

Form Of Application For Rates Remission For Māori Freehold Land

I/we hereby apply to be considered for a rates remission under section 114 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of the rates due and owing by me for the _____ financial year. Please note that decisions as to remission of rates, and the extent of any remission, are at the sole discretion of the Council, and apply only to the rating year for which the application is made.

Family Name: _____

First Names: _____

Owner(s) / Trustee(s): _____

Property Legal Description: _____

Name Land Generally Known by: _____

Postal Address: _____

Physical Address of the Property: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

OBJECTIVES OF THIS POLICY

This policy aims to ensure the fair and equitable collection of rates from all sectors of the community, while recognising that certain Māori owned land has particular conditions, features, ownership structures, or other circumstances which may make it appropriate to provide relief from rates.

Specifically, the policy is intended to:

- (a) Recognise situations where there is no occupier or person gaining an economic or financial benefit from the land.
- (b) Recognise land that is better set aside for non-use because of its natural features.
- (c) Recognise matters related to the physical accessibility of the land.
- (d) Recognise and take account of the presence of wāhi tapu that may affect the use of the land for other purposes.
- (e) Facilitate development or use of the land where Council considers rates based on actual land value make the actual use of the land uneconomic.

To be eligible to apply for a rates remission, you must be able to answer yes to the first statement and to one of the other statements. Please tick the appropriate box.

	YES	NO
1. The land is Māori Land, the beneficial ownership of which has been determined by the Māori Land Court by freehold order as having the status of "Māori freehold land". (Please provide evidence to support this).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The land is unoccupied and there is no income derived from the use or occupation of that land.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The land is better set aside for non-use because of its natural or cultural features.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The land is inaccessible and unoccupied.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. The land carries a best potential use value that is significantly in excess of the economic value arising from its actual use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please explain the objectives of the remission policy that will be achieved by providing a rates remission, together with how the land fits within the objectives:

If this application for remission is accepted, please note that the remission policy is prepared under section 108 of the Local Government Act 2002, and is likely to change for the next rating year.

I / We authorise the Auckland Regional Council to make such enquiries as they consider necessary in support of this application.

I / We authorise any person or organisation to provide the Auckland Regional Council with such information as is required to process this application.

(Applicant)

(Telephone Number)

(Witness)

(Address)

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Date _____ Valuation No. _____ (Rate A/C) _____

Officer dealing with _____ C/T No. _____

Total rates due for year \$ _____

Evidence of Māori Freehold Land status attached

Criteria met? (To be completed by Iwi Liaison Team)

CRITERIA APPROVED BY:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date(s): _____

APPLICATION APPROVED BY:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date(s): _____