

Rates and activities funded

<p>General rate including uniform annual general charge (UAGC): Funding activities which are deemed to provide a general benefit across the entire District or which are not economic to fund separately. These activities include: environmental management, public health and safety, transportation, roads and footpaths, coastal structures, water supply, solid waste, flood protection and river control works, community development, governance and council enterprises.</p>
<p>Stormwater: Funding the stormwater activities including operating, maintaining and improving the stormwater infrastructure assets.</p>
<p>Water supply – Urban water supply metered connections (excluding Motueka water supply and industrial water supply agreement holders) – Volumetric charge and service charge and Rural water extensions to urban water schemes: Funding the urban water supply (not including Motueka) including operating, maintaining and improving the infrastructure assets relating to water supply.</p>
<p>Water supply – Motueka water supply metered connections – Volumetric charge and service charge: Funding the Motueka water supply including operating, maintaining and improving the infrastructure assets relating to water supply.</p>
<p>Water supply – Dovedale rural water supply: Funding the Dovedale rural water supply including operating, maintaining and improving the infrastructure assets relating to water supply.</p>
<p>Water supply – Redwood Valley rural water supply: Funding the Redwood Valley rural water supply including operating, maintaining and improving the infrastructure assets relating to water supply.</p>
<p>Water Supply – Eighty Eight Valley rural water supply – Variable charge and service charge: Funding the Eighty Eight Valley rural water supply including operating, maintaining and improving the infrastructure assets relating to water supply.</p>
<p>Water Supply – Hamama rural water supply – Variable charge, service charge and fixed charge based on set land value: Funding the Hamama rural water supply including operating, maintaining and improving the infrastructure assets relating to water supply.</p>
<p>Water supply – Motueka Firefighting: Funding the Motueka Township firefighting water supply.</p>
<p>Water supply – Takaka Firefighting – Capital: Funding the Takaka CBD firefighting water supply capital costs.</p>
<p>Water supply – Takaka Firefighting – Operating: Funding the Takaka CBD firefighting water supply operating costs.</p>
<p>Water supply – Dams – Wai-iti Valley Community Dam: Funding the costs of the Wai-iti Valley community dam.</p>
<p>Wastewater: Funding the wastewater activities including providing and managing wastewater treatment facilities and sewage collection and disposal.</p>
<p>Regional river works rate: Funding flood protection and river control works activities – river works including maintaining rivers in order to promote soil conservation and mitigate damage caused by floods and riverbank erosion and to maintain quality river control and flood protection schemes.</p>
<p>Motueka business rate: Funding governance activities – providing a grant to Our Town Motueka to fund promotion of the Motueka business area and covering administration and other associated costs.</p>
<p>Richmond business rate: Funding governance activities – providing a grant to Richmond Unlimited to fund promotion of the Richmond business area and covering administration and other associated costs.</p>
<p>Ruby Bay stopbank rate: Funding the costs of coastal structure activities – the capital costs of the Ruby Bay stop bank.</p>
<p>Mapua stopbank rate: Funding the costs of coastal structure activities – the capital costs of the Mapua stop bank and the operating and other costs of the Ruby Bay and Mapua stop banks and coastal studies.</p>
<p>Motueka flood control rate: Funding flood protection and river control works – the costs of the Motueka flood control project, including project investigation design and feasibility study.</p>
<p>Torrent bay replenishment rate: Funding the costs of coastal structure activities – reinstating and maintaining the beach at Torrent Bay.</p>
<p>District facilities rate: Funding community development activities including part of the costs of capital funding for new, large, community, recreational, sporting or cultural District projects which have met defined criteria, and will provide benefit to the residents of Tasman District.</p>
<p>Shared facilities rate: Funding community development activities including part of the costs of capital funding for new, large, community, recreational, sporting or cultural regional projects which have met defined criteria, and will provide benefit to the residents of Tasman District and Nelson City.</p>
<p>Facilities operations rate: Funding community development activities including the operating costs of various community facilities within the District.</p>
<p>Museums facilities rate: Funding community development museum activities including contributing to the capital and operating costs of the regional museum, and the Council's District museums.</p>
<p>Refuse/recycling rate: Funding solid waste activities including kerbside recycling, rubbish collection and other waste related activities.</p>
<p>Mapua rehabilitation rate: Funding costs of environmental management activities - interest and loans and holding costs associated with the former Fruit Grower Chemical Company site.</p>
<p>Golden Bay Community Board rate: Funding governance activities – the costs of the Golden Bay Community Board and specific projects that the Board wishes to undertake in the Golden Bay Ward.</p>
<p>Motueka Community Board rate: Funding governance activities – the costs of the Motueka Community Board and specific projects that the Board wishes to undertake in the Motueka Ward.</p>
<p>Warm Tasman rate: Funding the costs of environmental management activities – the Warm Tasman Scheme.</p>
<p>Waimea Community Dam – Environmental and Community Benefits Districtwide rate and Waimea Community Dam – Environmental and Community benefits ZOB rate: Funding the costs of the water supply activity - Council's contribution for the environmental and community benefits associated with the Waimea Community Dam. The Waimea Community Dam Environmental and Community benefits rates include some funding for costs incurred that have not been recovered as part of the project joint venture. In the event the project doesn't proceed, Council will use the full funds collected by these rates to fund costs that have been incurred up to the point of making a decision.</p>

