

Pensioner Concession Policy

Detail of Policy

Short Title	Pensioner Concession Policy
Division	Corporate Services
Category	Finance/Purchasing
Date adopted by Council	4 June 2012

COUNCIL POLICY

OBJECTIVES:

To provide eligible pensioners with the statutory pensioner concession relating to Rates and Charges under the provisions of Section 575 of the Local Government Act 1993.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. Eligibility

Division 1 of Part 8 of Chapter 15 of the Act provides for concessions for eligible pensioners. The Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 and the Act dictionary prescribe the definition of an 'eligible pensioner' as the person, being the holder of a current pension concession card issued by Centrelink, solely liable, or jointly liable for a rate or charge levied on land on which a dwelling is situated and who occupies that dwelling as their sole or principal place of living.

2. Application

Pensioners requesting a rebate are required to submit an application on the prescribed form and the production of a current Pension Concession Card issued by Centrelink as sufficient evidence to calculate the amount of the Rates and Charges reduction allowed under the Local Government Act 1993.

Rate Rebates will be granted to pensioners who meet the eligibility criteria and will be limited to the current rating year and rating year prior to the application.