of extreme financial hardship. This will apply to the specific impact of policy changes compared to your 2024/25 invoice (e.g.: expanded footprint for a targeted rate, move of general rate from land value to capital value, etc). It does not include changes to funding requirements for 2025/26 (e.g.: inflations increases, changes in service levels, reduced rates smoothing borrowing, etc). To enable us to undertake our assessment in relation to your situation, please complete this form.

Applicant:
Postal Address:

Daytime Contact No:	Email:
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Property Address for this application:	Valuation Number (from your Rates invoice):
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Useage: e.g. Commercial / Residential / Lifestyle / Farm

Source of Income

- Employed
- Self Employed
- Retired
- Retired + additional income*
- Other Work & Income Support*
- Business
- Other*


*Please provide details about your income

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The purpose of this remission is to assist those who are experiencing extreme financial hardship as a direct result of the outcomes of our Revenue & Financing Policy review. To help us to assess your application, please provide as much detail as possible, to the questions below.

Please describe what impact the Revenue & Finance rating changes, have had on your current financial situation. (impact of the change on your budget, other cost of living increases, changes to household income etc.)

Is there any other relevant information you wish to include. to support your application?

 For properties excluding residential / lifestyle: Please include supporting documentation relevant to your current financial situation (e.g.: budget comparison to prior year, statement from accountant, etc)

I declare that the information provided is correct and complete at the time of application.	Signed: Name: Date:
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Your 2025/26 invoice is due for payment by 20 September 2025. Your account will be penalty protected until we are able to process your application.

You can submit your application by...

Website: via our online form.

Email: Remissions@hbrc.govt.nz

Post: Rates Remission, HB Regional Council, Private Bag 6006, Napier 4142

In Person: HBRC Office. 159 Dalton Street Napier