

Rates Remission Penalties

This application is made under Council's Policy on Remission of Penalties (Policy on reverse).

1. Applicant Details

Ratepayer Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Contact Postal Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

2. Rating Unit Information

Valuation Number / Water Account: _____ Amount of Penalty Incurred: \$ _____

Property Location: _____

3. Please identify under which policy clause you are applying for remission *(tick one)*

- a. Where there exists a history of regular, punctual payment over the last two years and payment is made within a short time following the ratepayer being made aware of the non-payment, a one-off reduction in penalties may be made.
- b. Where an agreed payment plan is in place, penalties may be suppressed or reduced, where the ratepayer complies with the terms of the agreed payment plan.
- c. Where the rates instalment was issued in the name of a previous property owner.
- d. Where a ratepayer has been ill or in hospital or suffered a family bereavement or tragedy of some type and has been unable to attend to payment, on compassionate grounds.
- e. Where an error has been made on the part of the Council staff or arising through error in the general processing which has subsequently resulted in a penalty charge being imposed.
- f. Where the remission will facilitate the collection of overdue rates and it results in full payment of arrears.
- g. Where the remission facilitates the future payment of rates by direct debit within a specified timeframe.
- h. Where ratepayers can reasonably expect a rates remission for the rating year where their application has not yet been approved, or where the final date for lodging the remission application has not yet passed.

4. Please provide relevant details and background

5. Have you applied for a remission in the last two years? *(tick one)* Yes No

6. Have rates due been paid? *(tick one)* Yes No

Note: if the penalty is remitted, it will show under "Less remissions" on your next rates invoice.

Signed: _____	Name: _____	Date: _____
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Policy on Remission of Penalties

This policy is made in accordance with sections 102 and 109 of the Local Government Act 2002 and is applied as per sections 85 and 86 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Objectives

To enable the Council to act fairly and reasonably in its consideration of penalties charged on rates which have not been received by the Council by the due date.

1 Conditions and Criteria

- 1.1 This Policy applies to ratepayers within the Tasman District.
- 1.2 Remission of penalties on late payment of rates may be made when it is considered just and equitable to do so. In determining justice and equity, one or more of the following criteria shall be applied.
 - a. Where there exists a history of regular, punctual payment over the last two years and payment is made within a short time following the ratepayer being made aware of the non-payment, a one-off reduction in penalties may be made.
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2 Procedure

- 2.1 A ratepayer may request that the penalty applied for late payment be remitted.
- 2.2 In implementing this policy the circumstances of each case will be taken into consideration on their individual merits and a remission will be conditional upon the full amount of such rates due having been paid.
- 2.3 Council may delegate authority to consider and approve applications to Council officers. In the event of any doubt or dispute arising, the application is to be referred to the Full Council or any committee it delegates to for a decision.

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