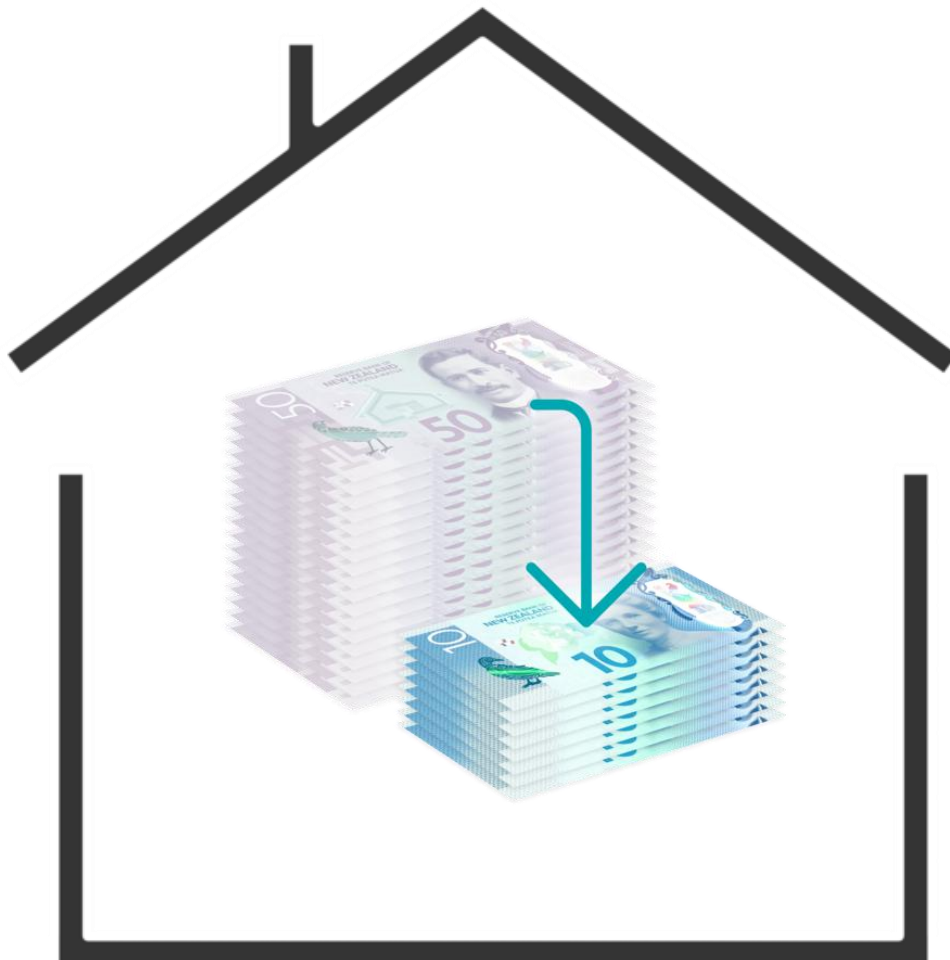




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This Easy Read is about **rates rebates**.



Rates are money you pay to your local **council** so they can run services like rubbish collection.



You only have to pay rates if you own a property / house.



A **council** is the group of people who make choices about how to run a town / city.

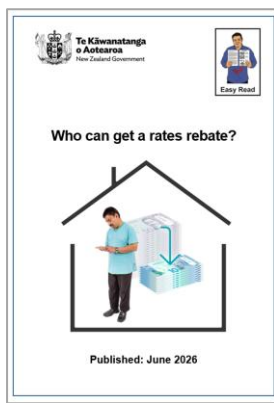


A **rates rebate** is when you pay less money for your rates.



You might be able to get a rates rebate if you:

- own your home
- do not earn much money.



You can find out more about who can get a rates rebate in the Easy Read:

Who can get a rates rebate?



You can find this Easy Read at:

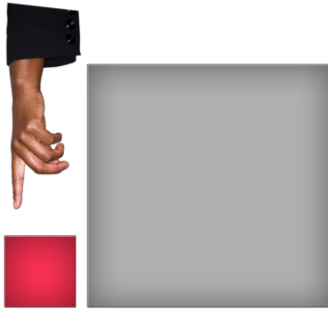
<https://tinyurl.com/2weaxve4>

How big will my rates rebate be?



Each year the Government works out what the biggest rates rebate can be.

Your rates rebate could be:



- the biggest rates rebate
- smaller than the biggest rates rebate.

Councils look at lots of things to decide:



- if you can get a rates rebate
- how big your rates rebate could be.



Some of the things councils look at are:

- how much you spend on rates
- how many **dependents** live with you
- how much everyone living in your home earns
- who owns your home
- who you live with
- if you have a **SuperGold Card**.



Dependents are people you are in charge of looking after like your children.



A **SuperGold Card** is a card for people over 65 years old.

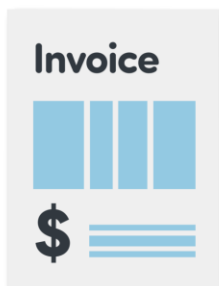


People with a SuperGold Card can pay less for lots of things they spend money on.



You can use this **website** to see what rates rebate you might be able to get:

www.govt.nz/rates-rebate-calculator

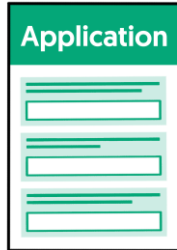


This website does **not** tell you exactly how much you will have to pay on your rates.



Your council will work out exactly how much you have to pay when you ask for a rates rebate.

How to get a rates rebate



You need to fill in a form if you want to get a rates rebate.



You can get the form from:

- your local council
- this **website**:



www.govt.nz/rates-rebates



The form is **not** in Easy Read.



You need to fill in the form every year to get a rates rebate for that year.



It might take a long time to fill in the form.



Send the form to your local council by 30 June each year.



Your council will tell you:

- if you can get a rates rebate
- how much you have to pay on your rates.



Your council will take the amount of your rebate off your rates.



Your council will tell you what to do if you have already paid your rates.

More information



You can contact your local council if you:

- need support to fill in the form
- have questions about rates rebates.



You can find out who your local council is on this **website**:

<https://tinyurl.com/yyybvf84>



This **website** has more information about rates rebates:

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



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