

Rates and activities funded

General rate including uniform annual general charge: Funding activities which are deemed to provide a general benefit across the entire District or which are not economic to fund separately. These activities include: environmental management, public health and safety, transportation, roads and footpaths, coastal structures, water supply, solid waste, flood protection and river control works, community development, governance and council enterprises.

Stormwater: Funding the stormwater activities including operating, maintaining and improving the stormwater infrastructure assets.

Water supply – Urban water supply metered connections (excluding Motueka water supply and industrial water supply agreement holders) – Volumetric charge and service charge and Rural water extensions to urban water schemes: Funding the urban water supply (not including Motueka) including operating, maintaining and improving the infrastructure assets relating to water supply.

Water supply – Motueka water supply metered connections – Volumetric charge and service charge: Funding the Motueka water supply including operating, maintaining and improving the infrastructure assets relating to water supply.

Water supply – Dovedale rural water supply: Funding the Dovedale rural water supply including operating, maintaining and improving the infrastructure assets relating to water supply.

Water supply – Redwood Valley rural water supply: Funding the Redwood Valley rural water supply including operating, maintaining and improving the infrastructure assets relating to water supply.

Water Supply – Eighty Eight Valley rural water supply – Variable charge and service charge: Funding the Eighty Eight Valley rural water supply including operating, maintaining and improving the infrastructure assets relating to water supply.

Water Supply – Hamama rural water supply – Variable charge, service charge and fixed charge based on set land value: Funding the Hamama rural water supply including operating, maintaining and improving the infrastructure assets relating to water supply.

Water supply – Motueka Firefighting: Funding the Motueka Township firefighting water supply.

Water supply – Takaka Firefighting – Capital: Funding the Takaka CBD firefighting water supply capital costs.

Water supply – Takaka Firefighting – Operating: Funding the Takaka CBD firefighting water supply operating costs.

Water supply – Dams – Wai-iti Valley Community Dam: Funding the costs of the Wai-iti Valley community dam.

Wastewater: Funding the wastewater activities including providing and managing wastewater treatment facilities and sewage collection and disposal.

Regional river works rate: Funding flood protection and river control works activities – river works including maintaining rivers in order to promote soil conservation and mitigate damage caused by floods and riverbank erosion and to maintain quality river control and flood protection schemes.

Motueka business rate: Funding governance activities – providing a grant to Our Town Motueka to fund promotion of the Motueka business area and covering administration and other associated costs.

Richmond business rate: Funding governance activities – providing a grant to Richmond Unlimited to fund promotion of the Richmond business area and covering administration and other associated costs.

Ruby Bay stopbank rate: Funding the costs of coastal structure activities – the capital costs of the Ruby Bay stop bank.

Mapua stopbank rate: Funding the costs of coastal structure activities – the capital costs of the Mapua stop bank and the operating and other costs of the Ruby Bay and Mapua stop banks and coastal studies.

Motueka flood control rate: Funding flood protection and river control works – the costs of the Motueka flood control project, including project investigation design and feasibility study.

Torrent bay replenishment rate: Funding the costs of coastal structure activities – reinstating and maintaining the beach at Torrent Bay.

District facilities rate: Funding community development activities including part of the costs of capital funding for new, large, community, recreational, sporting or cultural District projects which have met defined criteria, and will provide benefit to the residents of Tasman District.

Shared facilities rate: Funding community development activities including part of the costs of capital funding for new, large, community, recreational, sporting or cultural regional projects which have met defined criteria, and will provide benefit to the residents of Tasman District and Nelson City.

Facilities operations rate: Funding community development activities including the operating costs of various community facilities within the District.

Museums facilities rate: Funding community development museum activities including contributing to the capital and operating costs of the regional museum, and the Council's District museums.

Refuse/recycling rate: Funding solid waste activities including kerbside recycling, rubbish collection and other waste related activities.

Mapua rehabilitation rate: Funding costs of environmental management activities - interest and loans and holding costs associated with the former Fruit Grower Chemical Company site.

Golden Bay Community Board rate: Funding governance activities – the costs of the Golden Bay Community Board and specific projects that the Board wishes to undertake in the Golden Bay Ward.

Motueka Community Board rate: Funding governance activities – the costs of the Motueka Community Board and specific projects that the Board wishes to undertake in the Motueka Ward.

Warm Tasman rate: Funding the costs of environmental management activities – the Warm Tasman Scheme.

