



APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE

If you are a Brighton Council ratepayer, you may be eligible for hardship assistance in the payment of overdue rates and charges¹ where you are experiencing genuine and serious financial hardship. Ratepayers are encouraged to apply for assistance as soon as possible². For further information, see Brighton Council Financial Hardship Assistance Policy 1.3.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

This application is to apply the following assistance on the basis of financial hardship (*please select at least one*):

- Postponing rate payments (extension of time)
- Waiver of late payment penalties or interest for the period of financial hardship
- Rates remission.

Remission of any rates, late payment penalties or interest, in part or in full, is reserved only for the most serious and exceptional of financial hardship cases. Even in these cases, postponement of rate payments must be applied for and granted first before an application for rates remission can be considered.

Note: If you are applying for assistance for more than one property you must complete an application for each property, as the nature, type, and ownership of each may differ.

Name of the Property Owner(s):	
Name of Applicant:	
Are you the owner of the property?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Type of property applying for ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Other
<i>If 'Other' (please provide details):</i>	
It the property a rental property?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Property Address:	
Street Address:	
Address Line 2:	
Suburb:	
Postcode:	

¹ This application applies only to Council rates and charges levied in accordance with Part 9 – Rates and Charges of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

² Applications for assistance on residential investment properties will not be considered.



Please provide details of how we can contact you:

Postal Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email address:	

Please tell us why you are applying for financial hardship assistance?

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To assist with the assessment process, please attach documentary evidence to assist us to review and assess your hardship application.

Please include one or more of the following:

- Assessment by an independent accredited financial counsellor demonstrating an inability to both pay rates and to rearrange asset portfolios to facilitate payment
- A statutory declaration from an independent professional, familiar with the applicant's circumstances (e.g a family doctor for health related evidence, a bank official, insurance policy manager)
- Pending disconnection of essential services like water, electricity, gas (does not include mobile or internet bills)
- Notice of impending legal action for essential services
- Letter from charitable organization regarding loss of employment or inability to provide for basic necessities
- Bank statements or notice, for example, an overdraft call or mortgaged property repossession
- Unplanned termination of employment
- Letter from Dr verifying the inability to earn an income due to illness or caring for a sick family member
- Other documentation demonstrating that you are experiencing financial hardship



**Brighton
Council**

Please make sure your application and documentary evidence is addressed to the Chief Executive Officer and submitted as follows:

Emailed to: admin@brighton.tas.gov.au
Mailed or delivered in person to: 1 Tivoli Road, Old Beach 7017

Please use the subject **'Financial Hardship Assistance Application'** if emailing this form to assist our staff to identify your application quickly. We will be in contact with you as soon as possible to acknowledge your application and provide advice regarding the assessment process.

DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I confirm that the information provided within this Application for Financial Hardship is accurate, and there have been no misrepresentations or omissions of fact that would otherwise influence the review and decision of Brighton Council.

Signature:

Name:

Date: