

About your rates

This is a summary of rates in the Selwyn district for the rating year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026. Refer to Part 1:2 Property Detail of this assessment for information on the rates and amounts that apply to your property.

Selwyn District Council rates

Name of rate	Activities or groups of activities funded by rate	Do differentials apply?
Uniform annual general charge (set against all rating units in the district)	A rate that is set at a fixed dollar amount irrespective of the value of the property and is used for the general purposes of the Council.	No
General rate (set against all rating units in the district)	A rate that is used for the general purposes of the Council.	No
Community Board targeted rate (set against all rating units in the Malvern Ward)	A rate that is set to fund the operations of the Malvern Community Board.	No
Canterbury Museum levy funding targeted rate (set against all rating units in the district)	A rate that is set to fund Canterbury Museum levy expenditure.	No
Community centre targeted rate (set per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit (SUIP))	Rates that are set for the purpose of providing and maintaining the various community centres in the Selwyn district.	No
Recreation reserve targeted rate (set per SUIP)	Rates that are set for the purpose of providing and maintaining the various recreation reserves in the Selwyn district.	No
Sewerage targeted rate (set per SUIP for connected properties and per rating unit for properties which can be, but are not connected to, Council provided sewerage treatment and disposal systems)	A rate that is set for the purpose of providing and maintaining sewerage treatment and disposal systems.	Yes – based on number of pans.
Refuse collection, disposal and recycling targeted rate (set per SUIP and per bin)	Rates that are set for the purpose of providing a refuse collection, disposal and recycling service.	Yes – service provision.
Water supply targeted rate (set per SUIP or rating unit and/or by quantity of water provided for connected properties and per rating unit for properties which can be, but are not connected to, Council provided metered water supply and per rating unit with restricted water supply available but not being drawn)	A rate that is set for the purpose of providing and maintaining various water supply schemes. In addition to the uniform targeted rate: - Metered supplies (Arthur's Pass, Armack Drive, Burnham, Castle Hill, Templeton (Claremont), Darfield, Doyleston, Dunsandel, Edendale, Johnson Road, Jowers Road, Kirwee, Lake Coleridge, Lincoln, Leeston, Prebbleton, Rakaia Huts, Raven Drive, Rolleston, Sheffield, Southbridge, Springfield, Springston, Tai Tapu, Te Piritā, and West Melton) pay \$1.25 per m ³ of water used. - Restricted supplies pay \$350 per water unit (a water unit is 1m ³ per day).	Yes – based on where the land is situated and number of connections.
Water race (service and amenity) targeted rate (set per rating unit and by land area)	A rate that is set for the purpose of maintaining the water races.	Yes – service provision.
Land drainage and river works targeted rate (set by capital value or land area and per rating unit)	A rate that is set for the purpose of maintaining drainage and protecting schemes. A charge is included for enhancing biodiversity.	Yes – based on where the land is situated.
Swimming pools targeted rate (set per SUIP)	A rate set for the purpose of providing and maintaining swimming pools in the district.	Yes – based on where the land is situated.
Library targeted rate (set against all rating units in the district)	A rate set for the purpose of providing the district library service.	No
Stormwater targeted rate (set per SUIP)	A rate that is set for the purpose of providing and maintaining stormwater systems.	Yes – based on where the land is situated.

Environment Canterbury Rates

Name of rate	Activities or groups of activities funded by rate	Do differentials apply?
General rate – capital value	Services for natural and physical resource management and planning, transport planning, property and plant management, civil defence, recreational boating safety and general administrative functions of the Council.	No
Uniform annual general charge	Democratic and ratepayer servicing works in regional leadership	No
Passenger transport	Availability of services for passenger transport, including administration and programming.	No
Passenger transport	Contribution towards services for passenger transport, including administration and programming from rural defined areas.	No
Catchment works and services	District share of river control, flood protection and drainage works.	No
Catchment works	Local share of river control, flood protection and drainage work.	Yes – by location
Pest management	Inspection, advice, education, monitoring and investigation of animal and plant pests.	No
Civil defence emergency management	Council services for civil defence emergency management.	No
Environmental infrastructure	Aquifer and stream augmentation pilot projects.	No
Air quality	Implementation of air plan and facilitation of new home heating technology.	No
Greater Christchurch Transport and Urban Development	Greater Christchurch Transport Model and Urban Development Work Programmes	No

Rates remission policies

Remission for community, sporting and other organisations

The Council provides 50% remission of general rates for rating units owned by the Council or owned and occupied by a charitable organisation, where the property is used exclusively or principally for sporting, recreation or community purposes.