Waimea Community Dam – Environmental and Community Benefits Districtwide rate and Waimea Community Dam – Environmental and Community benefits ZOB rate: Funding the costs of the water supply activity - Council's contribution for the environmental and community benefits associated with the Waimea Community Dam. The Waimea Dam Environmental and Community benefits rates include some funding for costs incurred that have not been recovered as part of the project joint venture. In the event the project doesn't proceed, Council will use the full funds collected by these rates to fund costs that have been incurred up to the point of making a decision.

Summary of rates remission policy and policy on rate relief for Māori freehold land

The Council has a number of policies that may provide rates relief in certain circumstances. A brief summary of these policies is included below. The full policies including the conditions and criteria and procedures for applying, and the application forms are available on the Council website at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/rates-remission or can be obtained from Council service centres.

Remission of rates for sporting, recreation or community organisations

The Council may remit some rates charged on land owned by the Council, the Crown, or a non-profit organisation that is used exclusively or principally for sporting, recreation or community services purposes. Rating units that already receive 50% or 100% non-rateable status will not be eligible to be granted a remission under this policy. **Applications on the prescribed form must be received by the Council by 31 December for applicants who have previously applied or 31 May for new applicants.**

Remission of rates for school wastewater charges

The objective of the policy is to provide relief and assistance to educational establishments in paying wastewater charges. Upon application, wastewater charges may be reduced based on a calculation using the numbers of pupils and staff as at the 1 March immediately before the year to which the rate applies. **Applications on the prescribed form must be received by the Council by 31 May prior to the rating year commencing.**

Remission of excess metered water rates

This policy applies to residential ratepayers who have excess water rates due to a leak in the property's internal reticulation (being the water supply pipe that commences at the point of supply and goes directly to the dwelling). Several criteria need to be met to qualify. **Applications must be initiated within six weeks of the date of the current water account and generally must include proof of repair.**

Remission of penalties

The objective of this policy is to enable the Council to act fairly and reasonably in its consideration of penalties charged on rates which have not been received by the Council by the due date. In determining justice and equity, the policy lists out a number of criteria that will be applied. Penalties will be considered for remission considering how the application fits the policy criteria and will be conditional upon the full amount of the rates having been paid.

Remission of uniform charges on non-contiguous rating units owned by the same ratepayer

The objective of this policy is to provide relief from uniform charges for rural farming or horticultural which is non-contiguous, farmed as a single entity, and owned by the same ratepayer. **Applications on the prescribed form must be made by 31 May.**

Remission of rates for land subject to Council initiated zone changes

The Council, at its discretion, may remit some of the rates charged on any rating unit used for residential purposes by the ratepayer that is most adversely affected by an increase in rates when the land value of their rating unit increases as a result of Council initiated zone change. **Applications on the prescribed form must be received by the Council by 15 September for applicants who have previously applied or 31 May for new applicants.**

Remission of rates for land occupied by a dwelling that is affected by natural disaster

The Council, at its discretion, may remit some of the rates charged on any rating unit used for residential purposes by the ratepayer if the land has been detrimentally affected by natural disaster rendering dwellings or buildings uninhabitable and requiring activities carried out on the land to cease. **Applications must ordinarily be received within 6 months of the event.**

Remission of rates on low valued properties

The Council, at its discretion, may make property assessments with a rating valuation of up to \$7,000 eligible for a 100% rates remission if the property is not contiguous and not used or able to be used by the owner, and is not an isolation strip. **Applications on the prescribed form must be received by the Council by 31 May.**

Policy on the remission and postponement of rates on Māori freehold land

The Council may remit all or part of the rates on Māori freehold land in accordance with any other rates remission policy that applies to the land if the Council is satisfied that the conditions and criteria for rates to be remitted under that other policy are met. The Council will not postpone the requirement to pay rates on Māori freehold land, thereby treating Māori freehold land the same as general land in Tasman District.

Remission of rates on abandoned land

This policy applies to rating units that meet the definition of abandoned land as per the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. The policy permits remission of rates on qualifying properties.

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Rates FAQs

I have sold my property and am still receiving rates invoices. Why?

The Council may not have received the Notice of Change of Ownership. Please contact your solicitor in the first instance.

What if I move?

If your postal address changes please print the new address in the box provided on the remittance advice and post it to us or email rates@tasman.govt.nz giving the valuation number, name and new postal address.

What if I go on holiday?

