

Eligibility

From 1 July 2025 there are two income abatement thresholds for SuperGold cardholders and non-SuperGold cardholders

The income eligibility for a rebate is \$45,000 (SuperGold Cardholders) or \$32,210 (Non-SuperGold Cardholders). However, if your household income exceeds this amount, you could still be entitled to a rebate depending on the total cost of your rates and the number of dependents.

- If you do not have a Gold Card but will be turning 65 anytime in the current rating year (1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026) please wait till you turn 65 to be eligible for the full amount of \$805. There can be exceptions depending on the date of birth (if in June).
 - If you already hold a Gold Card and are 65 or over, please apply any time during the rating year.
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Gold Card Holders – Applying in person

Please bring with you:

- Completed Rates Rebate Application Form. All the fields need to be completed, if not applicable please note 'NA'
- Copy of Gold Card will need to be attached
- Gold Card will need to be sighted
- Statements of all types of income received for the tax year (dates shown on part 4 of the application form) for you and your partner/joint homeowner, for example:
 - Wages or salary
 - Work and income benefit (for non-standard benefits)
 - Work and income supplements (accommodation supplement)
 - Personal superannuation
 - Interest/dividends
 - Overseas income (converted to NZ dollars)
 - Rental income
 - Trust income

- ACC earnings compensation
- Any other income

If you are self-employed provide a complete set of business accounts (tax year dates are shown on part 4 of the application form) which shows how your net profit was calculated (gross income less your expenses).

You do not need to provide evidence of your NZ Superannuation if your NZ Superannuation is as per below:

NEW ZEALAND SUPERANNUATION	(18 weeks 1 April 2024 rate and 34 weeks 31 July 2024 rate)
Single living alone	\$31,899.64
Single sharing	\$29,032.12
Couple (only one qualifies)	\$23,993.32
Couple (both qualify)	\$47,986.64

Gold Card Holders – Applying via post

Please provide:

- Completed Rates Rebate Application Form. All the fields need to be completed, if not applicable please note 'NA'
- Copy of the Gold Card will need to be attached.
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Non-Gold Card Holders

Please bring with you/provide:

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Retirement Villages (Rates Team will handle this but please advise the ratepayer about the below compulsory documents)

- The ratepayer needs to submit a completed Rates Rebate Application Form. All the fields need to be completed, if not applicable please note 'NA'
- Form from the Retirement Village
- Bank account screenshot/ bank statement along with the Rates Rebate form
- Gold Card Holders- Card to be sighted & attach the copy of the gold card.
- Statements of all types of income received for the tax year (dates shown on part 4 of the application form) for you and your partner/joint homeowner, for example:
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If moved mid-rating year with a previous address outside Selwyn District (Rates Team will handle this but please advise the ratepayer about the below-compulsory documents)

- The ratepayer needs to submit a completed Rates Rebate Application Form. All the fields need to be completed, if not applicable please note 'NA'
- If ratepayer has moved into a retirement village - form from the Retirement Village and Bank account screenshot/ bank statement along with the Rates Rebate form
- Previous address that the rates invoice was sent to.
- Gold Card Holders- Card to be sighted & attach the copy of the gold card.
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