



Return Form to;
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FINANCIAL HARDSHIP APPLICATION

The Shire of Cunderdin know that anyone can experience financial difficulties at one time or another. In some cases, the difficulty is temporary, and you might just need some time to get back on your feet. In others, the difficulty may be longer term. Our aim is to aid ratepayers during times of financial hardship.

Ratepayers who are facing payment difficulties due to financial hardship can apply to enter into a payment plan with the Council. The payment plan will provide an extension on current payments, whilst suspending interest charges for rates, charges and administration fees (excluding ESL). The suspension of penalty interest will apply only for the duration of the current ratepayer's payment plan.

Financial Hardship will be assessed in accordance with the same eligibility criteria used to assess genuine financial hardship assistance in respect of rates and charges as per Council's Financial Hardship Policy and Debt Collection Policy. All applications will be presented to Council as a private and confidential item.

The Shire will provide to you in writing the outcome of Council's decision. All accepted Financial Hardship Applications will have a commencement and end date, and will need to be reviewed upon expiry.

Please note: If you are applying for assistance for more than one property, you must complete a separate application form for each property, as the nature, type and ownership of each may differ.

To apply, please complete the form below and submit your application to kay.squibb@cunderdin.wa.gov.au.

1. Property Information

Assessment Number

Property Address

What is the property's rates account balance?

Is the property owned/occupied or is it a rental?

If the property is a rental who is the managing agent?

Lease Type?

2. Owner/Ratepayer Information

Applicant

Are you the sole owner/ratepayer of the property? Yes No

Company Name
(if applicable)

Surname

Given Names

Residential Address

Postal Address

Email Address

Mobile No

Phone No.

Owner 2

Surname

Given Names

Residential Address

Postal Address

Email Address

Mobile No

Phone No.

3. Financial Hardship

Please tell us how you have been paying your 2025/2026 rates account?

	Instalments (x 4 payments)
	Payment Plan: Active or cancelled due to reaching maximum number of defaults?
	Other (please explain)

Please tell us about your financial position by indicating the reason/s below:

	I have become unemployed.
	My pay has been reduced.
	I have been stood down.
	I have had to take time off work to care for a family member.
	I have been diagnosed with a communicable disease and am unable to work.
	Death in the Family.
	Temporary physical and mental health problems.
	Domestic or family violence.

If your circumstances have changed in another way, please explain:

Have you applied for any financial assistance measures? (for example, JobSeeker or JobKeeper payments, access to Superannuation)? Please indicate:

- JobSeeker Payment
- JobKeeper Payment
- Other (please specify below):

Please explain:

How long do you expect you will be experiencing financial difficulty?

	1-3 Months
	3-6 Months
	6 Months and longer

Please explain the reasons:

6. Payment Proposal

What is the payment amount and frequency you can afford to commit to?

Amount	
Frequency	

7. Supporting Documentation

To assist us with your application, please provide on lodgment the relevant documentation to support your financial hardship application. As per below:

➤ Bank Statement/s
➤ Medical Certificate
➤ Centrelink
➤ Letter from employer
➤ Letter from a Provider who has deemed you to be experiencing financial hardship (e.g. bank, super fund, utilities)
➤ Letter from an authorised financial counsellor or planner confirming financial hardship
➤ Documentation such as a statutory declaration from a person familiar with your financial circumstances (e.g. family doctor, accountant)

Declaration

I confirm that the information provided within this Application for Financial Hardship is accurate, and there have been no misrepresentations or omissions of fact that would otherwise influence the review and decision of Shire of Cunderdin.

I declare that I am the ratepayer and authorised person of the above-mentioned property.

Signature of Applicant

Date:

Processing Your Application

Once you have completed this form please mail to:

Shire of Cunderdin

PO Box 100

CUNDERDIN WA 6407

Or Email to kay.squibb@cunderdin.wa.gov.au

If you have any questions, please contact Rates on (08) 9635 2700 and provide your relevant assessment number. We will then advise if your application form has been received and if it has been assessed.

Support Services Contact Information		
Name	Phone	Website
HealthyWA	1800 022 222	https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/
Lifeline Australia (personal crisis support services)	13 11 14	https://www.lifeline.org.au/
Australian Government Services Australia (links to MyGov, Centrelink and Medicare)	1800 020 080	https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/affected-coronavirus-covid-19
Financial Counselling Services	1800 007 007 1800 612 004 or (08) 9964 7033	https://ndh.org.au/ www.ruralwest.com.au