

POLICY ON REMISSION OF RATES FOR SCHOOL WASTEWATER CHARGES

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 provide relief and assistance to educational establishments in paying wastewater charges.

1. CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA

- 1.1 This Policy applies to rating units in the Tasman District.
- 1.2 The Policy will apply to educational establishments as defined in Schedule 1 Part 1 clause 6 (a-b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The Policy does not apply to schoolhouses or parts of a school used for residential purposes.
- 1.3 The wastewater charge is the rate that would be levied using the same mechanism as applied to other rating units in the district, divided by the number of toilets/urinals as determined in accordance with the clauses below.
- 1.4 For the purpose of clause 1.3, the number of toilets/urinals for rating units occupied for the purposes of an educational establishment is one toilet/urinal for every 20 pupils and staff.
- 1.5 Where the formula is applied and the wastewater charge is higher than the amount that would normally be levied if no formula was applied, the amount to pay would be the lesser of the two.
- 1.6 The number of pupils in an educational establishment is the number of pupils on its roll on 1 March in the year immediately before the rating year to which the charge relates.
- 1.7 For early childhood establishments, the number of pupils is the maximum number of pupils licensed for each session on the 1 March in the year immediately before the rating year to which the charge relates.
- 1.8 The number of staff in an educational establishment is the number of full time equivalent teaching and administration staff employed by that educational establishment on 1 March immediately before the year to which the charge relates.

2. PROCEDURE

- 2.1 The application for rates remission must be made to the Council on or before 15 June in the rating year preceding the rating year to which the application relates. Applications made before this deadline will be eligible for consideration for the next rating year commencing 1 July.
- 2.2 Applications for remission must be made on the prescribed form.
- 2.3 Applications will not be accepted for prior rating years.
- 2.4 The Council may delegate authority to consider and approve applications to Council staff. 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.