

Policy on Remission of Excess Metered Water Rates

Objective of the Policy

To provide relief to ratepayers who have excessive metered water rates **for their dwelling**, due to a leak in their internal reticulation and to encourage ratepayers to get all leakage repaired promptly.

Conditions and Criteria

1. The policy will apply to applications from ratepayers who have excess water rates due to a leak in the property's internal reticulation. Internal reticulation is **defined as the water supply pipe that** commences at the point of supply (generally at the water meter) and goes directly to the dwelling.
2. All applicants must submit their request in writing within **six weeks of the date of the current water account**, stating that there are no further leaks on the property and must provide proof of repair carried out by a registered plumber. (¹The only exemption to this requirement is that provided for Murchison as notified in the SR1978.340).
3. A remission will only be granted on the current account.
4. Where a remission is granted the ratepayer will be charged an amount equal to the maximum consumption at any one time charged for that rating unit in the past three years, provided it has been in the same ownership
5. Where ownership **of the property** has been for less than six months, staff will monitor consumption for a period of three months following completion of all repairs, to establish a reasonable consumption figure at which to charge.
6. Where there is an application for remission following a second leak within five years of the first application, the ratepayer will pay an additional charge of 75 per cent of the difference between the consumption as calculated in clause 4 above and the actual metered consumption during the leak period.
7. Where there is an application for remission following a third or subsequent leak within five years of the first application, the application will be declined.

¹ Sanitary Plumbing (Exemption) Notice 1978

8. The Utilities Asset Manager has the delegated authority to approve remission of water charges.

No remissions to the water account will be given in any of the following circumstances:

- i. No remissions will be given for leaking fittings connected to the “water supply connection to the dwelling”.
- ii. No remissions will be granted for a water supply connection pipe to a dwelling that has been installed within the last five years.

Definition of Dwelling (as defined in the Building Act 2004): Dwelling means a building or group of buildings, or part of a building or group of buildings that is:

- a) Used or intended to be used, only or mainly for residential purposes; and
- b) Occupied, or intended to be occupied, exclusively as the home or residence of not more than 1 household; but does not include a hostel, boarding house, or other specialised accommodation.

Sanitary Plumbing (Exemption) Notice 1978 SR 1978/340

PURSUANT to section 55 (1) of the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Act 1976, and after consultation with the Waimea County Council, the Minister of Health hereby gives the following notice:

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Title and Commencement

- (1) This notice may be cited as the Sanitary Plumbing (Exemption) Notice 1978.
- (2) This notice shall come into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

Exemption from provisions relating to sanitary plumbing

The area described in the Schedule to this notice is hereby designated as an area where sanitary plumbing may be done by any person.

Schedule

Area in which notice has effect

The Murchison Division of the County of Waimea (as shown on a plan number SPE 1 deposited with the Department of Health and thereon edged with a bold black line), excluding the area situated within a radius of 1.5 kilometres of the Nelson Lakes National Park Headquarters in the Township of St Arnaud.

Explanatory Note

This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

The effect of the notice is that, subject to the provisions of any enactment other than the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 1976, any person may do sanitary plumbing within the area of the County of Waimea described in the Schedule to this notice. Except where an area is exempted in this way, only the holders of licences or certificates under the Act in respect of plumbing may do this work (subject to certain limited exemptions).

PROMULGATION

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936

Date of notification in *Gazette*: 21 December 1978

This notice is administered in the Department of Health

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