

Liverpool CBD Rates Assistance – Eligibility Criteria

Council has recently introduced further initiatives to provide financial assistance to landowners in the Liverpool CBD who have been impacted due to COVID-19.

If you are a commercial landlord or business property owner in the Liverpool CBD, you may be eligible for a rate rebate for part of the City Development Fund (CDF) portion of your Council rates.

To be eligible you'll need to:

- Be the owner of a commercial property in the Liverpool CBD that is subject to the CDF levy,
- As an owner occupier,
 - Demonstrate a reduction in trade of at least 30% for the business operating at the eligible property during the prescribed period, have a valid ABN and provide evidence that the business has been trading for a minimum of 12 months.
- As a landlord,
 - Provide details of a loss in rental income of at least 30% for the eligible property during the prescribed period.
 - Provide details of rent relief or reductions given to tenants of at least 30% during the prescribed period without any requirement that the amounts are paid back at a later date.
- Only one application per property can be made.

The prescribed period for the purposes of the rates assistance scheme is anytime between:-

- 1 April 2020 and 30 June 2020, and/or
- 1 July 2020 and 30 September 2020

What you need to provide

- Application contact details
- Council rate notice
- Evidence of the reduction in trade (owner occupiers)
- Evidence of the rental reduction provided. This can include:
 - Copies of tenancy agreements that provide rental reductions
 - Rent ledgers or rental statements
 - A letter from the managing agent

If further documentation is required, Council may contact you. You should also obtain the permission of the tenant to share their information with Council.

Rates rebates of the CDF are based on the unimproved land value as follows:-

Land Value	Maximum rebate available
Less than \$1m	25% of CDF levy
\$1m to \$4.99m	\$500.00
\$5m to \$9.99m	\$1,000.00
More than \$10m	\$1,500.00

- Some exclusions apply.
- This initiative is in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and available for the current year only.
- Applications close 30 March 2021
- Approved rebates will be credited against the landowner's rates account

APPLY ONLINE HERE:

<https://uat-epathwaydmz.liverpool.nsw.gov.au/ePathway/UAT/web/mobility/citywatch/index.html?module=ecrreq&class=null&type=CBDHAR>