

Rate Remissions/postponements from the Auckland Regional Council

Sporting and other groups providing services to communities

- Remission of 50 per cent of rates on land owned and occupied by eligible non-profit sporting, recreational or community groups this is to encourage community services and recreational opportunities in the Auckland region, and to make membership of these groups more accessible to the general public.
- Where the application is eligible and relates to a community hall owned by what is known as a Resident and Ratepayer Association (however named) 100 per cent of rates may be remitted.

Coastal farmland

- Relief to ratepayers of coastal farmland where the rateable value of the land is partly attributable to its coastal location.
- The ratepayer must provide the ARC with a signed statutory declaration confirming that certain criteria have been met. If the application is approved, 25 per cent of the rates for the current rating year may be postponed, subject to conditions, until a date determined by the ARC.

Maori Freehold Land

- The ARC recognises that certain Maori freehold land has particular conditions, features, ownership structures or other circumstances, which may make it appropriate to provide relief from rates.
- Rates may be remitted at the discretion of the ARC if applications meet certain criteria. The ARC has decided that it is unnecessary to provide for the postponement of rates on Maori freehold land because a remission policy is in place.

Properties Subject to QEII Open Space Covenants

- Provide relief to ratepayers of rating units that are subject to an open space covenant under the Queen Elizabeth the Second National Trust Act. A qualifying rating unit will be eligible for remission of the same proportion of rates as the proportion of the rating unit's area that is subject to the covenant.

For full details of each of the above policies and application forms please contact the ARC on 09 366 2000 option 3 or visit www.arc.govt.nz .