

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR RATES REMISSION FOR RATING UNITS PROTECTED FOR NATURAL OR HISTORIC OR CULTURAL CONSERVATION PURPOSES

I/We hereby apply to be considered for rates remission for the _____
financial year, on the grounds that my/our rating unit is used for natural or historic
or cultural conservation purposes.

Applicant: _____

Legal Description of Rating Unit: _____

Rate Account Number _____

Postal Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Tick relevant squares and/or fill out details as required:

- 1 a I am the owner of the rating unit.
or
- b The rating unit is owned by me and others and as a part owner I have been authorised
by the other owner(s) to make this application.
or
- c The rating unit is owned by _____, a
company or incorporated society or other similar entity and I am authorised to make
this application on its behalf.
- 2 All rates and charges due and owing in respect of the rating unit to 30 June last have
been paid in full.

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Conservation purposes.

- 3 The rating unit is wholly or partly subject to one of the following (specify which):
- a an open space covenant under the Queen Elizabeth the Second National Trust Act 1977.
 - b a heritage covenant under section 6 of the Historic Places Act 1993.
 - c a conservation covenant under section 77 of the Reserves Act 1977.
 - d a declaration of protected private land under section 76 of the Reserves Act 1977.
 - e a management agreement for conservation purposes under section 38 of the Reserves Act 1977.
 - f a covenant for conservation purposes under section 27 of the Conservation Act 1987.
 - g a management agreement for conservation purposes under section 29 of the Conservation Act 1987.
 - h a covenant with the local council which has the effect of preserving the land for natural or cultural conservation purposes.
- 4 Please specify the percentage of the rating unit (by land area) which is subject to the covenant, declaration etc: _____%
- 5 The rating unit has been voluntarily made subject to the protection indicated above. (Note: only land voluntarily protected is eligible for remission. Land which has been required to be protected by central or local government, for example as a condition of a resource consent, is not eligible.)
- 6 The rating unit is not used for business purposes. (Note: rates remission under this policy is not available for any rating unit used for business purposes. "Business" is defined as "used solely or principally for business purposes, and including communications, electricity, gas, water supply, sanitary and vacant utilities, medical facilities, theatres and similar entertainment facilities, motels and hotels and similar accommodation and rating units used for the purposes of mineral extraction; but excluding rating units used for farming and agricultural or educational purposes.")
- 7 I enclose with this application
- (a) proof of the protection (including a copy of the certificate of title for the rating unit);
 - (b) an explanation of the circumstances in which the rating unit became subject to the protection;
 - (c) evidence of the proportion of the rating unit which is subject to the protection.

- 8 I accept that the Council may require further information from me, or carry out such other investigations as it thinks fit, to substantiate the correctness of this application before deciding whether or not to grant a remission of rates.

I acknowledge that the Council gives no assurance that it will continue in future years to administer a rates remission policy for rating units subject to any of the protections referred to above along the lines provided for in this application or at all, and that that matter will be decided by the Council on a year by year basis. However, whether or not the policy itself continues, rates already remitted will remain remitted.

CONDITIONS

1. A qualifying rating unit will be eligible for remission of the same proportion of rates as the area subject to the covenant, declaration or agreement bears to the area of the rating unit as a whole.
2. The Council reserves the right to require a fresh application for remission each year and to require a declaration or other proof from the applicant that the rating unit remains eligible for the remission.

NOTES

1. All remissions are at the discretion of the Council and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. The Council (at its absolute discretion) shall determine the proportion of land subject to the protection. This shall be the basis for deciding eligibility for remission.
2. It is a precondition of remission that those rates which are not remitted are paid in full.

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

I / we are authorised to apply for this remission on behalf of the ratepayer.

(Applicant)

(Telephone Number)

(Witness)

(Address)

Please remember to enclose:

- a) **Proof of protection;**
- b) **Explanation of circumstances in which protection was given**
- c) **Evidence on proportion of property that will be eligible for remission.**

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Date _____ Valuation No. _____ Rate A/C _____

Officer dealing with _____

Total rates due for year \$ _____

Amount remitted \$ _____

Criteria met?

APPLICATION APPROVED BY:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date(s): _____

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