

## Application To join multiple Māori land blocks



**See the back of this form for information on the relevant section of the Rating Act.**

A Māori landowner using two or more rating units of Māori freehold land, can apply for the rating units to be treated as one for rating purposes. The units must be derived from the same original block of Māori freehold land.

### Property details

**Applicant:**

**Trust:**  
(If applicable)

**Owners:**  
(Details can be  
obtained from  
Māori Land  
Online)

**Contact details:** Postal address:

Email:

Phone number:

**Valuation  
number of rating  
units:**

**Property  
address:**

**Legal  
description:**

**Please provide full details on how the rating units qualify to be treated as one rating unit:  
Attach evidence of parent block.**

## Further relevant information

## Declaration

I declare that all the details provided are true and correct.

Applicant's  
signature:

Date:

Full name:  
(printed)

## Local Government (Rating) Act 2002

### Section 20A

#### Rating units of Māori freehold land used as a single unit

- (1) A person actually using 2 or more rating units of Māori freehold land may apply to the local authority for 2 or more of the rating units to be treated as 1 unit for the purposes of a rates assessment.
- (2) The local authority must treat the rating units as 1 unit for assessing a rate if—
  - (a) the units are used jointly as a single unit by the person; and
  - (b) the local authority is satisfied the units are derived from, or are likely to have been derived from, the same original block of Māori freehold land, meaning the first Māori land block that was held in an instrument of title and that included the land that became the rating units.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(b), it is sufficient evidence that 2 or more rating units of Māori freehold land are derived from the same original block of Māori freehold land if the rating units share a name in common according to the permanent record of the Māori Land Court.
- (4) If a local authority is not satisfied that the units are derived from, or are likely to have been derived from, the same block of Māori freehold land, the local authority—
  - (a) may apply to the Registrar of the Māori Land Court for a determination as to whether the rating units are derived from the same original block of Māori freehold land; and
  - (b) must do so on the request of the person actually using the units.
- (5) In this section, block has the meaning set out in section 4 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993.