

# Criteria for Building or Resource Consent Application Refund



A refund of fees is available to anyone who wants to withdraw a building or resource consent application, based on financial hardship grounds, subject to the following criteria being met:

- **There is no available government support to cover your circumstances:**
  - You have endeavoured to deal with government agencies with regard to your hardship circumstances and Council is your last resort.
- **Financial hardship:**
  - You have lost employment, income or your lending ability due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and
  - It would mean you wouldn't be able to undertake the development if your consent was granted.
- **When your application was lodged:**
  - You made your application prior to the lockdown (25 March); and
  - Preference will be given to applications lodged immediately before the lockdown (between 1 January and 25 March 2020).
- **Where your application is in the consenting process:**
  - Your application hasn't been completely processed; and
  - Preference will be given to applications in the early stages of processing.
- **Any costs already paid by Council for external processing advice:**
  - Any costs paid to external experts or peer reviewers as part of the processing of the application are unlikely to be refunded.
- **Any other relevant matters that impact your ability to start the development:**
  - Including putting your application on hold isn't possible as it would likely be longer than six months before you could restart the process.

Requests should be made in writing outlining your situation and sent to our Regulatory Manager Brian Taylor: [brian.taylor@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:brian.taylor@tcdc.govt.nz)

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