

# Application for exemption from residential land withholding tax (RLWT)

You can apply for an exemption from RLWT if:

- you're someone who carries on a business of developing land, subdividing land, or building houses, or
- it's your main home in New Zealand being sold/disposed of and you are eligible for the main home exclusion in full.

If the seller is a partnership (except for a limited partnership, see note on page 3) or unincorporated club or society, **each member that is an offshore RLWT person** must complete an IR1103 if they wish to apply for an exemption from RLWT, and show their own IRD number, not that of the partnership, unincorporated club, or society.

## Details of the person or entity applying for the exemption

**1 Full name**  Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Non-individual (Tick 1)

**2 IRD number**

**3 Street address**  
(Do not show a box or bag number)

Street address

**4 Postal address, only if it's different from the street address**

Do not show your tax preparer's address here

Street address, PO Box, Private or Locked Bag number

**5 Contact phone numbers**

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Daytime Evening Mobile

**6 Email address**

**7. Tick the reason for applying for an exemption**

Carrying on a business of developing land, subdividing land, or building houses - complete question 7A. See notes on page 3

Main home - complete question 7B. See notes on pages 3 and 4


## 7A Applying as someone who carries on a business of developing land, subdividing land, or building houses

**I am:**  Developing land  Subdividing land  Building houses

Description of the property being sold/disposed of, for example, Certificate of Title number.  
See note on page 3 for Question 7A and 7B.

If you have more than 1 property you want this exemption to apply to provide a list of the properties with their descriptions on a separate piece of paper and attach to this form.

As the applicant:

- I have met all tax obligations under the Inland Revenue Acts for the 2 years before applying. If applying as a limited partnership or you are a member of a group of companies see note on page 3 for Question 7A.
- or**  I'm able to provide Inland Revenue with security to secure payment of any income tax obligations that might arise from the sale/disposal of the properties listed. See note on page 3 for Question 7A for the types of securities that may be acceptable to Inland Revenue.
- The security will need to be for an amount that is the greater of:**
- 10% of the estimated turnover for the sale of the properties this exemption applies to, or
  - NZ \$50,000.
-  **Attach:**
- supporting documents for the amount of the security being provided
  - a solicitor's certificate as to the execution of the security document, or a non-revocation of power of attorney for the security document (if applicable), and
  - a schedule of projected property-related income and costs for the properties this exemption relates to.

## 7B Applying as the property is my main home

Refer to notes for question 7B on pages 3 and 4

Description of the property being sold/disposed of, for example, Certificate of Title.

Bright-line start date

Day	Month	Year
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Bright-line end date

Day	Month	Year
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For property sold before 1 July 2024, date binding sale and purchase agreement was entered into to buy the property.

Day	Month	Year
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I confirm the property is eligible for the main home exclusion in full.

Dates you lived in the property as your main home, for example, the date you moved in until the date you moved out. Do not include periods where you were not living in the property as your main home, for example, a period between moving out and when the property was sold. If you have more dates show these on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form.

Day	Month	Year
Day	Month	Year
Day	Month	Year

to  
to  
to

Day	Month	Year
Day	Month	Year
Day	Month	Year

Have you been out of New Zealand since purchasing the property?

No

Yes – show the dates you've been out of New Zealand for periods longer than 3 months. If you have more than 3 trips, show the other departure and arrival dates on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form.

Departure

Day	Month	Year
Day	Month	Year
Day	Month	Year

to  
to  
to

Arrival

Day	Month	Year
Day	Month	Year
Day	Month	Year



Attach a copy of 2 different forms of evidence that show both your name and the address of the property from the period it was your main home.



These may include:

- a bill from the company who supplies your power, gas, water, phone or internet services
  - an insurance policy document for contents, car or life.
- This does not include a letter from friends or family.

## 8 Declaration

Name

Designation or title (if applicable)

For example, director, partner, trustee, executive office holder, manager, duly authorised person

Signature

Date

Day	Month	Year
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I declare that the information given on this form is true and correct.

If completing this form online an electronic signature is acceptable

## Privacy

Meeting your tax obligations means giving us accurate information so we can assess your liabilities or your entitlements under the Acts we administer. For full details of our privacy policy go to [ird.govt.nz/privacy](https://ird.govt.nz/privacy)

Send this form with all supporting documentation to:

If applying as someone carrying on a business of developing land, subdividing land, or building houses:



Email: [NR.contractors@ird.govt.nz](mailto:NR.contractors@ird.govt.nz)



Post: Inland Revenue  
PO Box 2198  
Wellington 6140  
New Zealand

If applying as the property is your main home:



Email: [RLWTforms@ird.govt.nz](mailto:RLWTforms@ird.govt.nz)



Post: Inland Revenue  
PO Box 39010  
Wellington Mail Centre  
Lower Hutt 5045  
New Zealand

### Limited partnership

If the seller is a limited partnership, apply under its IRD number. A separate application is not needed from each partner.

