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What is a rates rebate

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What is a rates rebate

Learn what a rates rebate is, how much it is and how you may get it.

What are rates rebates

A rates rebate is a partial discount on a rates bill—you pay less for your rates.

If you own your home and are on a low income, you may be eligible for a rates rebate.

How the rebate is calculated

Whether you're eligible and how much you get depends on, for example:

- the total amount of rates you pay
- how many dependants live with you
- your total household income before tax
- the ownership of your property
- your living situation
- if you have a SuperGold card.

Councils look after the rates rebate programme

Rates rebate applications are assessed and approved by councils around New Zealand.

If your application is successful, you will get a rebate.

Your local council will:

- tell you how much your rebate is
- deduct this amount off your rates bill, or
- contact you about your rebate if you've already paid your rates in full.

How much you get

Each rates year, a maximum rebate amount is set. You may be eligible for the full amount or a partial rebate.

How much you get depends on what you're entitled to. The council works this out when they assess your application.

Want an estimate?

You can use the calculator to work out how much you might get as a rates rebate. This is an estimate only—your council will assess the actual amount when you apply.

www.govt.nz/rates-rebate-calculator/

How to get the rebate every year

The rebate is not given automatically. You need to apply every year and your application will be fully assessed each time you apply.

As long as you're eligible, you apply before the deadline and you include the required information, you should get a rebate.

Find out if you're eligible for a rebate

The rates rebate application may take you some time to complete. Check if you're eligible before you decide to apply.

Get an application form

You can get a rates rebate application form from:

- your local council office
- online at: www.govt.nz/rates-rebates

If you need help getting a form, contact your local council.

Application deadline

You need to submit your application to your council by 30 June each year.

Contact your local council for help

For help with your application or questions about the rebate, contact your local council. You can find your local councils here:

<https://www.lgnz.co.nz/local-government-in-nz/councils-in-aotearoa/council-websites-and-maps/>

More information

For more information about rates rebates, visit:

www.govt.nz/getting-a-rates-rebate/

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