



Rates Remission

for Māori Freehold Land **GENERAL REMISSION**

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This remission aims to encourage Māori landowners to retain their land, safeguard waahi tapu (sacred places), and enable the development of land to provide benefits to whānau and hapū. The following types of land are considered as Māori Freehold Land for our rates remission policy:

- **Māori Freehold Land** - Land, which is beneficially owned, as determined by the Māori Land Court by freehold order.
- **Former Māori freehold land now General Title** – At Council’s discretion, Land whose status was changed to General Land under the Māori Affairs Amendment Act 1967.
- **General land owned by Māori** - as defined in Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 and administered by the Māori Land Court. This status is found on the Record of Title
- **Any land, regardless of its status, returned as redress or compensation** - This applies to a Māori trust, iwi, hapū or other entity, by the Crown or Local Government body, for a historic wrongdoing or breach of the Treaty of Waitangi.

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 and conditions will apply:

- We will require evidence that the land meets the criteria for Māori Freehold Land as described above.
- Supporting information will need to show how the remission meets our objectives.
- **The following types of land are eligible for remission:**
 - Land used for Traditional or Māori cultural purposes, and not suitable for economic or housing purposes.
 - Land subject to cultural considerations, such as waahi tapu, which make it unsuitable for economic or housing purposes.
 - Land that plays a valuable role in preserving the natural character of the coastal environment, protecting outstanding natural features, significant indigenous vegetation, or significant habitats of indigenous fauna.
 - Land that has no identifiable trust, person, or owner benefiting from it.
 - Land that is adjacent to a marae and used for accommodation for Kaumātua who support the marae and its cultural purposes, as validated by the marae trustees.

Supporting Information

Please provide the following information to support your application:

- Documentation showing that the land that meets the criteria of Māori Freehold land as provided by Bay of Plenty Regional Council definition
- Statement of objectives
- Full financial accounts
- Information on activities and programmes
- Details of membership or clients

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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 apply for this remission.

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 our Rates Remission and Postponement policies, which include more detail on each of our remissions and the criteria and considerations that apply to them.