



Rates Remission for Financial Hardship

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A remission will be considered in cases of extreme financial hardship. Companies, trusts and other similar ownership structures do not qualify for this remission. The ratepayer must be eligible for a rates rebate from your local council and set up a payment arrangement for paying rates in the future.

Before completing an application, you must have sought assistance from your bank or financial advisor for other sources of finance e.g. a reverse mortgage or annuity, or budget advice. This will need to be provided alongside this application.

Please complete the following for your application.

Property Details:

Valuation Number:* _____

Property Address: _____

Ratepayer Details:

Ratepayer Name:* _____

Contact Number:* _____

Email Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

If an email address is provided, we will send all correspondence about your rates remission application by email, otherwise we will use the postal address provided.

The following criteria will need to be met

The applicant must:

- Be a natural person (i.e. an individual, rather than a company or organisation, which are also legal persons).
- Be eligible for the Government Rates Rebate Scheme and consent to Bay of Plenty Regional Council verifying this with my local council (Territorial Local Authority).
- Not own any other rating unit (excludes interests in multiply owned Māori Land).
- Make an acceptable arrangement for payment of future rates.

The rating unit must:

- Not be vacant land.
- Be used solely as a domestic residence.
- Be the normal place of residence of the applicant.

Supporting Information

Consideration will be given to applicants who have sought alternative sources of finance, and evidence that budget advice has been sought.

By signing this form, I confirm that:

- By signing this form, I confirm that I am a ratepayer in respect of the above property, or that I am authorised by the ratepayer(s) to submit this application.

Signature:

Name:

Date:

Please email your completed form to: rates@boprc.govt.nz

or by post to: **Bay of Plenty Regional Council: PO Box 364 Whakatāne 3158**

Please see our privacy statement at <https://www.boprc.govt.nz/privacy-statement> (or available in hard copy on request) to understand how we collect, use, protect and share your information.

We would like to use your contact details to inform you of Bay of Plenty Regional Council activities and services that may affect you. If you do not want your contact details to be used by us for this purpose, please contact us at: rates@boprc.govt.nz or on **0800 BOP RATES (0800 267 728)**. We will not use your contact details for general marketing purposes.

Please refer to our website www.boprc.govt.nz for copies of our Rates Remission and Postponement policies, which include more detail on each of our remissions and the criteria and considerations that apply to them.