



NEWCASTLE MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE NO. CS 18/2022

ASSESSMENT OF GENERAL RATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/2023.

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 14 of the Local Government Municipal Property Rates Act No. 2004, that rates are payable on rateable property within the areas of jurisdiction of the Newcastle Municipality, by a resolution passed by Council with a supporting vote of a majority of its members on 30 May 2022, for the financial year 2022/2023, have been assessed as set out hereunder.

1. In terms of the Municipal Property Rates Act, No. 6 of 2004, the general rate for the financial year is levied as follows:

	Category & Impermissible	Tariff
(a)	(i) Residential property (Impermissible - R 85 000)	1.372 Cents in the Rand
	(ii) Business and commercial	3.428 Cents in the Rand
	(iii) Industrial property	3.428 Cents in the Rand
	(iv) Agricultural property	0.305 Cents in the Rand
	(v) Public service infrastructure	0.305 Cents in the Rand
	(vi) Mining property	3.428 Cents in the Rand
	(vii) Properties owned by public benefit organisations and used for Specified public benefit activities	0.305 Cents in the Rand
	(viii) Public Service Purposes	0.342 Cents in the Rand
	(ix) Vacant Land	4.115 Cents in the Rand
	(x) Places of public worship	Exempt
	(xi) Rural Communal Land	0.305 Cents in the Rand
(b)	Rebates granted in terms of the Rates Policy:	
	Pensioners	25%
	B&B Accommodation	10%
	Properties effected by disaster	50%
	Commercial Industrial Development with market value of at least R 50 million	As per policy
(c)	Indigent accountholders are subsidised	100%
(d)	Properties owned by public benefit organisations and used for specified public benefit activities; who qualify in terms of the policy are exempt from rates	

2. Date of Payment

All rates are payable in twelve equal monthly instalments on or before the fourteenth day following the statement date. Any portion of rates remaining unpaid after due dates aforesaid shall be subject to interest as laid down in the Credit Control, Debt Collection and Customer Care Policy as well as well as in the approved Tariff of Charges. Rates will be charged against any State-owned property as an annual amount.

3. Pensioners

On written request annually a reduction of 25% on property rates will be granted to pensioners who own and occupy that property and can prove to the satisfaction of the Strategic Executive Director: Budget and Treasury Office (CFO) that they comply with the following requirements:

- 3.1 Be at least sixty years of age;
- 3.2 Be the sole owner of the property or own the property jointly with his/her spouse;
- 3.3 Make application annually on the prescribed form and within the prescribed time.

4. Bed and Breakfast Establishments

A Bed and Breakfast Establishment means an establishment, which is primarily a dwelling, and makes excess rooms available to transient guests. On written request annually a reduction of 10% on property rates will be granted to registered Bed & Breakfast Establishments who can prove to the satisfaction of the Strategic Executive Director: Budget and Treasury Office (CFO) that they comply with the following requirements:

- 4.1 The applicant must provide details of the establishment in respect of the total size of developed property, total number of rooms, and facilities available to guests. This will be required to be certified by the member association;
- 4.2 Make application annually on the prescribed form and within the prescribed form and within the prescribed time period;
- 4.3 The applicant must attach a copy of their current Certificate of Membership of the Local Tourism Authority.

5. Commercial / Industrial Development

5.1 This benefit is meant for new businesses/commercial developments who will be investing in the Newcastle area and where the property has/will have value of at least R 50 million at the start of business, in the establishment of newly improved sites.

From years 0-4	=	40% rebate
From years 5-6	=	25% rebate
From years 7-8	=	10% rebate
From year 9 onwards	=	0% rebate

5.2 An annual application must be made by 31 May preceding the start of each new financial year for which relief is sought;

5.3 The applicant must attach to their annual application, a copy of their current Business Licence as well as a set of the company's audited financial statements.

6. Indigent

Owners who qualify for indigent support in terms of the Credit Control, Debt Collection and Customer Care Policy will receive a subsidy of 100% on property rates.

7. Public Benefit / Non-Profit Organisations

Public Benefit and Non-Profit Organisation who qualify in terms of the Rates Policy are exempt from rates.

8. Website

This notice is also available on the Newcastle Municipality's [website: www.newcastle.gov.za](http://www.newcastle.gov.za)

A detailed copy of the resolution on the levying of rates on property is open for inspection at the Civic Centre, all Municipal Satellite Offices and Libraries for a period of thirty days from date of publication thereof.

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ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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