

Valuation no. of your property (if known)

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Is the property used for personal residential purposes?    yes     no  (tick)

Type of postponement sought (if known)  
full     partial  (tick)

Contact phone number:

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Signed:

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Date:

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Please send your completed form to:

Rates Postponement Scheme  
Western Bay of Plenty District Council  
Private Bag 12803  
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## If you are interested in the scheme...

### step one

Read more information about it. Obtain the Council's explanatory booklet, "Rates Postponement Scheme", or go to [www.wbopdc.govt.nz](http://www.wbopdc.govt.nz) for more information.

### step two

Fill in the Application Form on this brochure, and send it to the Council.

### step three

The Council will send you a conditional Letter of Offer, and give you contact details for Relationship Services. You can then phone Relationship Services to arrange a time for a decision facilitation meeting.

### step four

Attend your decision facilitation meeting with Relationship Services.

### step five

Complete final application details for the scheme. Remember... the decision is entirely yours, and you are under no obligation. If you decide not to apply, you do not have to do anything further.

### step six

If you decide to apply, you will need to sign the conditional Letter of Offer and return it to the Council with all required documentation.



*"If you are 65 or older, and own your own home, you can choose not to pay rates."*

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# COUNCIL'S Rates Postponement Scheme is an option which allows you to postpone the payment of your rates if you, or your partner, are aged over 65.

It gives you the choice of postponing your payments for a fixed period of time, or leaving them for your estate to take care of.

One of the most attractive features of the scheme is its flexibility - for example, you can choose to postpone only a portion of your rates for a short time, if you wish. Or you can repay in full or partially at any time, without penalty.

Please note that there are two types of rates - local rates and regional rates.



- Local rates cover services provided by the Western Bay of Plenty District Council.
- Regional rates cover services provided by the regional council (Environment Bay of Plenty).

Applying for rates postponement in the Western Bay of Plenty District will automatically cover both your local rates and your regional rates.

## Before Council can accept your application...

...you will be required to attend a "decision facilitation" meeting.

It is a priority of Council to ensure that you are given as much independent information and advice about the scheme as possible, so that you can make a fully-informed decision. We have chosen Relationship Services as an independent organisation to provide this service. Council will give you the contact details once it has received your completed application form.

## What will it cost?

As well as your accrued rates payments, there are the following annual charges:

- Interest cost (at the Council's borrowing rate).  
*Please contact Council for the current interest cost rate, as rates fluctuate as a result of market conditions.*
- A levy of 1% for management of the scheme.
- A levy of 0.25% for a reserve fund (unrecoverable money).
- A \$50 administration fee.
- Other incidental fees that may be required to process your application.

You will also be required to pay a \$300 one-off fee to Relationship Services.

All of the above costs can also be postponed. You do not have to pay any costs while you are in the scheme.

# Application Form

YES, I would like to apply for rates postponement  (tick)

First Applicant Name:

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Date of Birth:

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Second Applicant Name (if applicable)

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Date of Birth:

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Owner(s) of property (if different from above)

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Address of property:

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