Summary of rates remission policy and policy on rate relief for Māori freehold land

The Council has a number of policies that may provide rates relief in certain circumstances. A brief summary of these policies is included below. The full policies including the conditions and criteria and procedures for applying, and the application forms are available on the Council website at tasman.govt.nz/link/rates-remission or can be obtained from Council service centres.

Remission of rates for sporting, recreation or community organisations

The Council may remit some rates charged on land owned by the Council, the Crown, or a non-profit organisation that is used exclusively or principally for sporting, recreation or community services purposes. Rating units that already receive 50% or 100% non-rateable status will not be eligible to be granted a remission under this policy. **Applications on the prescribed form must be received by the Council by 31 December for applicants who have previously applied or 31 May for new applicants.**

Remission of rates for school wastewater charges

The objective of the policy is to provide relief and assistance to educational establishments in paying wastewater charges. Upon application, wastewater charges may be reduced based on a calculation using the numbers of pupils and staff as at the 1 March immediately before the year to which the rate applies. **Applications on the prescribed form must be received by the Council by 15 June prior to the rating year commencing.**

Remission of excess metered water rates

This policy applies to residential ratepayers who have excess water rates due to a leak in the property's internal reticulation (being the water supply pipe that commences at the point of supply and goes directly to the dwelling). Several criteria need to be met to qualify. **Applications must be initiated within six weeks of the date of the current water account and generally must include proof of repair.**

Remission of penalties

The objective of this policy is 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. In determining justice and equity, the policy lists out a number of criteria that will be applied. Penalties will be considered for remission considering how the application fits the policy criteria and may be conditional upon the full amount of the rates having been paid.

Remission of uniform charges on non-contiguous rating units owned by the same ratepayer

The objective of this policy is to provide relief from uniform charges for rural farming or horticultural which is non-contiguous, farmed as a single entity, and owned by the same ratepayer. **Applications on the prescribed form must be made by 31 May.**

Remission of rates for land subject to Council initiated zone changes

The Council, at its discretion, may remit some of the rates charged on any rating unit used for residential purposes by the ratepayer that is most adversely affected by an increase in rates when the land value of their rating unit increases as a result of Council initiated zone change. **Applications on the prescribed form must be received by the Council by 15 September for applicants who have previously applied or 31 May for new applicants.**

Remission of rates for land occupied by a dwelling that is affected by natural disaster

The Council, at its discretion, may remit some of the rates charged on any rating unit used for residential purposes by the ratepayer if the land has been detrimentally affected by natural disaster rendering dwellings or buildings uninhabitable and requiring activities carried out on the land to cease. **Applications must ordinarily be received within 6 months of the event.**

Remission of rates on low valued properties

The Council, at its discretion, may make property assessments with a rating valuation of up to \$7,000 eligible for a 100% rates remission if the property is not contiguous and not used or able to be used by the owner, and is not an isolation strip. **Applications on the prescribed form must be received by the Council by 31 May.**

Remission of rates on abandoned land

This policy applies to rating units that meet the definition of abandoned land as per the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The policy permits remission of rates on qualifying properties.

Policy on the remission and postponement of rates on Māori freehold land

The Council may remit all or part of the rates on Māori freehold land in accordance with any other rates remission policy that applies to the land if the Council is satisfied that the conditions and criteria for rates to be remitted under that other policy are met. The Council will not postpone the requirement to pay rates on Māori freehold land, thereby treating Māori freehold land the same as general land in Tasman District.