

This application for rates remission relates to the 3 years commencing 1 July _____

A formal application is required on a 3 yearly basis for consideration. 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 from Council about the outcome. The outcome will be notified within 10 working days. In the event whereby an application will be referred to Council for its consideration.

The Māori 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 go to www.waitomo.govt.nz or contact our Customer Services Team on 0800 932 4357 or 07 878 0800 for a paper copy to be sent.

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

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 A - Applicant Information

Name:			
Street Address or PO Box:			
Suburb or RD:			
Town or City:		Postcode:	
Contact Number(s):	Home:	Work:	Mobile:
Email Address:			

Section B - Property Information

Valuation Number/s:	
Property Legal Description:	
Property Location:	

Section C - Remission Categories

In order for a property, or part of a property to qualify for a rates remission under this category it must meet all of the required criteria and at least one of the optional criteria. Please tick the optional criteria that is relevant to your application.

1. Required Criteria

A property must be both:

- Māori Freehold Land as defined in the LGRA 2002; and
- Unoccupied and unproductive

Definition of Unoccupied or Undeveloped land:

Land will be defined as unoccupied or undeveloped unless there is a person, whether with a beneficial interest in the land or not, who, alone or with others, carries out any of the following activities on the land:

- Leases the land and/or
- Does any of the following things on the land, with the intention of making a profit or for any other benefit: resides on the land; de-pastures or maintains livestock on the land; stores anything on the land, or uses the land in any other way.

Section C - Criteria and Extent of Remission continued

2. Optional Criteria

A property must be/have at least one of the following:

- The presence of waahi tapu that may affect the use of the land or other purposes;
- Better set aside and protected from use because of its special cultural significance and unique natural features;
- Better set aside and protected from use to protect the indigenous flora and fauna located on the land;
- A traditional and important food source for Tangata Whenua;
- A traditional and important source for cultural, medicinal, symbolic and spiritual needs of Tangata Whenua;
- Important tribal landmarks significant to Tangata Whenua;
- Important water catchment system to Tangata Whenua for sustaining physical and spiritual values;
- Accessibility issues due to:
 - the property being landlocked and/or;
 - access is legally available by paper road or easement but the road does not exist and/or;
 - a road ends or passes the property but a river, ravine, cliff or other impediment prevents practical access.
- In a natural and undeveloped state, and will continue to remain in such state;
- Prevented from being dwelling and beehive extension of remission, productive or used due to the size, location, lack of fencing or some other feature.

Eligible properties will receive:

- 100% of all rates set on these properties, except Targeted Rates set for water supply, sewage disposal or solid waste collection will be remitted.
- Where there are no services provided to the property and/or it is uneconomic to pursue rates, all rates will be remitted.

Section D - Questions

To be eligible for remission you MUST answer all of the following questions. If the application is incomplete, it will be returned to you. Please indicate yes or no and provide further details where necessary.

1) Does this application apply to the whole property?

YES NO

If only part, please define/describe the area:

Section D - Questions continued

2) Is the land unoccupied or undeveloped?

YES NO

If yes, please describe:

3) Does the land have any special cultural significance or unique natural features, significant vegetation and /or habitat?

If yes, please describe:

YES NO

4) Is there any income derived from the land? (This includes beehives, rent, lease, licence to occupy or business operations)

YES NO

If yes, please describe:

5) Are there any improvements on the land (eg; building structures of any kind)?

YES NO

If yes, please describe the improvements and their use:

6) Are there any Dwellings on the Property?

If yes, please apply under Category B

YES NO

7) Are there any beehives on the property?

If yes, please apply under Category B

YES NO

8) Are there any plans to use or lease the land in the future?

If yes, please describe:

YES NO

9) Is the property fenced?

YES NO

10) Is the property accessible?

YES NO

11) Does the land have any indigenous flora and fauna?

YES NO

If yes, does the land meet one or more of the following criteria?
The land is unoccupied and:

- A traditional and important food source for Tangata Whenua.
- A traditional and important source for cultural, medicinal, symbolic and spiritual needs of Tangata Whenua.
- Includes important tribal landmarks significant to Tangata Whenua.
- Important water catchment system to Tangata Whenua for sustaining physical and spiritual values.

Please provide details to support the criteria ticked above:

Council will also take into consideration whether the land:

1. Has road access and/or access to other services.
2. Contains indigenous forest of high ecological value.
3. Is contiguous with forest reserves or National/Forest Parks
4. Is complementary with Marae Reserve Areas.
5. Contains remnants of interspersed indigenous vegetation that provide ecological value.
6. Offers significant or assessable benefits and protection of developed lower lying land and/or protection for the investment in public roads.
7. Complements the objectives of and quality of water achieved within formal established water catchment areas.
8. Enhances and complements the objectives and quality of formal established wildlife areas.

Please identify any other factors (such as those described above) that Council should take into consideration:

Where part of the land is deemed to be in indigenous vegetation, the following information must be provided:

1. Location and calculation of the area of the land in question.
2. Photographs and valuation data shall be provided where available.

Section E - Applications

An application for a rate remission under Category A (Māori freehold land general remissions) must be made every 3 years, 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.

When applying for a remission on Maori Freehold Land, the following information is required:

- Documentation that the land in question has been determined to be Māori Freehold Land by the Māori Land Court.
- A copy of the Certificate of Title if available.
- 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.
- That identified owner, agent or owner or occupier must provide evidence that he or she has full control over the property.
- Details of the property size and use.
- Aerial Photographs if available.
- 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.
- Other documentation that Council may require to make a decision.

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

Section F - 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.

Signature:

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.