



Application for rates penalty relief due to Covid-19 impacts

This application is to provide for ratepayers experiencing financial hardship to have until 30 June 2021 to pay all rates outstanding from 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 without incurring any penalties.

Applications will be granted subject to meeting the criteria (below) and on the proviso that you enter, and stick to, an agreed payment plan (requiring a minimum of 3 payments with the first on or before 20 December 2020).

Ratepayer name:	
Street address:	
Postal address (if different):	
Email:	
Phone:	
Preferred method of contact:	
Valuation number(s) of your property: (on your rates invoice)	

Check that you meet the criteria and attach evidence that shows:

- Residential Ratepayers:
 - Loss of employment; or
 - Payment from an employer under the government support package; or
 - Qualification for a mortgage “holiday” from the bank.
- Commercial Ratepayers:
 - A 30% reduction in revenue, AND
 - Qualification for a government support package; or
 - Qualification for a mortgage “holiday” from the bank.

Please indicate the frequency you think you will be able to make payments and indicate when payments could commence. We will use this information to propose a payment plan and contact you to discuss the way forward. Note you will still be required to pay rates in full, but we want to help you to manage your bills and cashflow.

Payments likely to commence _____

<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid black;" type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid black;" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid black;" type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid black;" type="checkbox"/> Seasonal (Sept-April)	<input style="width: 40px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid black;" type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input style="width: 40px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid black;" type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <i>(Please specify)</i>
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Declaration:

I/we declare that the information provided is true and correct. I/we understand this application may be declined if any of the above information is not correct. I/we grant permission for the Kaikōura District Council to contact other relevant government or non-government organisations for the purpose of considering this application. I/we also understand the Privacy Act 1993 entitles me to have access to, and if necessary request correction of, the information.

Applicant signature: _____

Date: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THIS RATES RELIEF PACKAGE

The pandemic has changed the world's situation dramatically. Like all Councils in NZ, the Kaikoura District Council is responsible for providing many services that are essential to keeping people healthy and safe throughout the Covid-19 alert levels and beyond. These services include ensuring households have safe drinking water, that wastewater system keeps operating, rubbish can be disposed of safely, burials and cemeteries are functioning, essential roading and safety repairs are made, and emergency services (Civil Defence) are on hand.

Your rates are what pays for these services to keep operating and help our community stay healthy and safe. It is important that you keep paying your rates. If rates are not paid then our recovery will be slower, more painful and more expensive next year.

This relief package has been designed in acknowledgement that;

- the Kaikōura District is still recovering and rebuilding from the 2016 earthquake
- the Council delivers essential services, and needs to invest in projects which will help to keep the economy going
- funding assistance packages are widely available from the government (such as the wage subsidy, and tax relief)
- support is also available from banks (such as mortgage holidays)
- there are still some funds available in the Mayoral Earthquake Relief Fund to assist households suffering from financial hardship

We strongly recommend that you pay rates as frequently as you possibly can. This will keep payments smaller and easier to manage.

Successful applications will be granted subject to meeting the criteria (below) and on the proviso that you enter, and stick to, an agreed payment plan (which will require no less than three payments with the first commencing on or before 20 December 2020).

Before you send this application, please check that you have;

- Completed all fields including your valuation number, AND
- Attached evidence of either
 - a government support package, or
 - a mortgage holiday from the bank, or
 - loss of employment in the last 3 months

Please complete all questions, attach all evidence of support, and send to either of the following:

Kaikōura District Council
PO Box 6
Kaikōura

Deliver by hand to:
Level 2, 96 West End
Kaikōura

or send to:
Fax (03) 319-5308
Email rates@kaikoura.govt.nz