

Application for Council Pensioner Concession Rates Rebate

*If joint owners are eligible for a pensioner concession **and they are not spouses**, a separate form will need to be completed by each owner to receive the maximum rebate, otherwise only a partial rebate will be granted.*

Council Account/ Assessment Number:	
Name:	
Concession Card Type <small>(eg Pensioner Concession Card, DVA Gold Card)</small>	
Concession Card Number:	
Date of grant of Concession Card:	/ /
Phone:	
Email:	
Property Address:	
Is this your sole / principal place of living	Yes / No
When did you move into the property?	/ /
Have you claimed a pensioner rebate for any other property in the last 12 months? <i>(If Yes, please provide the address of the other property)</i>	Yes / No Address: _____
Are you the sole owner of the property? <i>If No, who else owns a share?</i> <i>(If more than one other co- owner please list the name of each co-owner and their relationship to you.)</i>	Yes / No Spouse / Other Further Details (if applicable):

The information contained in this application form and any information requested for the purpose of assessing eligibility for a pensioner concession is required under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

By submitting this form, you declare that the information provided is true and correct and that you are the person making this application. If you make a false statement in an application, you may be guilty of an offence and fined up to \$2,220

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Centrelink Confirmation eServices Customer Consent

The information provided on this form is private and confidential and Murrumbidgee Council must not disclose the information to any person or body, if it is not directly related to the purpose for which the information was collected. If you have a complaint about the use of your personal information, contact the Murrumbidgee Council's Public Officer. The information contained or referred to in this application form may be corrected and updated by you, by contacting the Murrumbidgee Council.

Please read the conditions and tick box below to confirm your consent to Murrumbidgee Council checking your concession eligibility with Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

I _____ **authorise:**

- Murrumbidgee 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 to enable Murrumbidgee Council to determine if I qualify for a rebate.
- The Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to Murrumbidgee Council.

I understand that:

- The department will disclose personal information to Murrumbidgee Council including my name, address, payment type, payment status and concession card type and status to confirm my eligibility for a rebate.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while I am a customer of the Murrumbidgee Council unless I withdraw it by contacting Murrumbidgee Council or the department.
- I can get proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to the Murrumbidgee Council so my eligibility for a rebate 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 rebate provided by Murrumbidgee Council.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Additional Information:

Your council will determine your eligibility to receive a rebate of up to \$250 on your rates account. You may also be eligible to receive up to \$87.50 on your annual water charges and up to \$87.50 off your annual sewerage charges, if your council provides these services. Alternatively, if your council does not provide these services, contact your water/sewer service provider for more information.

Eligibility:

- Holders of the PCC (Pensioner Concession Card);
- Holders of a gold card embossed with 'TPI' (Totally Permanently Incapacitated);
- Holders of a gold card embossed with 'EDA' (Extreme Disablement Adjustment);
- War widow or widower or wholly dependent partner entitled to the Pensioner Concession Card*.

* If you are a war widow or widower or wholly dependent partner but do not have a Pensioner Concession Card, you should contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to test your eligibility for the DVA income support supplement. Eligibility is subject to an income and assets test. Holders of cards other than those listed above are not eligible for the concession. For assistance from the DVA call 133 254.

FACTSHEET

Pensioner Concessions on Council Rates and Charges

Under the *Local Government Act 1993*, eligible pensioners are provided concessions on their ordinary rates and domestic waste management services charge. The cost of providing these concessions is shared between the State Government (55%) and local councils (45%).

Concessional amounts

Eligible ratepayers are entitled to receive up to;

- \$250.00 on ordinary rates and charges for domestic waste management services;
- \$87.50 off their annual water rates and charges (where service is provided by council);
- \$87.50 off their annual sewerage rates and charges (where service is provided by council).

Generally, the concessions are available to eligible pensioners, however concessions may be granted to ratepayers suffering financial hardship in certain circumstances.

Eligibility

Holders of the cards listed below are eligible for the concession.

- Holders of a Pensioner Concession Card (PCC);
- Holders of a gold card embossed with 'TPI' (Totally Permanently Incapacitated);
- Holders of a gold card embossed with 'EDA' (Extreme Disablement Adjustment)
- War widow or widower or wholly dependent partner entitled to the DVA income support supplement.*

Holders of cards other than those listed above are not eligible for the concession.

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Contacts

For more information contact your local council or Department of Veterans' Affairs on 133 254.