

Notice is hereby given that the Council has, in terms of Sections 30(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act No. 117 of 1998 (as amended) and the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, Act No. 6 of 2004, read in conjunction with the Local Governmen: Municipal Systems Act, Act No. 32 of 2000, the Municipality's Rating Policy and with Chapter 4 of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act No. 56 of 2003, levied the following rates in the rand on the various categories of properties within the municipal area, as set out below, for the financial year 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.

# HOW TO WORK OUT YOUR RATES

All property owners will be sent municipal accounts with their new rates and tariffs reflected. Property owners may also make use of the formula and tabled information to work out the new rates.

**EXAMPLE 1:** You own a residential property with a value of R500 000. The tariff for a residential property as per the table is 0.5321 cents in a rand. As per MPRA, a R15 000 reduction on residential property value is applicable. Work out the rate as follows:

R500 000 (-R15 000) x 0.5321 cents in a rand = R2580.68 per annum R2580.68 divided by 12 = R215.05 per month

**EXAMPLE 2:** You own vacant land with a value of R90 000. The tariff for vacant land as per the table is 1,5961 cents in a rand. Work out the rate as follows:

R90 000 x 1,5961 = R1436.49 per annum R1436.49 divided by 12 = R119.70 per month

CATEGORY	TARRIF
Residential Property	0,5321
Smallholding Residential	0,5321
Smallholding Industrial	1,3301
Smallholding Business and Commercial	1,0640
Residential Property Mixed Use	0,7981
Farm Property Residential	1,5961
Agricultural Property (Farms & Smallholdings)	0,1064
Farm Property Industrial	1,3301
Farm Property Business and Commercial	1,0640
Business and Commercial Property	1.0640
Industrial Property	1,3301
Vacant Land	1,5961
Municipal-Owned Property	1,0640
State-Owned Property	1,0640
Public Service Infrastructure	0,1330

## **EXEMPTIONS, REBATES AND REDUCTIONS**

**EXEMPTIONS** - means no rate is payable as an exemption to pay rates is granted.

**REBATE** - means a discount is granted on the rate payable on the property.

**REDUCTION** - means the lowering of the amount at which the property was valued and the rating of the property at that lowered value.

### HOW TO APPLY FOR EXEMPTIONS, REBATES AND REDUCTIONS

Applications for exemptions, rebates and reductions will only be considered after an application on the prescribed form has been lodged with the Chief Financial Officer on an annual basis. Applications must reach the Municipality via the Customer Care Centres. Exemptions, rebates and reductions will only be processed once the application has been approved. The onus rests on the applicant to ensure that the original application form and all supporting documents are lodged timeously, and that the property concerned qualifies for the exemption, rebate or reduction. Applicants will be advised in writing of the status of their application. The effective date of a rebate, exemption or reduction shall be the date when the Municipality approves the application for relief measure, irrespective of whether or not the property qualified for relief measure in terms of its use prior to that date. The Municipality reserves the right to refuse an exemption, rebate or reduction if the details supplied in the application are incomplete, incorrect or false. The Nelson Mandela Bay Council has granted the following relief measures for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010, in respect of the categories and owners of properties as set out below:

Category	cent/Rand	Exemption	Rebate
Public Benefit Organisations	NIL	100%	
Non-Profit Organisations		100%	
Long-Term Protected Critical Biodiversity Areas		100%	
Indigent Households (R2 020.00 pm)		100%	
Pensioners & Disabled persons with a total monthly income of:			
R2 101.00 – R2 760.00	0.0798		85%
R2 761.00 – R3 430.00	0.1596		70%
R3 431.00 – R4 090.00	0.2394		55%
R4 091.00 – R4 750.00	0.3192		40%
R4 751.00 – R5 420.00	0.3991		25%
R5 421.00 – R6 080.00	0.4789		10%
Sporting Bodies amateur	NIL		100%
Sporting Bodies professional	0.6384		40%
Biodiversity	0.8512		20%
Game Park	0.2660		75%

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