

POSTAL ADDRESS for return of information:

Phone Number

DECLARATION

I declare that the content of this application is true.

Ratepayer's signature

Date _____

Name _____ [please print] Date _____

Remission of Penalties

Objectives:

The objective of this part of the remission policy is to enable the Council to act fairly and reasonably in its consideration of rates, which the Council has not received by the penalty date. This may be due to circumstances outside the ratepayer's control, or because the ratepayer has opted to spread payments over the year rather than pay the single annual invoice amount.

Conditions and Criteria

Remission of one penalty will be considered in any one rating year where payment has been late due to significant family disruption. Remission will be considered in the case of death, illness, or accident of a family member, as at the due date.

Remission of the penalty will be granted if the ratepayer is able to provide evidence that their payment has gone astray in the post or the late payment has otherwise resulted from matters outside their control. Each application will be considered on its merits and remission will be granted where it is considered just and equitable to do so. Rate payers wishing to claim this remission will need to make an application on the form prescribed by Horizons Regional Council.

Remission of the penalty, less a deduction for financing and administration charges, will be made where the ratepayer elects to spread payment of single annual amount due for the year over two or more payments. The amount of the financing and administration charge will be set annually as part of the rate resolution, and will consist of a % of the annual amount together with a flat charge.

Decision on remission of penalties will be delegated to the Chief Financial Officer as set out in the Council's delegation resolution.