# Infrastructure charges reduction for eligible community organisations

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Brisbane City Council has an initiative to provide financial assistance to eligible community organisations that deliver new or expanded facilities and/or services for the benefit of the wider community.

Infrastructure charges are levied by Council as part of the development assessment process. Charges contribute to the provision of transport, public parks, land for community facilities and stormwater infrastructure that supports development in Brisbane.

Council offers eligible community organisations a reduction in infrastructure charges. The charges must be identified in an Infrastructure Charges Notice (ICN) for Council networks, given with a development approval.

### How much is the reduction?

The available reduction is 75% of the infrastructure charges levied by Council on the associated development approval, up to a maximum amount of:

* $40,000 for development approvals given between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2016
* $45,000 for development approvals given after 1 July 2016.

### Who is eligible?

Organisations that may be eligible for the reduction are:

* charitable organisations that use either a volunteer or paid workforce, such as Salvation Army and Red Cross
* not-for-profit community-based organisations such as senior citizens clubs, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups, Girl Guides, Scouts, welfare groups, and other cultural, environmental, rescue and youth organisations
* affordable housing providers operating on a not-for-profit basis such as Brisbane Housing Company, which provides a purpose-built facility
* sporting or recreation organisations that provide community-based sporting or recreation activities
* religious organisations recognised by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
* schools recognised by the Queensland Department of Education and Training
* other organisations that may be considered eligible for the reduction in extenuating circumstances.

### Activities not eligible for the reduction

Organisations that are not eligible for the reduction are:

* development (including land subdivision or building) undertaken for sale or commercial purposes, even if it is being undertaken by an eligible community organisation.

### How do I apply?

Submit an *Eligible organisations infrastructure charges reduction request notice*, when you lodge your development application.

The form is available via [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/planning-and-building/applying-and-post-approval/infrastructure-charges](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/planning-and-building/applying-and-post-approval/infrastructure-charges)

When submitting the request, you must include:

* sufficient information to confirm your organisation’s eligibility (e.g. ATO endorsement, evidence of non-profit status)
* information that clearly demonstrates the public benefit of the development proposal.

Organisations can apply for the reduction as many times as they choose over the same site, but the total reduction for a site cannot exceed either $40,000 or $45,000. The reduction cap will depend on when the development approval was given. For details, read the above section *How much is the reduction?*).

### What happens next?

If the organisation and proposed development meet all the eligibility criteria, Council will apply the reduction to the Infrastructure Charges Notice (ICN) for Council networks issued with the development approval and will be reduced at time of payment of the infrastructure charges.

However, if you lodge your request after the development approval is given, Council can prepare an infrastructure agreement to reduce the infrastructure charges. The reduction will be applied when the applicant pays the infrastructure charges.

The reduction is only available if the applicable ICN is paid prior to the commencement of use and in accordance with the timing specified by the ICN, up to a maximum of six years after the date the development approval was given.

### More information

For more information:

* visit [brisbane.qld.gov.au](https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/) and search ‘infrastructure charges’
* email DS\_Infrastructure@brisbane.qld.gov.au
* phone Council on (07) 3403 8888 and ask to speak with the Infrastructure Coordination team.