



Cloncurry Shire Council

FRM – COR 1005-03

APPLICATION FOR A PENSIONER RATE SUBSIDY / CONCESSION

APPLICANT DETAILS			
Rate Assessment Number		Date of Occupancy	
Address of Property			
Is this property your primary residential address			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Name of Applicant/s	Date of Birth	Pension Card Number	Card Start Date

PLEASE NOTE: A copy of the applicant/s current pension card/s must be provided with this application

Current Postal Address			
Phone	Mobile	Email	
Are you the sole owner/s of this property on the title deed? (Life Tenants use Sect below)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please list (if any) co-owners the property:		Relationship to you:	
Are you a Life Tenant? (please read information about life tenancy guidelines on page 2)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you solely responsible for the payment of rates?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you received a State Government Pensioner Rebate from ANY Queensland Council for the current financial year?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
List addresses of any other properties owned in Cloncurry Shire			

Declaration of Applicant/s - Council will update your record with the contact details you provide on this form

I/we sincerely declare that the information provided on this form is accurate and I/we will notify Cloncurry Shire Council immediately of any change in my/our circumstances that may affect my/our eligibility for rate subsidy/concessions.

Signature:	Date:	Signature	Date:
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CONSENT FOR CUSTOMER CONFIRMATION

I/we (insert full names) _____
authorise:

- the Cloncurry 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 to enable the Cloncurry Shire Council 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 the Cloncurry Shire Council

I understand that:

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

Signature:	Date:	Signature	Date:
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Privacy: Cloncurry Shire Council is collecting this information to comply with its responsibilities and obligations as a Local Government. The information will only be used by Council Officers or Agencies which may have a legitimate need for the information to process applications or the like. Your information will not be given to any other person or Agency until you have given us permission or we are required to by law.



Guidelines

A concession of rates and charges shall be allowed to approved pensioners who have applied for the concession on or before 30 June or 31 December each year, under Chapter 4, part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and in accordance with the eligibility criteria set out in the Cloncurry Shire Council Revenue Statement.

How much is the Subsidy/Concession?

- The Queensland Government offers a 20% subsidy, capped at \$200.00 per annum for rates and charges, includes water and Sewerage Charges, excludes the State Emergency Management Levy and miscellaneous property.
- The Queensland Fire and Emergency Services offer a 20% subsidy based on the State Emergency Management Levy residential rate.
- The Cloncurry Shire offers a 20% subsidy, capped at \$200.00 per annum for rates and charges, includes water and Sewerage Charges, and excludes the State Emergency Management Levy and miscellaneous property.

What are the eligibility criteria?

To qualify for Council’s Pensioner Rate Concession the ratepayer **MUST ALSO** qualify for the Queensland Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy.

For Queensland Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy

The pensioner:

1. Must possess a current, valid qualifying concession card, namely:
 - Pensioner Concession Card issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veteran Affairs OR
 - Repatriation Health (Gold) Card - (for all Conditions) issued by the Department of Veteran Affairs; AND
2. Must be the owner (either solely or jointly), or be an eligible life tenant, in accordance with the guidelines for the State Government Rate Subsidy Scheme, of property within the shire which is their principal place of residence, AND must have (either solely or jointly) with a co-owner, the legal responsibility for payment of rates and charges which are levied in respect of the said property by the council. In the case of joint ownership, the subsidy 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 concession will apply to the full amount of applicable rates and charges; AND
3. Must, if a ‘first time’ applicant, lodge and complete the prescribed application to be entitled to a rate subsidy. 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 subsidy will commence from either the card start date shown on the Pensioner Concession Card or the date of occupation of their principal place of residence or the start of the current rating period, whichever is the later date. Such entitlement will continue until the sale of that property or until the entitlement to a pension ceases to exist; AND
4. Must, if an ‘existing’ applicant, lodge another application if required by council OR on the acquisition of a replacement property within the region.

For Council’s Pensioner Rate Concession

In addition to the above, the ratepayer **MUST**:

1. Life Tenant: Applicants must provide a copy of a valid Will or family/supreme court order. Life tenancy is effective only after the death of a property owner.

Office Use Only

Date Received:		
Granted from:		
Assessment Updated (Officer / Date)		