



QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT PENSIONER RATE SUBSIDY SCHEME APPLICATION

Assessment Number: _____

Property Address: _____

Name of Applicant/s	Pension Card Number/s <i>(Original card must be provided at time of lodgement)</i>	Card Start Date	Card End Date	Full or Partial	Type P/VA

Is the property your principal place of residence? Yes No
If no, please state why? _____

Please state the date of occupancy _____

Are you solely responsible for the payment of rates? Yes No

Are you the sole owner of this property on the title deed? Yes No
If no, please explain who else co-owns the property and their relationship to you? _____

Have you received or are you applying for a state government pensioner rebate from ANY other Queensland Council for the current financial year? Yes No
If yes, please provide full details of property? _____

Certification

I/We _____ sincerely declare that the information above is true and correct.

I/We authorise Croydon Shire Council to seek/confirm with Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs, as the case may be, information contained in my/our records as is necessary to determine eligibility for the pensioner rate subsidy scheme, and for no other purpose. I/We understand that this consent, which is ongoing, can be revoked any time by giving notice to Croydon Shire Council. I/We understand that if I/we withdrawn my/our consent I/we may not be eligible for the concession provided.

I/We will notify the Croydon Shire Council immediately of any change in my/our circumstances, which may affect my/our eligibility for the subsidy.

Signature _____ Signature _____

Date _____ Date _____

CERTIFIED BY COUNCIL OFFICER

I _____ certify that I have witnessed the signature/s of the applicant/s, and further that I have sighted a current Queensland Pension Concession Card or Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card in the name of the applicant's and bearing the number shown above.

Signature _____ Date _____

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Any personal information provided on this form will be used for the purpose of managing the Pensioner Rebate Subsidy Scheme and to ensure we are able to remain in contact with you. Council is authorised to collect this information in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009. Your personal information is dealt with in accordance with council's Privacy Policy available on council's website.



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GUIDELINES

A remission of rates and charges shall be allowed to approved pensioners who have applied for remission on or before 30th June or 31 December each year, under section 1033 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and in accordance with the conditions adopted by council.

Who is eligible for a Rebate Subsidy?

The Queensland Government offers a subsidy for all ratepayers who hold a Pension Concession Card or Repatriation Gold Card. Ratepayers receiving a full pension in the above categories may be eligible.

How much is the Rebate Subsidy?

The Queensland Government offers a 20% subsidy, to a maximum amount of \$200.00 per annum for rates and charges excluding fire levies and miscellaneous property charges.

What are the conditions?

1. Must comply with the eligibility criteria contained in the Queensland Government's Rebate Subsidy Scheme and must possess a current, valid qualifying concessions cards, namely-
 - a. Pensioner Concession Card issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs
 - b. Repatriation Health (Gold) Card – (for all conditions) issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
2. Must be the owner (either solely or jointly) or be a eligible life tenant, in accordance with the guidelines for the State Government Subsidy Scheme, of property within the region which is their principal place of residence, AND must have the legal responsibility for payment of rates and charges which are levied in respect of the said property by the council.
3. Must, if a 'first time' applicant lodge and complete the prescribed application to be entitled to a rate remission. The information on this application form will be used by council to verify the eligibility of all pensioners (Centrelink and Veteran Affairs pension recipients). Upon proof of eligibility, the entitlement to a remission will commence from either the card start day shown on the Pensioner Concession Card or the start of the current rating period, whichever is the latter date. Such entitlement shall continue until the sale of that property or until the entitlement to a pension ceases to exist.
4. Must, if an 'existing' applicant, lodge another application if required by Council OR on the acquisition of a replacement property within the region. Entitlements to a remission will continue without interruption if such application is received within a month of the request for a new application or of the property settlement.
5. Must have owned, or otherwise paid rates on, property within the region for the preceding three years. Pensioner remission may be allowed where the applicant has paid rates on property within the region for five of the last ten years, so long as the 'gap' between ownership in this period does not exceed 12 months.
6. Discretion may be applied in relation to contribution to the region regarding continuous residency, consistent with Pensioner Remission arrangements as listed above.
7. Must have paid all rates and charges levied on the said property during the last financial year, and, where the pensioner has outstanding rates and charges from years previous to the last, must have entered into an arrangement with council to clear these arrears, in order for the remission to be allowed for the current financial year.
8. In the case of joint ownership, the remission will apply only to the approved pensioner's proportionate share of the applicable rates and charges, except where the co-owners are an approved pensioner and his/her spouse. In this situation the remission will apply to the full amount of applicable rates and charges.

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