

# Rates rebate application form 2026–2027

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For the rating year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027

A rates rebate lowers the amount an eligible ratepayer needs to pay on their rates invoice.  
If you are a low income homeowner, use this form to apply for a subsidy towards your rates.

### Before you apply

#### Am I eligible?

You may be eligible if:

- you are the legal ratepayer for your property
- your property was your place of residence on 1 July 2026
- your property is not used principally for commercial, industrial, business or farming purposes
- you apply between 1 July 2026 and 30 June 2027.

Apply as soon as your first rates invoice arrives — do not leave it until June.

#### How much will my rebate be?

Your council will calculate your rates rebate. Your rebate amount depends on:

- your rates amount
- if you hold a SuperGold Card
- your gross income and your spouse or partner's gross income (if applicable), and
- the number of dependants living with you.

To check what your entitlement might be, use the online rates rebate calculator:

[govt.nz/rates-rebates-calculator](https://govt.nz/rates-rebates-calculator)

The tables to the right are examples of the rates rebate you may be entitled to if you have no dependants.

| No SuperGold Card | Level of rates |          |          |
|-------------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| Household income  | \$4,000        | \$6,000  | \$8,000  |
| \$32,000          | \$830.00       | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$35,000          | \$830.00       | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$38,000          | \$830.00       | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$41,000          | \$830.00       | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$44,000          | \$830.00       | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$47,000          | \$830.00       | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$50,000          | \$462.00       | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$53,000          | \$87.00        | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$56,000          | \$0.00         | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$59,000          | -              | \$670.33 | \$830.00 |
| \$62,000          | -              | \$295.33 | \$830.00 |
| \$65,000          | -              | \$0.00   | \$830.00 |
| \$68,000          | -              | -        | \$830.00 |
| \$71,000          | -              | -        | \$503.67 |

| SuperGold Card | Level of rates   |          |          |
|----------------|------------------|----------|----------|
|                | Household income | \$4,000  | \$6,000  |
| \$46,000       | \$830.00         | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$49,000       | \$830.00         | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$52,000       | \$830.00         | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$55,000       | \$830.00         | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$58,000       | \$830.00         | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$61,000       | \$735.00         | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$64,000       | \$360.00         | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$67,000       | \$0.00           | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$70,000       | -                | \$830.00 | \$830.00 |
| \$73,000       | -                | \$568.33 | \$830.00 |
| \$76,000       | -                | \$193.33 | \$830.00 |
| \$79,000       | -                | \$0.00   | \$830.00 |
| \$82,000       | -                | -        | \$776.67 |
| \$85,000       | -                | -        | \$401.67 |

## People living in retirement villages

Most retirement village residents who hold a licence to occupy agreement are able to apply.

A separate retirement village operator certificate needs to be filled in by your retirement village operator. Submit it with this rates rebate application form.

You can get the certificate from:  
[govt.nz/rates-rebates](http://govt.nz/rates-rebates)

Talk to your local council or your retirement village operator for more information.

## Owners of company-share apartments (owner-occupier flats)

If you are an owner of a company-share apartment, you might be eligible for a rebate.

A company-share apartment is a residential flat or apartment that you own and have a lease (exclusive possession) or licence (right to occupy and use) to occupy because you:

- are a shareholder in the company that owns the land the flat or apartment is built on, or
- own a financial interest in the land the flat or apartment is built on.

You will need to complete a separate company-share apartment rates rebate declaration form and submit it with your rates rebate application form.

You can get the declaration form from your local council or our website: [govt.nz/rates-rebates](http://govt.nz/rates-rebates)

## Residents of trust-owned properties

You can only apply if you are:

- a named trustee, and
- named on the council rating information database (RID).

## Proof of income

Proof of income is required. Check with your local council to see what their proof of income requirements are. These could include:

- income confirmation from Work and Income or Inland Revenue
- investment earning statement for the tax year
- statement of earnings from your employer.

## Proof of self-employed income

If you are self-employed, you need to provide satisfactory proof of income for the tax year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. This includes:

- a copy of your complete set of financial accounts, or
- the IR3B or IR10 form you provided to Inland Revenue.

Business losses cannot be offset against other income.

## Proof of SuperGold Card

If the legal ratepayer of the property holds a SuperGold Card, you may be eligible to receive a higher rebate.

Provide a copy of your signed SuperGold Card with this application.

Keep your SuperGold Card. Do not send us the original card.

## How to submit this application form

Take or post your completed form to your council. Council staff will work out your rebate.

Keep these guide notes for your own reference.

Applications close on 30 June 2027 and cannot be accepted after that date.

## Further information

Contact your local council with any queries or visit their website.

For further information on rates rebates, go to: [govt.nz/rates-rebates](http://govt.nz/rates-rebates)

## Privacy statement

We collect personal information from you, including information about your name, contact information and location. We collect your personal information in accordance with the Rates Rebate Act 1973. You have the right to ask for a copy of any personal information we hold about you, and to ask for it to be corrected if you think it is wrong. If you would like to ask for a copy of your information, or to have it corrected, contact your local council.

