

Application for 2023/24 Water rate remission for vulnerable households relating to High Water Use



Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Contact Phone Number _____

Valuation Number: _____

The Council will make available financial assistance (a remission of water rates) to provide support to families with two or more dependents living at the property.

Applicants may apply for this remission from 1 May with applications being assessed and applied to individual water rate accounts in June. Applications must be received by 30 June 2024 to be considered.

The available remission for each household will be calculated using the households total water usage from all qualifying applicants from 1 July through 30 April. The maximum water rate remission per household will be \$120.

This application will be handled in strict confidence. Please fill in the section below.

I enclose a copy of my Working for Families Tax Credit Summary for the tax year 1/4/23–31/3/24, showing the number of dependents, Required with your application.

I _____

Full name of applicant Applicant's signature

declare that the statements on this form are true and correct in every detail.

Warning: it is an offence to make any false statements in this application form.

Please note applications for a remission of water rates are considered by Council on a case-by-case basis. Funds are limited therefore once the available funds threshold has been reached, no further applications will be considered in that financial year. The decisions of Council on individual applications are final and no further correspondence will be entered into by Council in respect of applications that are not successful.

**If your application is approved the remission will be credited to your water rates account
See overleaf for criteria and privacy statement**

Privacy statement

The personal information collected in this application will be collected for the purpose of assessing applications for rates remission in accordance with Kāpiti Coast District Council's Privacy Policy and the Privacy Act 2020. Information collected will not be used for any other purpose, except as required by law. 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, please contact us at kapiti.council@kapiticoast.govt.nz or +64 4 296 4700.

Criteria for Approving Water Rate Remission

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

(A) Ratepayer: Owner of Property Water Variable Charge Paid by Property Owners

A property owner with two or more dependents living at the property may apply for a water rate remission provided that:

- the applicant owns the property. Companies, family trusts and other similar ownership structures of these properties do not qualify for this remission;
- the applicant resides at the property;
- the property owner is receiving a Working for Families Tax Credit;
- the property owner has two or more dependents (18 years or younger) living at the property;
- total water rate charges from 1 July to 30 April have exceeded \$311.

(B) Landlord and Tenant: Water Variable Charge Paid by Landlord and On-Charged to Tenant

A tenant with two or more dependents living at the property may apply for a water rate remission provided that:

- the tenant has a rental agreement for no less than six months and a copy of the rental agreement is provided;
- the tenant resides at the property and the property is also classified as residential;
- the tenant is receiving a Working for Families Tax Credit;
- the tenant has two or more dependents (18 years or younger) living at the property;
- total water rates charges from 1 July to 30 April have exceeded \$311;
- their landlord is informed and agrees to adjust any on-charged variable water charge to their tenant by the amount remitted by Council.

Should the landlord receive the remission and then not continue to pass on the remission to the tenant, the amount of the remission will be subsequently charged to the relevant rateable property. The tenant will continue to be responsible for any remaining variable charge for water.

General Conditions

- no rates remission will be paid for any variable charge for water use where that water use is for other than internal or essential household use. In effect this means the total cost of non-essential water use will be excluded from the calculation of rates as a proportion of total income.
- the applicant must make a voluntary declaration under the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957 of total household income and their total financial position for the purposes of the remission assessment.

Assessment

All rates remission applications will be treated on a case-by-case basis and will be approved/declined by the Group Manager, Corporate Services (with sub-delegation to the Chief Financial Officer). Other information or evidence may also be requested in certain circumstances (for example, information supporting what change of circumstance may have occurred to cause temporary financial difficulty).

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Once complete, please send this form to the Kāpiti Coast District Council,
Private Bag 60 601 Paraparaumu or rates@kapiticoast.govt.nz
or deliver and place in the dropbox at any Council Service Centre:
Council Offices, 175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu; Waikanae Service Centre, Mahara Place
Ōtaki Library, 81-83 Main Street, Ōtaki.
Telephone: 04 296 4700 or for Ōtaki Residents 0800 486 486

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