

Application for rates remission

The personal information that you provide in this form is required to assess your eligibility for rates remission under Greater Wellington Regional Council's rates remission policy.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name:

Postal address:

Physical address:
(if different to the postal address)

Phone number:

Email address:

RATING INFORMATION: (please attach a copy of your rates bill with this application)

Rate payer name
(e.g. personal or business name)

Rates property address
(if different from physical address)

Rating period for rates remission application:
(e.g. 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021)

What is your valuation reference number?
(10 digit number)

What rate type are you seeking remission from?

How much is this rate type?
(refer to your first rate bill issued in July)

What is your rates category?
(e.g. residential)

REASON FOR APPLYING: (refer policy below)

Reason:

I confirm that:

- I am the sole rate payer; or
- I am a joint rate payer and have the authority of the other rate payers; or
- I have the authority to apply on behalf of the all of the ratepayers.

I confirm the information I have provided in this form is correct.

Name:

Relationship to rate payer

Signature:

Date:

Your information will be held and protected by Greater Wellington Regional Council in accordance with our privacy policy and with the Privacy Act 2020. Our privacy policy explains how we may use and share your personal information in relation to any interaction you have with the council, and how you can access and correct that information.

Next steps:

Greater Wellington endeavours to acknowledge your application within ten working days. Upon acknowledgement of your application, we will confirm the next steps in the process, including how the application will be heard by Council if that is required. Decisions on the remission of rates in special circumstances where the amount requested is **\$500 or more will be made by Councillors** at a Council meeting.

How to submit your application:

Please provide this application and a copy of your rates bill information. To submit it, you can:

- Email: rates@gw.govt.nz
- Post:
 - Rate Remission c/o accounts**
Greater Wellington Regional Council
P O Box 11646
Cuba Street, Te Aro
Wellington 6011
- Drop your application off at the reception of a Greater Wellington Regional Council office. Open 8am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. Closed on public holidays.
 - **Wellington City office** (address above)
 - **Upper Hutt office** (1056 Fergusson Drive, PO Box 40847, Upper Hutt 5140)
 - **Masterton office** (Level 4, Departmental Building, 35-37 Chapel Street PO Box 41, Masterton 5840)

Policy - Remission of rates in special circumstances

Objective

To enable Greater Wellington to act fairly and reasonably to remit regional rates in special circumstances.

Criteria and conditions

Greater Wellington will consider each application on its merit and remission may be granted where it is considered that the application meets the following criteria and conditions.

Criteria

Greater Wellington may remit all or part of the rates assessed in relation to a particular rating unit in special or unforeseen circumstances where it considers it just and equitable to do so.

Conditions

1. Each request for a remission of rates in special circumstances shall be considered on its merits and any decision on such a request shall be deemed to not set a precedent for any future decision under this policy.
2. A remission under this policy will last for one rating year only. Applicants must reapply annually for a remission.
3. No application under this policy will be backdated beyond the current rating year.
4. An application for remission under this policy:
 - a. Must be made within the rating year for which remission is sought, and
 - b. Made in writing to Greater Wellington, and
 - c. Contain supporting information.
5. Greater Wellington may of its own volition investigate and grant remission of rates that satisfy the requirements of any direction it receives from the Government or other agency to remit rates. In such circumstances rates will generally be remitted to the extent Greater Wellington receives payment from the Government or other agency.
6. Under this policy "special circumstances" excludes remissions sought for rating units with conservation and/or heritage values, including land subject to a QEII covenant.

Decisions

Decisions on remission of rates in special circumstances will be made by Council where the amount requested is over \$500.

Decisions on the remission of rates in special circumstances where the amount requested is \$500 or less are delegated to Greater Wellington officers. All delegations are recorded in the delegations manual.

Policy on Development Contributions or Financial Contributions

This policy describes Greater Wellington's approach to development and financial contributions.

Development contributions

Greater Wellington will not be seeking any development contributions as provided for under the Local Government Act 2002. The power to levy such contributions is restricted to territorial authorities.

Financial contributions

Greater Wellington does not have any provisions in its regional plans prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991 to levy financial contributions. The inclusion of such contributions may be reconsidered as part of any review of the regional plans. No financial contributions can be levied by Greater Wellington unless they are included within a regional plan.