

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR RATES REMISSION FOR COMMUNITY, SPORTING AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS PROVIDING COMMUNITY SERVICES

I/we hereby apply to be considered for a 50% rates remission under section 85 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 are at the sole discretion of the Council.

Applicant: _____

Property Legal Description: _____

Postal Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

OBJECTIVES OF THIS POLICY

- To facilitate the ongoing provision of non-commercial community services and recreational opportunities that meet the needs of residents of the Auckland Region;
- To encourage the sustainability of community-based organisations and the benefit they provide to community good; and
- To make membership of the organisation more accessible to the general public, particularly disadvantaged groups. These include children, youth, young families, aged people, and economically disadvantaged people.

Remission for Community, Sporting and Other Organisations

CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA

The council may remit rates where the application meets the following criteria:

1. The policy will apply to land owned and occupied by incorporated sport and recreation clubs, or associations, or organizations providing community services, which have within their constitution appropriate clauses to qualify them as charities or where there are clauses which ensure they are 'not-for-profit' and where there is, in the opinion of the Council, significant public good which results from the occupation of the land for the purpose of their sport, recreation or community services.
2. The policy will not apply to;
 - a) organisations operated for private pecuniary profit;
 - b) land used for the purpose of accommodation (such as student accommodation), unless that use is in conjunction with the provision of some other qualifying community service
3. 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 extent of public benefits that are provided to the community. This shall be the basis for deciding eligibility for remission.
4. Where the Council determines that an applicant is eligible for remission of rates, 50% of rates will be remitted.
5. Organisations making application should include the following documents in support of their application:
 - a) Constitution;
 - b) Statement of objectives;
 - c) Full financial accounts;
 - d) Information on activities and programmes;
 - e) Details of membership or clients.
6. The Council reserves the right to require annual applications to renew the remission or require certification from the applicant that the property is still eligible for the remission and that the land use has not changed.
7. It is a precondition of remission that those rates which are not remitted are paid in full.

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

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.

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

(Applicant)

(Telephone Number)

(Witness)

(Address)

Please remember to enclose:

- a) Constitution;**
- b) Statement of objectives;**
- c) Full financial accounts;**
- d) Information on activities and programmes;**
- e) Details of membership or clients.**

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Date _____ Valuation No. _____ Rate A/C _____

Officer dealing with _____

Total rates due for year \$ _____

Criteria met?

APPLICATION APPROVED BY:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date(s): _____