

Council Pension Concession Subsidy

In accordance with Section 1031-1035(a) a Local Government may grant a remission on a rate to Pensioners. To be eligible for Council Pension Concession Subsidy you must meet the following conditions:-

- All applications for remission must be in writing on the prescribed form and contain a declaration as to the accuracy of the information contained therein.
- You must be the owner or have life tenancy of the property and it must be your principal place of residence.
- You are legally responsible for the payment of rates (solely or jointly with the co-owner).
- You must be a holder of a current Centrelink Queensland Pensioner Concession Card or a Veterans' Affairs Repatriation Health Card – For All Conditions (Gold Card). All card holders must show proof of pension concession card/s at time of application.

If the property is in joint names, all applicants must produce the required information

The cards that do not qualify for a remission are Seniors Cards, Health Care Cards, Health Benefits Cards and Repatriation Health Cards for specific conditions.

- Remissions are only granted on the property which is the ratepayer's principal place of residence. The property in respect of which the rates are levied must be the principle place of residence of the pensioner and the pensioner must actually reside on the property.

In order to receive a concession, in the first rating period commencing 1st July in any year, **Council must receive applications no later than 30th June.** To receive concession in the second rating period commencing 1st January in any year Council **must receive the application no later than 31st December.**

Where Council receives an application after the commencement of a rating period, no concession shall apply until commencement of the next succeeding rating period. For ratepayers who are new eligible pensioners, the concession may be considered.

Application forms can be collected from Council Customer Service section.