You'll still need to pay your rates on time to avoid penalties. You may wish to sign up for a direct debit, or arrange payment in advance.

What If I'm falling behind in my payments?

If you are falling behind, please contact the rates team to discuss a payment plan. It's best to do this as early as possible to avoid being charged penalties for late payment.

How can I view a property's rates details?

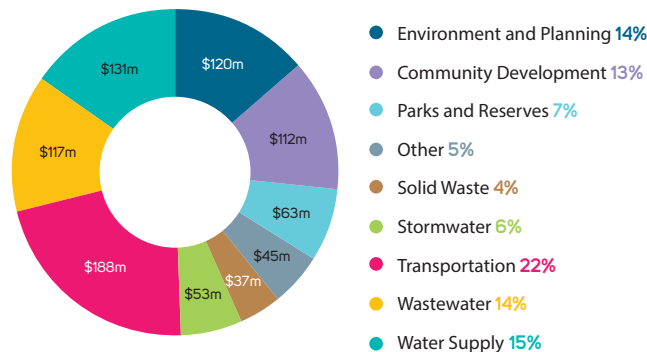
Property details can be viewed at Tasman District Council service centres in Richmond, Motueka, Takaka and Murchison during normal office hours. You can also view rating information online: www.tasman.govt.nz/link/rates-search.

Other questions?

Contact your local Council service centre or email rates@tasman.govt.nz.

WHERE YOUR RATES GO

The Council provides a wide range of services. The following graph shows the proportion of rates to be collected for these services over the next 10 years.



Payment options for rates

DIRECT DEBIT



To set up a direct debit, contact your nearest Council service centre for a direct debit form, or download one from our website www.tasman.govt.nz/pay.

CHEQUE



Post to **Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050**.

Payments must be received by the due date to avoid penalties.

ONLINE BY CREDIT CARD



www.tasman.govt.nz/pay-now (Fees will apply).

TELEPHONE OR INTERNET BANKING



You can set up Tasman District Council as a regular bill payee for your rates instalments or make a one off-payment – please ensure you use your valuation roll number/water account number as a reference. If you move, please remember to update your references so you aren't paying someone else's rates.

The Council's bank details for payments 12-3193-0002048-03 (ASB)

Your valuation number is listed in the top right hand corner of your rates invoice e.g. 1860000000.

When paying water rates, please use the water account number as a reference e.g. W12345. Please use a separate electronic payment for each rates account to ensure payments are correctly applied and to avoid penalties. Alternatively, you can email a remittance on the same day you make the payment to debtors@tasman.govt.nz.

IN PERSON (COUNCIL SERVICE CENTRES)



You can pay by cash, cheque, credit card (fees apply) or debit card at any Council service centre.