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How to answer this form:

- You can complete this form by hand or on-screen using Adobe Acrobat Reader.
- You can use the tab key to move to the next fillable form field in Adobe Acrobat Reader.
- You must still print off the application and sign by hand.
- When you see this icon  it means you need to take extra care with your answers.
- Read the guide notes on page 1 to page 2 carefully.
- If your application is not correct and complete, your application may be delayed or unsuccessful.

### 1. Your details

You must be named on your local council's rating information database (RID).

First and middle names

Surname or family names

Contact phone number

Email address

### 2. Your address on 1 July 2026

The property you pay rates for must be your usual place of residence on 1 July 2026.

Street number and name

Suburb

Town or city

Postcode

### 3. Do you still live at the same address?

- ☐ Yes ► Go to question 5 on page 2.
- ☐ No ► Continue to question 4 on page 2.

### Office use only:

Reference number

Calculated rebate

Unique property ID

Sighted SGC

#### 4. Details of your change of residence

Fill in this question if you moved residence after 1 July 2026.

##### 4a. What is your new address?

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Street number and name | Suburb   |
| Town or city           | Postcode |

##### 4b. What date did you settle the sale of your previous property?

|                   |
|-------------------|
| Date (dd/mm/yyyy) |
|-------------------|

##### 4c. Details of rates on previous property

|                                       |                                                  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Rates paid on previous property<br>\$ | Rates rebate received for this rating year<br>\$ |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|

#### 5. Your postal address (if different from your current residential address)

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Street number and name | Suburb   |
| Town or city           | Postcode |

#### 6. Enter your rates amount from your rates notice

Your council or retirement village operator will be able to help you with this information.

| Rates type                        | Rates amount | Council use only |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Local council rates               | \$           |                  |
| Regional council rates (if known) | \$           |                  |
| Council water rates (if known)    | \$           |                  |
| Total rates                       | \$           |                  |



## 7. Source of income

Include all your sources of income for the tax year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 in the table below.

If on 1 July 2026, you live with a joint homeowner, partner, or spouse, include their income.

Refer to page 2 of the guide note insert for information on what proof of income you need to supply.

### Do you live with a joint homeowner, partner or spouse?

☐ Yes ► Include their income in the table below.

☐ No

| Enter gross amounts unless stated otherwise                 | Your income | Your joint homeowner, partner, or spouse's income |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| New Zealand Superannuation                                  | \$          | \$                                                |
| Personal superannuation (includes overseas)                 | \$          | \$                                                |
| Wages or salary                                             | \$          | \$                                                |
| Interest or dividends                                       | \$          | \$                                                |
| Work and Income benefits                                    | \$          | \$                                                |
| Work and Income supplements (e.g. Accommodation Supplement) | \$          | \$                                                |
| Working for Family payments (excludes Family Tax Credits)   | \$          | \$                                                |
| Net business income — enter '0' if a loss                   | \$          | \$                                                |
| Net rental income — enter '0' if a loss                     | \$          | \$                                                |
| Trust income paid to you                                    | \$          | \$                                                |
| ACC earnings compensation                                   | \$          | \$                                                |
| Overseas income (converted to NZ\$)                         | \$          | \$                                                |
| Income from other sources                                   | \$          | \$                                                |
| Individual total                                            | \$          | \$                                                |
| Total combined income                                       | \$          |                                                   |

## 8. Dependants living with you on 1 July 2026 (if applicable)

Your spouse or partner is not a dependant. Dependants are:

- children you care and provide for aged under 18 on 1 July 2026 who at this time were not married, in a civil union or de facto relationship and for whom you were not receiving payments under section 363 of the Oranga Tamariki Act 1989, or
- relatives who were receiving a benefit (but not NZ Superannuation) on 1 July 2026.

If you have more than 2 dependants, attach an extra page with their details to your application.

| First names | Last name | Date of birth<br>(dd/mm/yyyy) | Benefit type<br>(if applicable) |
|-------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|             |           |                               |                                 |
|             |           |                               |                                 |

## 9. SuperGold Card

### 9a. Do you hold a SuperGold Card?

- ☐ Yes ► Include a copy of your signed card and continue to question 9b.
- ☐ No ► Go to question 10.

### 9b. Have you already received a rates rebate for this rating year?

If you received a rebate for this rating year before you received your SuperGold Card, you may be eligible for a higher rebate.

- ☐ Yes ► Write details below.
- ☐ No ► Continue to question 10.

Rates rebate received for this rating year  
\$



## 10. Declaration

I certify that the information I have given in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true, complete and correct. I understand that if I have knowingly provided false or misleading statements or information I can, by law, be fined up to \$500, or imprisoned for 12 months, or both.

Full name

Signature

Date signed (dd/mm/yyyy)

You must sign this declaration for your rebate to be processed.  
If you are signing on behalf of the ratepayer, attach a power of attorney.