



Remission of Rates for Community, Sports and Other Organisations

Policy 17/107

Applicant Details

Organisation Name _____

Postal Address _____

Contact Person _____

Contact number _____ Email _____

Property ID for remission _____

I have read the conditions and criteria on page 2 and apply for a remission of rates on the above property ID under Policy 17/107 for the following reasons;

Land is used exclusively or principally for (*tick one*)

Sporting

Recreation

Community Purposes

Health

Libraries

Museum

Tuition Fees Charged: Yes No

Further relevant information

Supporting documentation attached:

Statement of objectives

Full financial accounts

Information on activities and programmes

Details of membership or clients

I declare that all the details provided are true and correct

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (please print) _____ Position _____

Office use only

Application Approved / Declined

Review Date _____

Delegated officer's signature _____

Date _____

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Objectives of the Policy

Community and voluntary organisations provide facilities for residents which enhance and contribute to the district's wellbeing. Council wishes to encourage such groups by providing rates relief.

Doing so will enable Council to act fairly and equitably with respect to the imposition of rates on land used or occupied by societies or association of persons for organisations that have a strong community focus but do not currently meet the 100% or 50% non-rateable criteria under Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Criteria and Conditions

Council may remit all or part of rates to a rating unit that is being used or occupied under the following circumstances:

1. Land owned or used by a society or association of persons, for community purposes, games or sports other than galloping races, harness races and greyhound races, and which does not meet the 50% non-rateable definition as a club license under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 is for the time being in force.
2. Land owned or used by a society or association of persons, the object or principal object of which is to conserve the health or well-being of the community or to tend the sick or injured.
3. Land owned or used by a society or association of persons, for the purposes of a public hall, library, museum or similar institution.

The policy will not apply in respect of:

1. Societies or associations of persons operating for private pecuniary profit, or which charge tuition fees.
2. Societies or associations of persons whose primary purpose is to address the needs of adult members (over 18 years) for entertainment or social interaction, or who engage in recreational, sporting, or community services as a secondary purpose only.
3. To be considered for rates remission under this policy, the ratepayer must apply for rates remission under this policy, provide information in the prescribed form on how the relevant Criteria and Conditions are satisfied and complete relevant statutory declarations as may be required by Council.

The rates remission for the following uses is:

Land Use	Remission%	Rates Excluded
Community, games or sports	50%	Excludes water supply
Health, libraries or museum	100%	Excludes water supply and wastewater services
Public halls	100%	Excludes water supply

Delegations

Decisions on remission of rates under this policy will be delegated to officers as set out in Council's delegation manual.