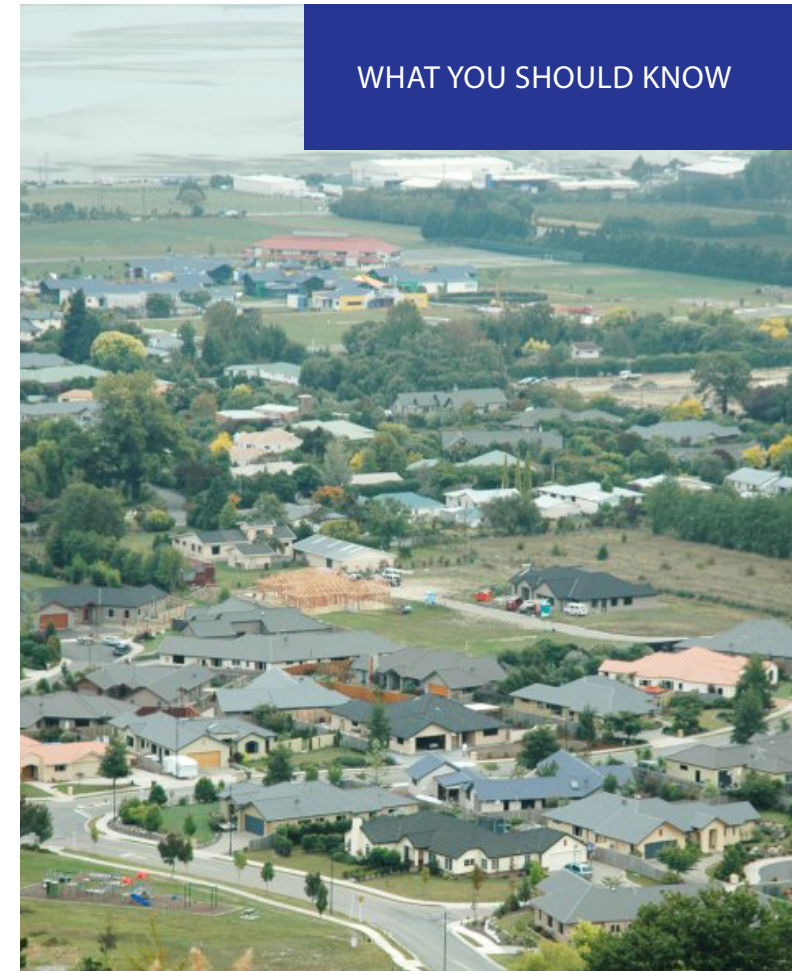
GET YOUR RATES AND WATER BILLS BY EMAIL

www.tasman.govt.nz/link/rates-by-email.

Rates

2018/2019

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



2017 Revaluation

In 2017 Quotable Value carried out its three-yearly revaluation of Tasman District's properties. This is a legal requirement for every Council.

You should have received your new valuation in the mail in late 2017.

A change in your property's value does not mean your rates will automatically increase or decrease.

A revaluation does not change the total amount of rates the Council collects, but it helps us distribute rates across the District's property owners.

Your rates may increase if your capital value has gone up by more than the average. Your rates might go down if your capital value has increased by less than average.

And keep in mind, the revaluation is not the only factor that influences your rates. There are several other elements that affect the total you pay – including the cost of projects the Council needs to carry out over the next few years, where in the District you live and the type of rates you pay.

More information about the revaluation is available at www.tasman.govt.nz/link/2017-revaluation.

HOW THE REVALUATION CAN AFFECT RATES

Across Tasman District, capital values increased by an average 22.3% in the latest revaluation.

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New rates in 2018 – 2019

There are some new rates being introduced this year, following public consultation on the Long Term Plan 2018 – 2028.

THE WAIMEA COMMUNITY DAM RATES

Everyone will begin paying the **District-wide** flat rate for the Waimea Community Dam this rating year. The rate is \$14.33 in 2018 – 2019.

Those in the Zone of Benefit for the dam will also begin paying the **Zone of Benefit** rate, which is 0.0020cents/\$ of capital value. As an example, the owner of a \$500,000 property would pay \$10.

If the dam does not proceed, the money raised by these rates will be used to pay for the costs of the project work needed to get to the final decision point – such as investigation, design and consulting fees, legal costs and so on.

MOTUEKA WATER FIXED SERVICE CHARGE

A fixed service charge has been introduced for all properties connected to the reticulated water supply in Motueka.

The new charge will contribute to funding \$5.9 million in water infrastructure upgrades needed to ensure Motueka's water meets the compulsory national Drinking Water Standards.

The fixed service charge is \$39.42 per connection in 2018 – 2019 and will increase progressively over the next three years.

Rates rebates

The rates rebate scheme provides a rates subsidy for low-income homeowners of up to \$630.

To find out if you are eligible for a rebate, visit www.govt.nz/rates-rebate.

You cannot claim a rebate for rates on a property that is used principally for business, farming, commercial or industrial purposes.

RETIREMENT VILLAGE RESIDENTS WITH 'LICENCE TO OCCUPY' ELIGIBLE FROM JULY 2018

Retirement village residents with licence to occupy agreements can now apply for a rates rebate for the rating year, beginning 1 July 2018. (Retirement village residents with a licence to occupy do not own the property they live in but they do have a contractual right to occupy it). Being able to apply for a rebate does not guarantee you will receive one. Eligibility is determined on your household income, rates (your village operator will provide rates details for you) and the number of dependants living with you. More information is available at www.govt.nz/rates-rebate or from your village operator.

RATES ASSESSMENT DATE

Rates are set at 30 June for the following year. Any changes to rateable value or rating factors during 2018/2019 will not impact the 2018/2019 rates.

PENALTIES FOR LATE PAYMENT

Penalties of 10% are imposed on your rates or water invoices not paid by the due date. Every six months a further 5% is added to unpaid rates arrears, including penalties that remain outstanding. The 5% charges are applied in July and January each year.

Information on the Council's policy for remissions of penalties is available at: www.tasman.govt.nz/link/rates-remission.

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