#### Question 7A – Compliance with tax obligations

You, or an associate must have had and met all tax obligations under the Inland Revenue Acts for the 2 years before applying, for example filed tax returns required, met any employer, GST or provisional tax obligations.

If applying as a limited partnership or a company that is a member of a group of companies you can apply for an exemption if it has been in existence for less than 2 years. For this to be accepted an associate such as a partner of the limited partnership or another member in the same group of companies needs to have met all their tax obligations under the Inland Revenue Acts for the 2 years before you apply. If this is the case you can tick this option.

#### Question 7A - Types of securities

This could include a bank bond, mortgage against real property, or a surety or bond from a finance or insurance entity/provider. You may also have another type of security you'd like to provide. Send us details of your proposed security, and all necessary forms and documents from the entity/provider who is providing the security. We'll consider this and discuss with you if we do not think it's acceptable.

#### Question 7A and 7B - Description of property

If the land being disposed of has a Certificate of Title number show this. If there is no Certificate of Title number, show 1 of the descriptions in the following table.

Description of property	Include with your application a copy of:
leasehold title	the lease
allocated number/letter	the plan or similar, for example, subdivision plan, (for example, master, sale or survey plan) showing the property and the part being disposed of with the allocated number/letter
other description, for example, a survey plan (not the address)	similar documentation to the above that shows the property and the part being disposed of with the description

#### Question 7B - Bright-line start date

Use the following table to determine what date to use as the bright-line start date.

Type of purchase/acquisition	Date to use
Standard purchase of a property	Date the transfer of the property is registered to you with Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) (usually the settlement date)
Subdivided land – property you have subdivided	The original date of registration for the undivided property
Off the plans – property acquired relying on the completion of a land development or subdivision	Date you entered into a sale and purchase agreement
Change of trustee – land transferred from a trustee of a trust to another trustee of the trust	Bright-line start date for the original trustee
Joint tenancy converted to a tenancy in common or tenancy in common converted to a joint tenancy	To the extent the person's share in the land is unchanged, the bright-line start date for the land before the tenancy was converted
Purchase where no registration happens before the sale date	Date you acquired an interest in the property
Freehold estate converted from a lease with a perpetual right of renewal	Date you were first granted the leasehold estate
Land outside New Zealand	Date the transfer of the property is registered to you under foreign laws

#### Question 7B - Bright-line end date

Use the following table to determine what date to use as the bright-line end date.

Type of sale/disposal	Date to use
Standard sale of a property	Date you entered into a sale and purchase agreement
Gifting of property	Date the gift was made
Compulsory acquisition by the Crown, a local authority, or a public authority	Date of compulsory acquisition
Mortgagee sale	Date the property is disposed of by or for the mortgagee because the mortgagor defaulted (usually the settlement date)
Disposals not covered above	Date you disposed of the property

If more than 1 type of disposal applies, use the earliest date.

### Question 7B - Date binding sale and purchase agreement entered into

For property sold before 1 July 2024, the date you acquired the property determines which main home exclusion criteria applies.

For tax purposes, a property is generally acquired on the date a binding sale and purchase agreement is entered into (even if some standard conditions like getting finance or a building report still need to be met). Full information on when a property is acquired is found in QB 17/02 on [taxtechnical.ird.govt.nz](http://taxtechnical.ird.govt.nz)

A property acquired on or after 27 March 2021 will be treated as having been acquired before 27 March 2021, if the purchase was the result of an offer the purchaser made on or before 23 March 2021 and that offer could not be withdrawn before 27 March 2021. To support this, please provide a copy of the sale and purchase agreement and any supporting contractual documents (including any tender document).

### Question 7B - Main home exclusion

A main home is the property where you live for most of the time, or if you have more than 1 property it is the one that you have the greatest connection to. To be your main home you need to meet the main home exclusion criteria under the bright-line test.

You can apply for a certificate of exemption if the property is eligible for the main home exclusion in full.

#### Property sold on or after 1 July 2024

You can claim the main home exclusion if you:

- used more than 50% of the property's area as your main home (including the yard, gardens, and garage)
- used the property for more than 50% of the bright-line period as your main home.

#### Property sold before 1 July 2024

Different criteria apply depending on when you acquired the property (generally the date a binding sale and purchase agreement is entered into).

Use the following table to determine the main home exclusion criteria to use for property sold before 1 July 2024.

Date property acquired	Main home exclusion criteria
On or after 27 March 2021	You must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• used more than 50% of the property's area as your main home (including the yard, gardens, and garage)</li><li>• used the property for 100% of the time as your main home. This may include any continuous period of up to 12 months in the bright-line period where the property was not used as your main home (for example, a period between moving out and when the property is finally sold).</li></ul>
Before 27 March 2021	You must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• used more than 50% of the property's area as your main home (including the yard, gardens, and garage)</li><li>• used the property for more than 50% of the bright-line period as your main home.</li></ul>

Go to [ird.govt.nz/bright-line](http://ird.govt.nz/bright-line) to find out:

- when you cannot use the main home exclusion and when it may still apply
- how to work out which is your main home when you have more than 1.