

APPLICATION FOR PENSIONER RATES REMISSION

Privacy Notice: Mareeba Shire Council is collecting your personal information in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 in order to process your application. The information will be only accessed by authorised Council employees. Your information will not be given to any other person or agency unless you have given us permission or we are required by law.

| APPLICANT DETAILS | | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| DETAILS | APPLICANT 1 | APPLICANT 2 (if applicable) |
| Given Name/s | | |
| Surname | | |
| Date of Birth | | |
| Relationship to Other Owners | | |
| Contact Phone Number/s | | |
| Email Address | | |
| Card Number | | |

| PROPERTY DETAILS | |
|---|--|
| Property Address | |
| Postal Address (if different from above) | |

| PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND RESIDENCY DETAILS | | |
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| DETAILS | APPLICANT 1 | APPLICANT 2 (if applicable) |
| Are the applicant/s the owners/s or life tenant/s (either solely or jointly) of the property? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are you legally responsible for the payment of rates? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do you reside at the abovementioned property? If NO*, please indicate: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No* | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No* |
| Are you living in a nursing home? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are you currently in hospital? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Other – please provide details | | |
| Is the abovementioned property rented out? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

MORE INFORMATION

If you have more information in relation to this application, please add here:

APPLICANT CONSENT DECLARATION

This consent will be used for the sole purpose of authorising Centrelink to provide information to Mareeba Shire Council to assess your eligibility in relation to concessions or services provided by Mareeba Shire Council.

Applicant 1 (Write Full Name)

Applicant 2 (Write Full Name)

I, the applicant/s as noted above, authorise:

- the Mareeba Shire Council to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform a Centrelink / Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) enquiry of my Centrelink or DVA's customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service.
- Services Australia to provide the results of that enquiry to Mareeba Shire Council.

I/we understand that:

- Services Australia will disclose personal information to Mareeba Shire Council including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status to confirm my eligibility for pensioner rates remission.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while I am a customer of Mareeba Shire Council unless I withdraw it by contacting the Mareeba Shire Council or Services Australia. I can get proof of my circumstances or details from Services Australia and provide it to Mareeba Shire Council so they can determine my eligibility for pensioner rates remission.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the concession provided by Mareeba Shire Council.

If signing this form electronically, I/we:

- confirm that the electronic signature in this consent represents my signature.
- consent to signing the form electronically and I confirm that my signature is legally binding.

Applicant 1 (Signature)

Date

Applicant 2 (Signature)

Date

A brochure is available from Centrelink that provides more details about Centrelink Confirmation eServices or on Centrelink's website at www.humanservices.gov.au.

OFFICE USE ONLY

| Property No | | Applicant 1 | Name ID | Applicant 2 | Name ID | Effective Date |
|------------------------|--|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|----------------|
| State Eligibility | | % | | % | | |
| State Responsibility | | % | | % | | N/A |
| Council Eligibility | | % | | % | | |
| Council Responsibility | | % | | % | | N/A |

Conditions Relating to Council and State Government Pensioner Rates Remission

For applicants to be eligible to receive the Rates Remission from Mareeba Shire Council and the Queensland State Government, they must satisfy the following conditions:

General Conditions

1. The applicant/s must own and reside on the property for which the Rates Remissions are claimed. The applicant/s must reside on this property for the majority of the year. The applicant/s must be legally responsible for the payment of Rates and Charges levied on this property.
2. The applicant/s must be in receipt of a valid pension, with at least one owner being the holder of a current Pensioner Concession Card or a Department of Veteran's Affairs Gold Card (for all conditions).
3. The applicant/s must truthfully and correctly supply all requested information.

Ownership Conditions

1. An applicant will be granted partial Rates Remissions if they are a co-owner of the property, with the amount of these Remissions to be determined by their proportionate share of the ownership of the property.
2. If a co-owner is in a spousal or recognised de-facto relationship with another co-owner of the property, is an approved pensioner and is wholly responsible for payment of all Rates and Charges, the Rates Remissions will be granted in full.
3. An applicant who is a life tenant of the property can receive Rates Remissions. A life tenancy can be created only by a valid Will and is effective only after the death of the property owner, or by a Supreme or Family Court Order. Written proof of life tenancy will be required.

Lodgement of Application

- When submitting the application, the applicant/s must present their:
 - Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) issued by Centrelink, or
 - Veteran's Affairs Gold Card (for all conditions) issued by the Department of Veteran's Affairs.
- All applications whether received at a service centre, is posted or sent electronically to Council, it **must** be completed in full and include a copy of the front of the applicant/s current Pensioner Concession Card or the Department of Veteran's Affairs Gold Card (for all conditions).
- The applicable Rates Remissions can only be granted within the financial year in which the application is lodged. The applicable Rates Remissions can only be granted from the start date on the pension card or the start of the current financial year, whichever is the latter. If Rates have been paid in full, the Rates Remissions will be applied as a credit to the property.
- Rates Remissions are only allowable on one property at any given time. A new application must be lodged by the applicant/s if a transfer of ownership to a new property occurs.

Types of Remissions Granted

- **Council Pensioner Remission** – Council grants a Remission of thirty percent (30%) of the General Rates, up to a maximum of \$240.00 per year.
- **State Government Pensioner Remission** – The State Government grants a Remission of twenty percent (20%) of the General Rates and Utility Charges (being Sewerage, Water Access, Waste Collection, Urban and Rural Fire Levies, *excluding any Special Utility Charges*), up to a maximum of \$200.00 per year.

Please note: This is only an excerpt of Council's Rate Rebates and Remissions Policy. To view the policy in its entirety, refer to the latest Budget document on Council's website at www.msc.qld.gov.au.