

A formal application is required for consideration, and this application should outline the reasons for which you are seeking a remission. The application will be investigated and the applicant will receive written response about the outcome. The outcome will be notified within 10 working days. In the event whereby an applicant is not satisfied with the response, the applicant can request a further review in writing and the application will be referred to Council for its consideration.

The Maori Freehold Land Rates Remission Policy needs to be read prior to, and in conjunction with this application form. For a full copy of the Rates Remission Policy refer to [www.waitomo.govt.nz](http://www.waitomo.govt.nz) or contact our customer services team on 0800 932 4357 for a paper copy to be sent.

Applications must be received by 30 April for the following rating year commencing 1 July.

**This application is for the rating year 1 July**  **to 30 June**

## Section A - Applicant Information

Name:

Postal Address:

Postcode:

Contact Number(s):

Daytime:

Mobile:

Email Address:

## Section B - Property Information

Valuation Number:

Property Legal Description:

Property Location:

Annual Rates:

Current Balance:

## Section C - Objectives and Eligibility

The objective for Category B: Maori Land - Economic Use and Development Remissions is to provide an incentive to assist the conversion of otherwise undeveloped, unoccupied Maori freehold land, to an economic use through a progressive stepped application of a full liability for the payment of rates, over a five year period where:

(a) There is an intention to make economic use of the land, or a clear intent to progressively develop the economic use of the land over time, Council will enter into a remission of rates arrangement with the Trustees/Owner(s) or Occupier(s) where the Council is satisfied such an arrangement will encourage economic use through development over time.

### Extent of Remissions

- (a) No remission will be granted on Targeted Rates for water supply, sewage disposal, and solid waste services.
- (b) All applications for rates remissions toward economic development will be remitted on satisfaction of the application criteria outlined in clause Part C (2) and Part D (4) of this Policy.

## Section C - Objectives and Eligibility Continued

### Calculation of Liability

(a) At Council's discretion during the annual review and/or with negotiations with the land owner/s or trustees, a staged rates requirement will be implemented according to the following schedule:

Year 1 Not less than 20% payable for that year

Year 2 Not less than 40% payable for that year

Year 3 Not less than 60% payable for that year

Year 4 Not less than 80% payable for that year

Year 5 100% payable for that year.

## Section D - Criteria

The following additional supporting material may be required to make annual application for remissions under Category B: Maori Land - Economic Use and Development Remissions **prior** to commencement of the rating year.

- (a) A written plan setting out the planned economic use of the land or the planned economic development against a five year timeline prepared by a suitable person holding authority over the land and responsible for the planned use.
- (b) Documentation that the land in question has been determined to be Maori freehold land by the Maori Land Court by way of freehold order.
- (c) A copy of the Certificate of Title if available.
- (d) An identified owner, agent of owner, or occupier to be recorded on the rating records pursuant to Part 4 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.
- (e) That identified owner, agent of owner or occupier must provide Council with evidence that he or she has full control over the property.
- (f) Details of the property size and use.
- (g) Aerial photographs if available.
- (h) A description of the intended use of the land, and a statement as to how the objectives defined under this Policy will be achieved by the granting of rates remission.
- (i) Other documentation that Council may require to make a decision.

In support of my/our application I/we wish Council to consider the following circumstances:

(If you have any other relevant documentation in support of this application, please attach to this form).

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## Section D - Criteria Continued

An annual application for a rate remission under Category B: (Maori Freehold Land) must be made no later than **30 April for the following rating year commencing 1 July** (ie; applications must be made in advance of the beginning of the rating year). The application must be made on the prescribed form.

**Note: It is the obligation of the applicant/s to advise Council of any change of use that may affect eligibility for rates remission, under this category.**

## Section E - Declaration

I/We do Solemnly and sincerely declare that the particulars details above are correct and that the conditions concerning the land detailed apply.

I/We do solemnly and sincerely declare that I/we have authority to act on behalf of the owners.

I/We make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and correct by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Signature:

Declared at: (Place)

Date:

### Check List:

1. Have you read the full policy to ascertain your eligibility?
2. Have you attached evidential documents supporting your eligibility?
3. Have you completed all the questions? Incomplete applications will be returned to you to complete
4. Have you signed the form?

  
  
  

**Please note: Your Rates Remission Application must be in by 30 April for the following rating year beginning 1 July. All Rates must be paid by the due date regardless of the status of your rates remission application.**