



2015/2016 Rates Rebate Application Form

The Rates Rebate Scheme operates under the Rates Rebate Act 1973. The purpose of the Scheme is to provide a subsidy to low income home owners on the cost of their rates. The maximum rebate for this rating year is \$610.

The Rates Rebate Scheme is managed by local councils. **Please take this form to your council once completed.**

Council staff will work out your rebate and provide it to you. If you have any questions about the Scheme contact your council or go to www.dia.govt.nz/ratesrebates.

Who is eligible?

You must be a legal ratepayer for the property that was your home on 1 July 2015. To check your entitlement, please refer to the table below or go to www.dia.govt.nz/ratesrebates and enter your details into the rebate calculator. If you have dependants, your entitlement is likely to be greater, up to the maximum of \$610.

When can I apply?

Ratepayers need to apply each year, within the applicable rating year. This application form is for the 2015/2016 rating year, which runs from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016. Claims cannot be made for past rating years, or after 30 June 2016.

Can people living in retirement villages apply?

In general, holders of a licence to occupy agreement are not eligible for a rebate. They do not meet the Scheme's requirements as they are not directly liable to pay rates, and their residential units cannot be rated separately. However, retirement villages operate under a variety of tenure arrangements. Please check with your local council to determine if you are eligible to apply.

Can owners of owner-occupier flats apply?

An owner-occupier flat forms part of a group of two or more dwellings that are separately owned by the occupants, but built on a single rating unit. The rates are shared by the owners, who also have shares in the land. This arrangement is sometimes known as 'company share'. If you are the owner of an owner-occupier flat, you might be eligible for a rebate. Please obtain a separate rates rebate owner-occupier declaration form from your local council. Alternatively this form can be found on www.dia.govt.nz/ratesrebates. Once completed, the owner-occupier declaration form should be handed to the council with this application form.

Rates rebate income eligibility table for households with no dependants

(If your income/rates aren't shown call your council for more information or visit www.dia.govt.nz/ratesrebates for the online calculator.)

Household Income	Level of Rates											
	\$1,200	\$1,400	\$1,600	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$2,200	\$2,400	\$2,600	\$2,800	\$3,000	\$3,200	\$3,500
\$24,000	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00
\$25,000	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00
\$26,000	\$498.33	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00
\$27,000	\$373.33	\$506.67	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00
\$28,000	\$248.33	\$381.67	\$515.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00
\$29,000	\$123.33	\$256.67	\$390.00	\$523.33	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00
\$30,000	-	\$131.67	\$265.00	\$398.33	\$531.67	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00
\$31,000	-	\$6.67	\$140.00	\$273.33	\$406.67	\$540.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00
\$32,000	-	-	\$15.00	\$148.33	\$281.67	\$415.00	\$548.33	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00
\$33,000	-	-	-	\$23.33	\$156.67	\$290.00	\$423.33	\$556.67	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00
\$34,000	-	-	-	-	\$31.67	\$165.00	\$298.33	\$431.67	\$565.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00
\$35,000	-	-	-	-	-	\$40.00	\$173.33	\$306.67	\$440.00	\$573.33	\$610.00	\$610.00
\$36,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$48.33	\$181.67	\$315.00	\$448.33	\$581.67	\$610.00
\$37,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$56.67	\$190.00	\$323.33	\$456.67	\$610.00
\$38,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$65.00	\$198.33	\$331.67	\$531.67
\$39,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$73.33	\$206.67	\$406.67
\$40,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$81.67	\$281.67
\$41,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$156.67
\$42,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$31.67

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APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 30 JUNE 2016 AND CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE

6. Important Information

Rates rebates are granted under the Rates Rebate Act 1973. You must provide the requested information on this form so your rebate can be worked out. Your council will process the application. You have the right to see this information, and have it corrected.

Section 14 of the Rates Rebate Act 1973

14. Offences

- (1) Every person commits an offence who-
- (a) for the purpose of obtaining any rates rebate under this Act, for himself or for any other person, makes any statement or declaration knowing it to be false in any particular, or wilfully misleads or attempts to mislead any person concerned in the administration of this Act or any other person whatsoever; or
 - (b) refuses or fails to comply with any requirement under section 11, or refuses or fails to answer any question put to him pursuant to that section, or knowingly gives any false or misleading answer to any such question.
- (2) Every person who commits an offence against this Act is liable on conviction before a District Court Judge to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding \$500, or to both.

7. Declaration

I
(name in full)

of

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(residential address)

.....
(occupation)

solemnly and sincerely declare that I believe the information I have given on this form is true and correct, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

.....
(signature of ratepayer)

Declared at this day of 20

before me
(signature and printed name of person authorised to witness the declaration)

authorised council officer chartered accountant barrister/solicitor court registrar/deputy court registrar

Justice of the Peace minister of religion Member of Parliament

other authorised person (see below)

A number of people can authorise a declaration. To find a full list go to www.dia.govt.nz/ratesrebates or contact your council.

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