### Eligibility Form cont...

Are you a New Zealand Citizen?

yes no (

(please tick)

Do you own any other properties?

no

yes-🔿

(please tick)

Is your property rated as "Residential" or "Country Dwelling?" (see your rates assessment)



(please tick)

Contact phone number

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your completed form to "Rates Postponement Scheme" at the address below.

#### Queenstown Lakes District Council

10 Gorge Road, Private Bag 50072, Queenstown Telephone (03) 441 0499 Fax (03) 442 7334 Email: services@qldc.govt.nz

#### Wanaka Service Centre

47 Ardmore Street, Private Bag 50072, Queenstown Telephone (03) 443 8197 Fax (03) 443 8826 Email: services@qldc.govt.nz

# www.qldc.govt.nz

Steps to take if you are interested in this scheme

#### Step one

Get a copy of our information booklet, "Rates Postponement Scheme" from QLDC customer services or our website www.qldc.govt.nz

#### Step two

Fill in the eligibility form, which can be found on this brochure, and send it to the council.

#### Step three

We will send you a conditional letter of offer and provide you with contact details for Relationship Services. You can then phone Relationship Services to arrange an interview time.

#### Step four

Attend a 'decision facilitation' interview with relationship services.

## Step five

Decide whether you will apply for the scheme. The decision is entirely yours and there is no obligation to proceed. If you choose not to apply after attending the interview, you do not have to do anything further.

#### Step six

If you decide to move forward with your application, you will need to sign the conditional Letter of offer and return it to us with all required documentation.



# Rates Postponement Scheme



*"If you are 65 or older and you own your own home, you can choose not to pay rates ever again"* 

Councils Rates Postponement Scheme is an option which allows you to postpone the payment of your rates if you, or your partner are aged 65 or over.

This scheme gives you the choice to postpone the payment of your rates for a fixed period of time, or leaving them for your estate to take care of after you die.

One of the most attractive features of the scheme is its flexibility. You can choose to postpone all or a portion of your rates. This can be for a short time, or you can repay these in full or in part at any time, without penalty.

Please note that there are two types of rates - local rates and regional rates.

The postponement of rates does not apply to Otago Regional Council rates.





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# Before you confirm your application you will be required to attend a 'decision facilitation' interview.

This is a priority for the council. Its purpose is to ensure that you are given as much information as possible about the scheme so that you can make a fully informed decision.

We have chosen 'Relationship Services' as an independent organisation to provide this service. We will give you the contact details once we have received your completed eligibility form.

#### What will it cost?

As well as your accrued rates payments, there are the following annual charges:

- Interest cost (at the council's borrowing rate approximately 7.0%) Please contact council for the current rate.
- A levy of 1% for management of the scheme
- A levy of 0.25% for a reserve fund (unrecoverable money)

You will also be required to pay a \$100 application processing fee together with a one-off fee of \$300 to Relationship Services.

All of the above costs can be postponed. You do not have to pay any costs while you are in the scheme.

	Eligibility Form
1	I would like to confirm my eligibility for rate postponement.
1	O (please tick)
	First Applicant Name
	Date of Birth
	Second Applicant Name (if applicable)
ou ¦	 
	Date of Birth
at I	Owner(s) of property (if different from above). Please specify name of trust or retirement village if applicable.
t i	 
	Address of property
1	
	Valuation number of your property (see rates invoice)
ey)	Type of postponement sought (if known)
ing '	Full 🔾 Partial 🔵 (please tick)
to	Is the property used as your permanent residence?
.0	yes no (please tick)