

# 2018/2019 Application for a Waiver or Reduction of Fees and Charges



## PART A: HOW TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS FORM

You can use this form to apply for a reduction or waiver of fees and charges for the hire of a Park, Beach or Road Reserve, Sportsground or Community Hall (or other item under Facilities and Recreation).

- It is essential that you read through the eligibility terms and conditions (PART F) before you complete the form. You are not required to submit this form where reduced fees identified in the fees and charges schedule apply.
- Make sure you complete all sections in **clear print** and/or **type** directly into the form.
- Please tick  **YES** or  **NO** where required. If you are using the form electronically, double click the check box and select 'checked'.
- Applications are to be lodged prior to the date of an event or activity (at least two weeks prior where possible).

**In Person** - At the Customer Contact Centre, located on the ground floor of 282 King Street, Newcastle. Operating times from 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

**Mail** - Postal address Interim Chief Executive Officer, Newcastle City Council, PO Box 489 Newcastle 2300.

**E-mail:** [mail@ncc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@ncc.nsw.gov.au) or your **Bookings Officer**.

- It is your responsibility to ensure the form is lodged prior to the date of your event or activity. Applications received after an event or activity will not be accepted.
- Please ensure all 3 pages are submitted. An incomplete and/or unsigned application will not be accepted.

For further information please call the Customer Contact Centre on 02 4974 2000.

## PART B: APPLICANT DETAILS

<b>Organisation Name</b>	
<b>ABN</b>	
<b>Contact Name</b>	
<b>Contact Position</b>	
<b>Postal Address</b>	
<b>Phone / Mobile</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	

## PART C: APPLICATION CATEGORY

Under which category will you be applying?

**Charity**

Please include the following with your application:

- Certificate of Charity Status
- Authority to Fundraise (if applicable to your application)
- Proof of Donation or Benefit Value (if applicable to your application).

**Financial Hardship**

A Council Officer will advise of any further evidence which may be required to support your application.

## PART D: DETAILS OF EVENT OR ACTIVITY

Please provide a clear outline of the proposed event/activity or situation below (or attach). This should include the time, date location, objectives, purpose and delivery (of the activity or situation) in relation to the eligibility category/criteria (refer to PART F).

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## PART E: SIGNATURE

I, the applicant, acknowledge that:

- I have read and understood this form and the eligibility terms and conditions
- I acknowledge that all information provided on this form is true and accurate
- Once I have been notified of Council's decision I agree to pay all applicable fees and charges. (Payment is due within 14 days of date of invoice.)

**Print Name:**

**Sign:**

**Date:**

### Protecting Your Privacy

Newcastle City Council is committed to protecting your privacy. We take reasonable steps to comply with relevant legislation and Council's Privacy Management Plan.

**Purpose of collection:** To enable Council as the consent authority to assess your proposal.

**Intended recipients:** Council staff and other government agencies that may be required to assess the proposal.

**Supply:** The information is a statutory requirement related to the assessment of the application.

**Consequence of non-provision:** Your application may not be accepted or processed due to a lack of information.

**Storage and Security:** Newcastle City Council, 282 King Street Newcastle 2300 will store details of the application. Individuals can access the details of the application under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

**Access:** Your information can be checked for accuracy by calling (02) 4974 2000.

## PART F: ELIGIBILITY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

You must meet at least one of the following categories and criteria to be eligible to submit this application.

Category	Criteria
Registered Charity	Council may waive fees where the applicant is a registered charity and the fee is for a service that will enable the provision of charitable services to Newcastle City Council's community.
Financial Hardship	<p>Council may waive or reduce fees in cases where the applicant provides evidence that the payment of the fee will impose significant financial hardship.</p> <p>In determining eligibility on the basis of financial hardship, Council will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Apply the criteria used by the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) and</li> <li>2. Require the applicant to provide reasonable proof of financial hardship which may include details of assets, income and living expenses, and such other information required to make a valid assessment.</li> </ol>

### Assessment of Application

Council Officers with delegated authority will review the fees and charges applicable to your event or activity (in consultation with your bookings officer) and assess requests for the waiver or reduction of fees in accordance with the following principles:

- Compliance with relevant legislation
- Fairness, consistency and equity
- Transparency.

### Fees and Charges

All applicants are invoiced as per Council's current fees and charges schedule which is reviewed annually. Fees and charges are put on public exhibition to receive community feedback each year prior to Council approval.

Council is unable to waive or further reduce fees which are a cost to Council.

Bonds (where applicable) will not be reduced or waived.

Applicants who have received funding or sponsorship from Council are not able to also apply for a fee waiver or reduction.

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Please refer to our website for further information on fees and charges <http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Council/Our-Responsibilities/Integrated-Planning-and-Reporting/Fees-and-Charges>

## COUNCIL USE ONLY

### AUTHORISED OFFICER TO COMPLETE

I have undertaken an initial assessment of the relevant documentation which has been determined to be complete and in order.

- YES** - Please sign and date form  
 **NO** - Please provide reason below

<b>Reason</b>	
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Please provide your name, signature and the date on which the assessment was undertaken.

Authorised Officer:

Signature:

Date:

### RECOMMENDATION MADE BY AUTHORISED COORDINATOR

I do not have a pecuniary or significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest

- YES** - Please provide reason and advise manager  
 **NO** - Please answer next question

<b>Reason</b>	
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I have reviewed the officers assessment and my recommendation is

- YES** - Approved, please sign and date form below  
 **NO** - Not approved, please provide reason and sign and date form below

<b>Reason</b>	
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Please provide your name, signature and the date on which the assessment was undertaken.

Authorised Coordinator:

Signature:

Date:

### RECOMMENDATION MADE BY BUSINESS UNIT MANAGER

I do not have a pecuniary or significant non-pecuniary conflict of interest

- YES** - Please provide reason and advise director  
 **NO** - Please answer next question

<b>Reason</b>	
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I have reviewed the coordinators assessment and my recommendation is

- YES** - Approved, please sign and date form below  
 **NO** - Not approved, please provide reason and sign and date form below

<b>Reason</b>	
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Please provide your name, signature and the date on which the assessment was undertaken.

Service Unit Manager:

Signature:

Date: