

Application for Remission of Fines and Interest



Remission of fines and Interest Late payment fines are levied in accordance with the provisions of Section 181 (8) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

The Act provides that: If an instalment of rates is not paid on or before the date on which it falls due:

- (a) the instalment will be regarded as being in arrears
- (b) a fine of two percent of the amount of the instalment is payable
- (c) on the expiration of each full month from that date, interest of the prescribed percentage of the amount in arrears (including the amount of any previous unpaid fine and including interest from any previous month) accrues.

The purpose of this penalty is to act as a genuine deterrent to ratepayers who might otherwise fail to pay their rates on time. To allow Council to recover the administrative cost of following up unpaid rates and to cover any interest cost Council may meet because it has not received the rates on time. Council will consider applications for remission of fines/interest in certain extenuating circumstances. A request for a waiver of fines/interest must be in writing, setting out detailed reasons why a fine remission has been requested.

Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

Applicant Details	
Assessment Number*:	
Property Address*:	
Ratepayer's Name(s)*:	
Applicant's Name (if different from above)	
Phone Number*:	
Email Address*:	
Amount of Remission Requested*:	
Reason the fine should be waived*:	

Supporting Documents

Attach copies of all supporting documentation (e.g. Doctor's certificate). Where this remission is requested over a prolonged period of time due to extreme financial hardship, please attach supporting documentation from a financial counsellor or arrange for this documentation to be sent to Council.