

Conditions for different categories of owners applying for Rates Relief:

1. Properties owned by registered Public Benefit Organisations:

Applications for exemptions or Grant in Aid by Public Benefit Organisations must be accompanied by the latest Audited Financial Statements and a letter from SARS confirming that the organization qualifies for exemption in terms of the Income Tax Act.

2. Properties owned by Land Reform Beneficiaries:

The owner must attach to the application, documentation that proves his/her status.

3. Properties owned by old age grant beneficiaries:

Applications must be accompanied by proof of the status of the owner eg. payslip/ bank statement/ grant card.

4. Properties owned by Beneficiaries of Disability Grants:

Applications must be accompanied by proof of the status of the owner & spouse.

5. Properties owned by Indigents:

Applications must be accompanied by proof of the status of the owner & spouse.

6. Property owners who do not receive old age or Disability Grants:

but who can prove that their Joint Gross income is equivalent to that of such beneficiaries e.g.(2 x social or disability grant)

7. Properties owned by senior citizens(property owners over 60 years who are in possession of a bar coded South African ID and who are registered owners of the property which the rebate or exemption is applied for, who reside permanently on the property, and whose gross monthly income does not exceed R5000.00 for 2009/2010 financial year, subject to council's approval. Applications must be accompanied by proof of income eg. payslip or bank statements. (Pending approval by Council)

8. Properties which fall under the category of child headed households:

This refers to a household in which the parent has died or terminally ill and a minor is taking care of another minor in the household and if the minors reside permanently on the property. This information should be written by a registered social worker and submitted with the application.

9. Municipal owned properties excluding properties used for trading services:

These properties must be listed and verified by the municipality's Chief Financial Officer.

10. Agricultural properties owned by bona fide farmers:

Applications must be accompanied by proof of the tax status of the applicant and/or the employer status of the applicant which must indicate:

- the condition and availability of municipal roads in the property

- whether there is a municipal sewerage system

- whether there is municipal electricity

- whether there is municipal supplied water

- whether there is municipal refuse removal.

- Whether the farm contributes to job creation (number of locals employed)

- The number of permanent residential properties provided for permanent staff members

- The extent to which the properties are provided with water and electricity

- The extent to which land and buildings are made available to farm workers for cemeteries, education and recreational purposes.

11. Properties owned by sporting bodies:

Applications must be supported by annual financial statements which indicate the inability to pay for rates and proof that the body's membership is not race or gender biased and that the body is actively involved in promoting its sport code amongst disadvantaged communities.

12. Properties situated in an area affected by natural disasters within the meaning of the Disaster Management Act, No 57 of 2002:

Applications must be supported by proof of the extent of the damage suffered.



RATES RELIEF APPLICATION

KINDLY COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND:
RETURN BY HAND TO ANY BCM SERVICE SITE OR POST TO:
P.O. BOX 522, EAST LONDON, 5200

NB. ONUS LIES WITH APPLICANT TO CONFIRM THAT HER / HIS APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

APPLICANTS DETAILS

NAME:

Male: ☐ Female: ☐

SURNAME:

ID NUMBER:

CK/REG NO:

RATES ACCOUNT NO:

ERF NO:

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

CODE:

POSTAL ADDRESS:

CODE:

HOME TEL NO:

WORK TEL NO:

PLEASE COMPLETE & SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION

THUS, SIGNED AND SWORN TO, BEFORE ME AT

_____ THIS

DAY OF _____

COMMISSIONER
OF OATHS STAMP

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

COMMISSIONER OF OATH'S SIGNATURE

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