

New Zealand Government

Rates Rebate Scheme

Applications for 2019/20

The Rates Rebate Scheme provides a rebate of up to **\$640** for low income earners who were paying rates for the home in which they were living on 1 July 2019.

How do I apply?

Application forms are available from your local council or can be downloaded from the internet on **www.govt.nz/rates-rebates**

You need to apply to your local council.

What do I need to provide?

- Accurate information about your income (and that of any spouse/partner and/or joint home owner who lives with you) for the tax year ended 31 March 2019.
- Your regional council rates bill if received separately.

Where do I go for help?

You should contact your local council. Their details will be on your rates bill or you can go to **www.localcouncils.govt.nz**

Applications close on **30 JUNE 2020**



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How is my rebate worked out?

Your rebate will be calculated based on your income, rates and the number of dependants living with you.

The income eligibility for a rebate is **\$25,660**.

However, if your income exceeds this amount you could still be entitled to a rebate depending on the total cost of your rates and the number of dependants.

Please refer to the application form or your local council for more information.

You cannot apply for a rebate if:

- the property is used principally for farming, commercial, industrial or business purposes; or
- the property is a rental property; or
- you have already applied for a rebate in the current rating year; or
- you do not qualify as a legal ratepayer.

For more information see www.govt.nz/rates-rebates

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