

## APPLICATION FOR PENSIONER RATES REMISSION

This form is for financial year 2017/2018 - 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

**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

	APPLICANT 1	APPLICANT 2 (if applicable)
Given Name/s		
Surname		
Date of Birth		
Relationship to Other Applicant		
Phone No.		
Pension Card Type	Centrelink    Dept of Veteran's Affairs	Centrelink    Dept of Veteran's Affairs
Pension Card No.		
Card Start Date		
Card Expiry Date		

### PROPERTY DETAILS

Property Address	
Postal Address (If different from above)	

### QUESTIONS REGARDING RESIDENCY

Do you reside at the above mentioned property?	YES      NO	YES      NO
If NO, please give further details. <i>i.e. living in a nursing home, currently in hospital, living with family</i>		
Is the above mentioned property rented out?	YES      NO	YES      NO

For any further information in relation to this application, complete "Further Information" section over page.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**


**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.

<b>Applicant 1</b> (Write FULL name)	
<b>Applicant 2</b> (Write FULL name)	

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

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

I understand that:

- the department will use information I have provided to the Mareeba Shire Council to confirm my eligibility for pensioner rates remission and will disclose to the Mareeba Shire Council personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- 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 the department.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to Mareeba Shire Council so that my eligibility for pensioner rates remission can be determined.
- 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.

A brochure is available from Centrelink that provides more details about the Centrelink Confirmation eServices or on Centrelink's website at [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au).

<b>Applicant 1 Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	
<b>Applicant 2 Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	

**COUNCIL CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that I have sighted the Applicant/s Pensioner Concession Card, issued by either Centrelink or the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Full Name			
Signature		Date	
Position	Council Officer	Justice of the Peace	Commissioner for Declarations

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Property No.	Applicant 1	Name ID.	Applicant 2	Name ID.	Effective Date
<b>State Eligibility</b>	%		%		
<b>State Responsibility</b>	%		%		N/A
<b>Council Eligibility</b>	%		%		
<b>Council Responsibility</b>	%		%		N/A

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### Conditions Relating To Council and State Government Pensioner Rates Remissions

Maximum Council Remission - \$240.00 per year  
Maximum State Government Remission - \$200.00 per year

For applicants to be eligible to receive the Rates Remission from the 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 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.
- If an application is posted to Council, it must be completed in full and have the signature of the applicant/s witnessed by a Justice of the Peace or a Commissioner for Declarations. The application must also include a certified photocopy of the front and back 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 this 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 Rates Rebates and Remissions Policy. To view the policy in its entirety, refer to the latest Budget documentation.**