

MainPower electricity network charges

MainPower New Zealand Limited (MainPower) provides distribution line services to a population of over 80,000 people in the North Canterbury region. We provide the network to deliver electricity to our region's homes, businesses, schools and communities.

MainPower Rebate

Qualifying Customers are eligible for the MainPower rebate and this is applied as a percentage discount off the fixed charge. The rebate is passed through as a discount on the power bill that you receive from your retailer (though some retailers choose not to show this discount separately on their invoices). Once a customer is connected to the MainPower network, they are a Qualifying Customer (this excludes temporary supplies). Customers connected to the former Kaiapoi Electricity network will have a discount applied to their fixed charge equivalent to the MainPower rebate.

At 1 April 2026, the Qualifying Customer rebate and Kaiapoi Electricity discount, paid as a percentage discount of the fixed charge will be 37% for residential customers and 17% for non-residential customers.

Fixed line charges are shown as dollars per day, regardless of how much electricity you use.

Variable line charges are shown as dollars per kWh (kilowatt hour). This is applied to the amount of electricity you use.

Charge from 1 April 2026 (Excluding GST)

Customer Price Categories	Approximate Customer Estimate 1 Feb 2026	Fixed					Variable		
		Gross Dollars/day	- Rebate Dollars/day	= Net Dollars/day	+ Transmission Dollars/day	= Total Dollars/day	Gross Dollars/kWh	+ Transmission Dollars/kWh	= Total Dollars/kWh
Residential Customers									
Residential Standard User	21,758	3.22420	-1.20612	2.01808	0.74579	2.76387	0.06528	0.00000	0.06528
Residential Low User	16,856	0.90000	-0.33673	0.56327	0.00000	0.56327	0.14740	0.01822	0.16562
Other Customers									
Non-Residential	5,827	4.43510	-0.75595	3.67915	1.41422	5.09337	0.04457	0.00000	0.04457
Non-Residential Distributed Generation	74	4.43510	-0.75595	3.67915	1.41422	5.09337	0.04457	0.00000	0.04457
Temporary Supply	293	5.32320	0.00000	5.32320	0.00000	5.32320	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
Irrigation (per kW connected)	1,455	0.199930	-0.01966	0.18027	0.14729	0.32756	0.02967	0.00000	0.02967
Council Pumping	211	4.82090	0.00000	4.82090	3.53184	8.35274	0.02114	0.00000	0.02114
Streetlighting (per fitting connected)	98	0.09705	0.00000	0.09705	0.04248	0.13953	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
Non-Residential-Large Users (weighted average)	44	58.31981	-5.91400	52.40581	66.44222	118.84803	0.02461	0.00000	0.02461
Distributed Generation	0	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
Optional Additions									
Right of Way Lighting	70	-	-	-	-	-	0.11833	0.00000	0.11833
Under Verandah Lighting	22	-	-	-	-	-	0.11833	0.00000	0.11833
Electric Vehicle	0	-	-	-	-	-	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
Night Only	2,510	-	-	-	-	-	-0.06528	0.00000	-0.06528
Hot Water Control	34,348	-	-	-	-	-	-0.03023	0.00000	-0.03023
Distributed Generation (Residential)*									
Mar-May, Sep-Nov		-	-	-	-	-	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
Jun-Aug, Dec-Feb		-	-	-	-	-	-0.01260	0.00000	-0.01260
Distributed Generation (Non-Residential Distributed Generation)*									
Mar-May, Sep-Nov		-	-	-	-	-	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
Jun-Aug, Dec-Feb		-	-	-	-	-	-0.01260	0.00000	-0.01260
Distributed Generation (Others)*	31	-	-	-	-	-	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Charge before 1 April 2026 (Excluding GST)

Customer Price Categories	Approximate Customer Estimate 1 Feb 2025	Fixed					Variable		
		Gross Dollars/day	- Rebate Dollars/day	= Net Dollars/day	+ Transmission Dollars/day	= Total Dollars/day	Gross Dollars/kWh	+ Transmission Dollars/kWh	= Total Dollars/kWh
Residential Customers									
Residential Standard User	21,846	3.5242	-0.9309	2.5933	0.6283	3.2216	0.0566	0.0000	0.0566
Residential Low User	16,402	0.7500	-0.1982	0.5518	0.0000	0.5518	0.1666	0.0117	0.1783
Other Customers									
Non-Residential	5,623	4.5825	-0.5880	3.9946	1.0988	5.0934	0.0446	0.0000	0.0446
Temporary Supply	238	4.2540	0.0000	4.2540	1.0692	5.3232	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Irrigation (per kW connected)	1,387	0.2106	-0.0135	0.1971	0.1254	0.3225	0.0309	0.0000	0.0309
Council Pumping	203	6.5499	0.0000	6.5499	2.5864	9.1363	0.0211	0.0000	0.0211
Streetlighting (per fitting connected)	105	0.1188	0.0000	0.1188	0.0297	0.1484	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Non-Residential-Large Users (weighted average)	44	85.1980	-4.7000	80.4980	51.5900	132.0880	0.0325	0.0000	0.0325
Distributed Generation	0	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Optional Additions									
Right of Way Lighting	69	-	-	-	-	-	0.1183	0.0000	0.1183
Under Verandah Lighting	23	-	-	-	-	-	0.1183	0.0000	0.1183
Electric Vehicle	0	-	-	-	-	-	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Distributed Generation	2,434	-	-	-	-	-	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Night Only	2,570	-	-	-	-	-	-0.0566	0.0000	-0.0566
Hot Water Control	34,243	-	-	-	-	-	-0.0364	0.0000	-0.0364

* From 1 April 2026, consumers in Residential price categories and in the Non-Residential Distributed Generation price category will receive negative charges (export credits) when exporting electricity during the periods of June to August and December to February.

Eligibility for the Non-Residential Distributed Generation price category applies to Non-Residential connections with a capacity of up to 45 kVA and Distributed Generation systems with a maximum deliverable generation capacity of up to 45 kW.

For more detailed information on our pricing methodology, which describes the approach MainPower has adopted to determine prices for customers connected to the electricity distribution network visit mainpower.co.nz/about-us/corporate-information/corporate-publications/. Or, search our website for 'Network Pricing'.