

Head 2 — GENERAL RATES

Details of Revenue

Sub-head (Code)	Actual revenue 2017–18	Original estimate 2018–19	Revised estimate 2018–19	Estimate 2019–20
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
030 General Rates.....	22,203,177	15,014,000	16,974,000	19,875,000 †
Total.....	<u>22,203,177</u>	<u>15,014,000</u>	<u>16,974,000</u>	<u>19,875,000</u>

† After Budget revenue measures but subject to the passage of the relevant legislation by the Legislative Council.

Description of Revenue Source

This revenue head covers the yield from General Rates levied on occupiers of all rateable premises under the Rating Ordinance (Cap. 116).

Revenue from General Rates generated 3.7% of total revenue in 2018–19.

Underlying Changes in Revenue Yield

The **2018–19** revised estimate of \$16,974 million reflects an increase of \$1,960 million (13.1%) over the original estimate. This is mainly due to the longer-than-expected time taken to settle the refund of overcharged rates arising from rating appeals.

The **2019–20** estimate of \$19,875 million reflects an increase of \$2,901 million (17.1%) over the revised estimate for 2018–19. This is mainly due to expiry of rates concession in 2018–19, partly offset by the effect of the proposed rates concession in the 2019–20 Budget.