

# REMISSION APPLICATION FORM

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## Land Owned or Used by Charitable or Community Organisations – R21/04

### Applicant Details

Name	<input type="text"/>		
Position/Title	<input type="text"/>		
Postal Address	<input type="text"/>		
	<input type="text"/>		
Contact Numbers	( ) <input type="text"/> <small>Phone</small>	( ) <input type="text"/> <small>Mobile</small>	( ) <input type="text"/> <small>Work</small>

### Remission/Property Details

Name of Organisation	<input type="text"/>		
Postal Address	<input type="text"/>		
	<input type="text"/>		
Valuation No	<input type="text"/>	Rate A/C No:	<input type="text"/>
Property Location	<input type="text"/>		

### Organisation Details

Registered Charitable Organisations or IRD approved donee organisations
  Entity promoting recreation, health, education, or instruction.

Other, please specify:

Please give the name and telephone contacts for two persons in your organisation who can help us if the Council requires more information

Name	<input type="text"/>		
Position/Title	<input type="text"/>		
Contact Numbers	( ) <input type="text"/> <small>Phone</small>	( ) <input type="text"/> <small>Mobile</small>	( ) <input type="text"/> <small>Fax</small>
Name	<input type="text"/>		
Position/Title	<input type="text"/>		
Contact Numbers	( ) <input type="text"/> <small>Phone</small>	( ) <input type="text"/> <small>Mobile</small>	( ) <input type="text"/> <small>Fax</small>

What are the objectives of your organisation? *Continue on separate sheet if necessary*


Benefits to the Community/District


Achievements so far


**Checklist**

- Copy of Trust Deed attached
- Set of most recent audited accounts attached
- Certificate of Incorporation attached

## Privacy Act Waiver

On the signing of this application:

Pursuant to the Privacy Act 1993, I authorise Far north District Council to contact any agencies/companies or any other source including Government agencies to obtain and check (both now and in future) such information for the purposes of considering this application, and to assist in the enforcement of any agreement between myself and Far North District Council.

I understand I have the right to access and information Far North District Council may have collected with regards to this application, and to correct if it is wrong.

## Declaration

I solemnly and sincerely declare that I have read and understood this application and certify that the information provided is true and correct in all respects, and that I am no less than 18 years of age. I have disclosed any other names that I am currently known under. I am aware that if I have deliberately provided false information in this application, I could face fraud or dishonesty charges in the Courts. I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and correct by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Signature

Date

Name

Please print

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Witnessed by:

Signature

Date

Name

**IMPORTANT:**

Your witness MUST be either one of the following:

- Justice of the Peace
- Solicitor
- Far North District Council Officer

## R21/04 - Community, Sports and Not-for-profit Organisations

### Background

Community and voluntary groups provide facilities to enhance and contribute to the wellbeing of the residents of the Far North. This policy provides rating relief for those organisations that operate for the benefit of the community.

It is of note that the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 provides for a 100% non-rateability of land owned or used by certain categories of charitable and community organisations. In addition, a 50% non-rateability is provided in respect of land owned or used by organisations for sports or any branch of the arts, except where these organisations operate a club licence under the Sale of Liquor Act. For more details on the rateability of this type of land refer to the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, 1st schedule, Parts 1 and 2.

### Policy Objectives

1. To assist in the ongoing provision of community services and recreational opportunities that benefit Far North residents.
2. To recognise that there is a community benefit in providing assistance through rating relief to certain charitable and community organisations.

### Scope

This policy applies to both General Title and Māori Freehold Land.

### Policy Statements

1. Council may remit up to 100% of the rates, providing the entity does not qualify for other financial support, payable on land owned or used by any entity which has, as its principal purpose and function, the provision of social housing, free access to family counselling, or, assessment, counselling and in-patient treatment for people with alcohol, drug and mental health related problems and that is a Registered Charitable Organisations or IRD approved donee organisation. Council may remit 50% of the rates payable on land owned or used by an entity, (society or association or persons, whether incorporated or not) for the purpose of providing benefit to Far North residents through:
  - a. the promotion of recreation, health, education, or instruction for the benefit of residents or any group of residents of the district; or
  - b. Land that is owned or used by, or in trust of any society or association or persons, to run a camping ground for the purpose of recreation, health, education or instruction, for the benefit of residents of the district.
2. This policy will apply for a period of three years unless the applicant's circumstances change. At the end of the three-year period, a new application will be required.

### Conditions and Criteria

1. Relevant financial information must accompany all applications. This includes:
  - a. statement of organisation objectives
  - b. full financial accounts
  - c. information on activities and programmes
  - d. details of membership or clients.
2. No remission will be given on land on which a licence under the Sale of Liquor Act is held.
3. No remission will be given on land where any person or entity receives private financial profit from the activities carried out on the land. All income earned by ratepayers and entities receiving a remission under this policy must be spent on reasonable salaries, wages and other costs reasonably related to its community, sports, or not-for-profit purposes.
4. Land used for an activity which is commercial in nature does not qualify for rates remission. For example an "op-shop" does not qualify for rating relief under this policy.