

Practising fee rebate application

Form information

If you work part time, you may be eligible for a rebate on your practising fee. You will need to wait until the commencement of the new practising year (1 July) before you can apply for a rebate for the previous practising year.

You will be entitled to apply for a rebate for the year ending 30 June, if:

1. you have not received, more than \$50,000 total gross income (from all sources of income) for the tax year ended 31 March in the same year; **and**
2. you worked as a lawyer, on average, fewer than 20 hours a week in that period.

To qualify for the rebate, you are required to complete the statutory declaration and provide supporting documentation that your total gross income from **all sources of income** (including income received from government superannuation and/or government benefits) for the tax year 1 April to 31 March was less than \$50,000.

The rebate will be 50% of the practising certificate fee paid. The rebate applies only to the practising fee paid to the New Zealand Law Society (Law Society) for the period 1 July to 30 June and does not include Council of Legal Education Levy, Legal Complaints Review Office Levy, Inspectorate Fee or Fidelity Fund contribution.

Checklist

Evidence of income

Please attach to this application **both**:

An original or certified copy of your statement of income and expenditure preferably as prepared by your accountant, **or** a letter from your employer confirming your income; **and**

An original or certified copy of your IRD summary of earnings showing total income received

1 Personal details

Full name

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

NZLS lawyer ID (if known)

Privacy and information handling

The information you provide helps the Law Society to assess your application and enables the Law Society to carry out its regulatory and representative functions under the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006.

The Law Society will collect, use, hold and disclose your personal information only for the purposes of assessing your application, and as provided for under the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006 and regulations, Privacy Act 2020 or otherwise as permitted or required by law. Only authorised staff will have access to your information which is held in a secure environment.

The provision of information by you is voluntary. However, if you do not provide full information, the Law Society may not be able to assess your application. Under the Privacy Act 2020 you may request access to and request correction of your personal information held by the Law Society. For more information about the Law Society's Privacy and Information Handling Policies please refer to www.lawsociety.org.nz/privacy. General information about the Privacy Act 2020 is also available on the website of the Privacy Commissioner at www.privacy.org.nz.

2 Statutory declaration

As confirmation of your income and average hours of work please sign the statutory declaration below (in accordance with s9 of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957):

I (your full legal name)

of (your full residential address and occupation)

Solemnly and sincerely declare that for the tax period 1 April to 31 March (yyyy)

- my total gross income from all sources was less than \$50,000; and
- on average I worked as a lawyer fewer than 20 hours per week.

Payment to be paid to

Account number

Please select payment method Direct credit Cheque

Email address of person to be notified of the refund

- and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Applicant signature

Declared at (place)

On this date (dd/mm/yyyy)

Before me (name of official witness)

Signature of official witness

Stamp



(For example, a Justice of the Peace, barrister and solicitor or another person authorised to take a statutory declaration)

Sending this form

Please send the original application and supporting documents to:

 Registry, New Zealand Law Society
PO Box 5041, Lambton Quay, Wellington 6145

For further information, contact:

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 0800 223 030
 www.lawsociety.org.nz