



**CENTRAL
HAWKE'S BAY**
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Rates Postponement for Financial Hardship Policy

Adopted: 3 June 2020

Together we Thrive! E ora ngātahi ana!

CENTRAL HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT COUNCIL

RATES POSTPONEMENT FOR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP POLICY

PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY

To provide rating relief to property owners where the full payment of rates would otherwise cause extreme financial hardship.

You must first approach your bank or financial advisor for either a mortgage, reverse mortgage, or annuity. If your application was declined, please provide a copy of the letter that outlines the reasons why. Please complete the application below and attach any additional information, which may be relevant to your application.

Important Information

- Even if rates are postponed, as a rule, the ratepayer will be required to pay the first \$1,000 of the annual rates assessment by setting up regular Direct Debit payments.
- Council will add a Rates Postponement Fee to any outstanding amount of postponed rates for the period between the due date of the postponed rates and the date that they are paid.
- The Rates Postponement Fee is a financing cost that is charged on a compounding basis on all outstanding rates and postponement fees, and will equate to the ANZ Bank Floating Mortgage Rate prevailing at commencement and reviewed at the commencement of each financial year (1 July).
- Postponed rates will be postponed until a date specified by the Council or the death of the ratepayer, or the ratepayer ceases to be the owner of the property or ceases to use the property as their primary residence.
- The amount postponed plus the Rates Postponement Fee will be required to be repaid through a repayment plan to be agreed with Council by regular Direct Debit payments.
- The repayment plan repayments must commence within 2 years of the original due date of the rates being postponed, and must clear the postponed rates plus postponement fees owing within 5 years of the original due date.
- The postponed rates or any part of thereof, may be paid by lump sum at any time.
- Applicants must provide evidence of having received budget advice from an approved budget advisory service.