

2014/2015 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 \$605.

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.ratesrebates.govt.nz

Who is eligible?

You must be a legal ratepayer for the property that was your home on 1 July 2014. To check your entitlement, please refer to the table below or go to www.ratesrebates.govt.nz and enter your details into the rebate calculator. If you have dependants, your entitlement is likely to be greater, up to the maximum of \$605.

When can I apply?

Ratepayers need to apply each year, within the applicable rating year. This application form is for the 2014/2015 rating year, which runs from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015. Claims cannot be made for past rating years, or after 30 June 2015.

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.ratesrebates.govt.nz 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.ratesrebates.govt.nz for the online calculator)

Household Income	\$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	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00
\$25,000	\$600.33	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00
\$26,000	\$475.33	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00
\$27,000	\$350.33	\$483.67	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00
\$28,000	\$225.33	\$358.67	\$492.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00
\$29,000	\$100.33	\$233.67	\$367.00	\$500.33	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00
\$30,000	-	\$108.67	\$242.00	\$375.33	\$508.67	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00
\$31,000	-	-	\$117.00	\$250.33	\$383.67	\$517.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00
\$32,000	-	-	-	\$125.33	\$258.67	\$392.00	\$525.33	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00
\$33,000	-	-	-	\$0.33	\$133.67	\$267.00	\$400.33	\$533.67	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00
\$34,000	-	-	-	-	\$8.67	\$142.00	\$275.33	\$408.67	\$542.00	\$605.00	\$605.00	\$605.00
\$35,000	-	-	-	-	-	\$17.00	\$150.33	\$283.67	\$417.00	\$550.33	\$605.00	\$605.00
\$36,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$25.33	\$158.67	\$292.00	\$425.33	\$558.67	\$605.00
\$37,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$33.67	\$167.00	\$300.33	\$433.67	\$605.00
\$38,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$42.00	\$175.33	\$308.67	\$508.67
\$39,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$50.33	\$183.67	\$383.67
\$40,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$58.67	\$258.67
\$41,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$133.67
\$42,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$8.67

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 30 JUNE 2015 AND CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE

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Application for the rating year 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

Please complete all questions

1. Name – You must be named on your local council’s rating information database.

Last name	First name	Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss (<i>circle</i>)
Were you living at the property on 1 July 2014?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Were you living with a spouse/partner* or joint home owner(s) on 1 July 2014?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, please include their income details in section 4.</i>

**Partner’ is a person you are married to or with whom you are in a civil union or de facto relationship

2. Address – The property you pay rates for must be your principal place of residence. You cannot claim a rates rebate for the rates payable on a property that is used principally for business, farming, commercial or industrial purposes, or a home that is not your usual place of residence.

Street number and name	Suburb
Town and postcode	
Postal address (if different)	
Why is your postal address different?	
Daytime phone number ()	Mobile phone
Did you move to another address during this rating year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>(Attach your settlement statement)</i>	
If yes , on what date did you settle the sale of your previous property? ____/____/____	
Amount of rates paid on your original property for this rating year \$_____	
Did you receive any rebate on those rates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, how much? \$_____</i>	
Do you earn money from home or run a business from home? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, how?</i>	
Do you own more than one property? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If yes, type of property</i>	
If yes , are any rental properties? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes* <input type="checkbox"/> No	

*Please include income details in section 4

3. Dependants

These are:

- children you care and provide for under the age of 18 on 1 July 2014 and who at this time were not married and were not receiving payments under section 363 of the Children, Young Persons, and their Families Act 1989
- relatives in receipt of a benefit (but not NZ Superannuation) on 1 July 2014.

They must have been living with you on **1 July 2014**. Your partner is **not** a dependant.

Last name	First name	Birth date	Benefit type

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4. Income Declaration – ‘Income’ means money received, before tax, for the year ended 31 March 2014.

<p>Satisfactory proof of income includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • income confirmation from Work and Income; and/or • income confirmation from Inland Revenue; and/or • investment earning statements for the tax year; and/or • statement of earnings from your employer. 	<p>Additionally for self-employed people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a complete set of business accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 • you cannot offset business losses against other income • business losses should be entered as \$0.
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Ratepayers who were living and earning overseas during part, or all, of the tax year should obtain income information from the country in which they were living.

We recommend you use an exchange rate that reflects the average for the period for which overseas income is assessed. A table of mid-rates (average rates) may be obtained from the Reserve Bank - www.rbnz.govt.nz Your local council may also be able to help.

In the table below, please show the **total income**, before tax, that you and your spouse/partner and/or joint homeowner received **for the tax year 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014**. Please indicate your occupation and tick the relevant boxes to show the source(s) of your income.

Unemployment Self-employment Employment Occupation: _____
 Sickness Invalid's benefit New Zealand Superannuation Widows'/Domestic Purposes Benefit
 Other (please specify)

Note: New benefit categories came into effect on 15 July 2013. See www.workandincome.govt.nz

	Your income	Partner/joint homeowner income
Wages or salary	\$	\$
Work and Income benefits	\$	\$
Work and Income supplements (e.g. Accommodation Supplement)	\$	\$
New Zealand Superannuation	\$	\$
Personal superannuation	\$	\$
Interests/dividends	\$	\$
Overseas income (converted to \$NZ)	\$	\$
Net profit before tax from any business – enter '0' if you sustained a loss	\$	\$
Rental income - enter '0' if you sustained a loss	\$	\$
ACC earnings compensation	\$	\$
Trust income paid to you	\$	\$
Working for Families Tax Credits (excludes Family Tax Credits)	\$	\$
Income from other sources (please identify)	\$	\$
	\$	\$
Individual total	\$	\$
Total combined income	\$	

5. Rates

<p>Refer to your 2014/15 rates notices to complete this section. Show the total amount you pay for local, regional and water rates (if applicable) on your home.</p>	<p>“Rates” does not include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the amount of any discount offered for early payment (this means deduct the amount of any discount whether or not you received the discount) • any rates a court has told you to pay.
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Council use only		
Local council rates	\$	
Regional council rates	\$	
Council water rates	\$	
Total rates	\$	

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 summary 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

.....
(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.

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(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.ratesrebates.govt.nz or contact your council.

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