



4 February 2026

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 14 January 2026. You requested the following:

- 1. Does IRD hold expenses data for taxpayers who report rental income, and if so, is this data in a form that can be reported?*
- 2. If the expenses data is available, can it be separated out into different categories (R&M, rates, insurance etc)? If not, can it be provided as a total?*
- 3. If either option is possible, please can you provide me with expense information for taxpayers who report rental income for the tax years from 2019-20 until 2023-24.*

Information being released

The information you have requested has been provided, as **Appendix A**.

Inland Revenue requires taxpayers to report their total residential rental deductions on their income tax returns. The attached appendix contains a count of how many taxpayers have reported non-zero current year deductions and the total value of these deductions for the income years 2019-20 to 2023-24. For your reference, this value is key point 22E on the 2025 IR3 tax return and equivalent fields in other income tax returns.

Information provided on the income tax return does not give a breakdown of these deductions, but taxpayers are asked to provide a breakdown using either the IR3R Rental Income form or the IR10 Financial Statements Summary. Neither of these forms are compulsory so there is not complete coverage. Information provided on the IR10 is not restricted to residential rental expenses where a business engages in more than residential rental activity.

The Appendix provides a breakdown of expenses reported on the IR3R and IR10 where one has been completed by a taxpayer who reported residential deductions on their income tax return. The data is split between those who provided no additional information, those who filed an IR3R, those who filed an IR10, and those who filed both an IR3R and an IR10. As noted above, neither of these forms are compulsory and they are not used in the calculation of the taxpayer's income tax assessment. There may be discrepancies between information provided on the income tax return and the IR3R and IR10.

Please note, in 2019-20 and 2020-21 the total expenses value calculated on the IR3R included total interest expense on residential property, while from 2021-22 onwards only the interest expense claimed was included in the total.

Data was extracted on 3 February 2026.

Publishing of OIA response

We intend to publish our response to your request on Inland Revenue's website (ird.govt.nz) as this information may be of interest to other members of the public. This letter, with your personal details removed, may be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the OIA's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of officials.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix A

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Taxpayers claiming residential deductions on their income tax return					
Count	242,940	308,740	328,870	334,850	344,070
Total residential deductions (\$M)	5,878.9	7,046.5	7,010.2	7,659.7	8,376.1
<i>For those taxpayers not filing a supplementary return</i>					
Count	110,390	143,400	154,820	157,630	158,240
Total residential deductions (\$M)	2,367.0	2,851.1	2,828.5	3,098.0	3,293.3
<i>For those taxpayers also filing an IR3R and no IR10</i>					
Count	37,210	44,400	48,680	51,470	54,320
Total residential deductions (\$M)	696.5	743.7	745.6	833.1	945.5
<u>IR3R fields (\$M):</u>					
Total interest	358.1	347.2	320.2	435.7	632.6
Interest expense claimed	N/A	N/A	262.7	314.0	343.2
Rates	96.6	109.3	131.6	146.1	165.9
Insurance	50.1	62.3	67.9	80.7	97.9
Agent's collection fees	38.8	45.6	48.6	52.0	59.5
Depreciation	664.3	109.2	90.2	92.3	114.0
Repairs and maintenance	106.8	126.1	145.4	151.7	168.7
Other	61.5	75.0	83.6	91.9	108.6
Total expenses	1,376.1	874.5	830.1	928.7	1,057.7
<i>For those taxpayers also filing an IR10 and no IR3R</i>					
Count	92,460	117,960	122,280	122,700	128,480

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Total residential deductions (\$M)	2,749.6	3,389.1	3,376.9	3,666.3	4,070.7
<u>IR10 fields (which include other activity) (\$M):</u>					
Bad debts	2.2	3.5	3.3	10.7	18.9
Accounting depreciation	228.1	372.5	427.3	479.5	518.1
Insurance	214.8	292.6	326.3	369.8	446.5
Interest expense	1,437.0	1,576.8	1,474.9	1,900.9	2,404.9
Professional and consulting fees	202.8	279.4	317.2	340.9	366.7
Rates	366.7	503.8	581.3	633.5	708.8
Rental, lease and licence payments	106.1	151.6	173.2	189.4	195.6
Repairs and maintenance	457.8	667.0	709.4	742.4	823.3
Research and development	3.0	2.3	3.0	5.2	2.8
Associated persons' remuneration	122.4	205.4	268.8	264.1	276.6
Salaries and wages	205.2	328.2	388.4	452.9	479.8
Contractor payments	105.6	131.8	158.9	160.8	208.2
Other expenses	952.4	1,352.7	1,655.9	1,989.7	2,251.9
Total expenses	4,404.1	5,867.6	6,487.7	7,539.8	8,702.2

For those taxpayers additionally filing both an IR10 and an IR3R

Count	2,880	2,970	3,100	3,050	3,030
Total residential deductions (\$M)	65.8	62.6	59.2	62.3	66.6
<u>IR3R fields (\$M):</u>					
Total interest	34.0	29.3	24.0	30.8	43.0
Interest expense claimed	N/A	N/A	20.4	22.2	23.8
Rates	8.4	8.6	9.9	10.3	11.0
Insurance	4.5	4.8	5.3	5.7	6.5
Agent's collection fees	13.1	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.5

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Depreciation	11.1	8.7	6.8	5.4	4.7
Repairs and maintenance	9.7	10.9	11.4	11.8	12.1
Other	6.8	6.8	8.1	7.8	8.1
Total expenses	87.6	72.3	65.4	66.4	69.5
<u>IR10 fields (which include other activity) (\$M):</u>					
Bad debts	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Accounting depreciation	4.8	5.9	5.9	6.2	6.9
Insurance	4.0	4.1	4.5	4.8	5.5
Interest expense	22.7	20.7	14.6	16.8	21.7
Professional and consulting fees	3.4	3.3	3.9	4.1	11.0
Rates	5.9	5.6	6.6	6.3	6.9
Rental, lease and licence payments	3.5	4.3	3.9	4.8	4.3
Repairs and maintenance	7.6	8	8.2	8.1	9.3
Research and development	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2
Associated persons' remuneration	1.2	1.3	2.4	2.4	3.2
Salaries and wages	5.6	4.3	5.4	7.5	11.8
Contractor payments	28.3	3.4	5.9	6.1	5.6
Other expenses	23.9	22.4	24.9	26.3	31.2
Total expenses	111.1	84	86.5	93.6	117.9