Remissions of uniform annual general charge (UAGC) and targeted rates for libraries and recreation reserves

The Council provides remission for the above rates to the following properties:

- a. Sports, community-based or similar organisations are exempted from 50% of the uniform annual general charge, and targeted rates for libraries, recreation reserves and community centres.
- b. Ratepayers who own a dwelling and vacant land in the Selwyn District are exempted from the libraries targeted rate on the vacant land.
- c. Ratepayers, where vacant land can be identified as integral to an existing operation of their business in the Selwyn District, are exempted from the uniform annual general charge and the libraries targeted rate on the vacant land.
- d. Ratepayers who own a commercial, industrial or service based property in the Selwyn District that does not have dwelling facilities, are exempted from the targeted rates for swimming pools, recreation reserves and community centres.
- e. Ratepayers who own a dwelling and a commercial, industrial or service based property in the Selwyn District that does not have dwelling facilities, are exempted from the targeted rates for libraries. The exemption to be on the commercial, industrial or serviced based property.
- f. Properties owned by the Royal New Zealand Plunket Society shall not be charged the uniform annual general charge or general rates while used one hundred percent as a child care facility.
- g. All properties of the Plunket Society shall be charged for all services as provided as separate items by the Council (e.g. water, refuse, sewer, etc.).
- h. 50% remission of general rates on lodges owned by the Freemasons of New Zealand.

The exemptions in (a) to (h) above do not limit a ratepayer's entitlement to exemptions under the contiguous property rules of section 20 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Remission on rating units affected by natural calamity

The Council may remit rates either wholly or in part where a rating unit has been detrimentally affected by a natural calamity to an extent the Council considers that it would be unfair or unreasonable to require that the rates be paid as assessed. Applications must be made in writing and signed by the owner(s) of the rating unit.

Scout group hall rating

The Council will allow a 50% remission of uniform annual general charge and general rates for all scout groups.

School and service club endowment land

School and service club endowment plantations within the Selwyn District Council that are planted on rateable property shall be granted a 50% rates remission.

Remission of rates on land protected for natural, historic or cultural conservation purposes

Ratepayers who own rating units which have some feature or cultural, natural or historic heritage which is voluntarily protected may qualify for remission of rates.

Remission of rates on land covered by indigenous flora or fauna

Ratepayers who own rating units which are covered by the identified significant indigenous flora or fauna, landscape or geological feature may qualify for remission of rates.

Remission of penalty on overdue instalment

Ratepayers shall be allowed one overdue instalment in 24 months, penalty free, on application.

Remission of penalty if rates paid on second instalment

If the full year's payment of rates is made on the second instalment in any year, any penalty incurred for late payment on the first instalment shall be remitted. (Please advise us if you are choosing this option.)

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Remission of rates and penalties

Penalties on rates or levies may be remitted where the following criteria are satisfied.

- a. a written application is made in accordance with clause 1.1 above specifying the reason for non-payment and the period for which the application is made; and
- b. the reason for non-payment involves one of the following circumstances:
 - i. hospitalisation or other medical reasons (where confirmed by medical evidence);
 - ii. deceased estates (where a deceased ratepayer's affairs have been delayed by statutory process); or
 - iii. land transfer or subdivision (where this has been unreasonably delayed by the statutory process).

Consideration will be given to second dwelling charges on a rating unit where the second dwelling is considered as a self-contained unit with services and is occupied by the immediately family member(s) of the rating unit owner. If the second dwelling ceases to be occupied by the immediate family member(s) second dwelling charges will apply. An annual declaration of occupancy will be required to confirm status.

Where rate charges increase as a result of proposed plan changes which do not become operative, rates may be subject to remission back-dated to the start of the applicable rate period in accordance with clause 1.4.

Postponement policy

Owner-occupiers who have limited capacity to pay their rates from their income and are older (aged over 65 years), experiencing extreme hardship or otherwise in special circumstances may qualify for rates postponement.

Notice of Environment Canterbury rating policies

The same rating remission and postponement policies apply for Environment Canterbury rates.

Inspection of the rating information database

The rating information database may be inspected in accordance with Section 38 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 at any of the Selwyn District Council service centres. Ratepayers have the right to object to any of the information included in the rating information database and rates records.

Payment options

Direct debit – complete the Rates Direct Debit form online or contact our rates department on 0800 SELWYN (735 996), or email contactus@selwyn.govt.nz.

Internet banking – please use your valuation number in the reference field, and your name in the particulars field. Ensure that your correct reference number is shown and that you amend the payment amount and reference number should you sell the property and purchase another. Our bank account number is 03-1587-0050000-00

Cash, EFTPOS, credit card – during the hours of 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday at any of our service centres.

Online payments – pay online at selwyn.govt.nz.

Rates rebate scheme

If you own your own home and your income is less than \$45,000 (SuperGold Cardholders) or \$32,210 (Non-SuperGold Cardholders), you could be entitled to a rebate of up to \$805. Although a ratepayer's income might exceed the income threshold a rates rebate could still be available, depending on the rates amount and number of dependants.

Application forms for rates rebates are available from our service centres, or can be downloaded from govt.nz/rates-rebate

When applying for a rates rebate you will need:

- a. Your rates notice for the current rating year
- b. Information about what your income (before tax) was for the tax year ended 31 March 2025.
- c. Information about what your partner/joint homeowner's income was if he/she was normally living with you on 1 July 2025.

If you are the owner of an owner-occupier flat, and your name is not on the rates bill, you must have a letter from the person whose name is on the rates bill stating what the total rates are, and how much you pay towards them.