

## PENSIONER CONCESSIONS

### 1. POLICY STATEMENT

The purpose of this policy is to establish the circumstances in which Council will provide a Pensioner Concession rebate to eligible pensioners.

### 2. DEFINITIONS & ABBREVIATIONS

ACT	Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)
DVA	Department Of Veteran Affairs
ELIGIBLE	As Defined In The Act And Regulations
PENSIONER	
REGULATIONS	Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 (NSW)

### 3. POLICY

Pensioner Concessions are available for any eligible pensioner. An application to Council is required together with sufficient evidence to enable a reduction in rates in accordance with Section 575 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

The maximum amounts available for Pensioner Rebates are as follows:

- all ordinary rates and charges and domestic waste management services levied on any land for the same year are subject to a maximum reduction of \$250, and
- all water supply special rates or charges so levied are subject to a maximum reduction of \$87.50
- and all sewerage special rates or charges so levied are subject to a maximum reduction of \$87.50.
- However, the maximum amounts specified are proportionately reduced in line with the number of eligible pensioners who are jointly liable for the rate or charge, e.g. if an eligible pensioner is jointly liable with a non-eligible pensioner or the second person does not occupy the residence then only 50% reduction will be applied.

To be eligible for a reduction on your rate and water charges you must be:

- The holder of a pensioner concession card or Veteran's Affairs card or Veterans Affairs gold card holder.
- The owner, part owner or life tenant of the property. (Proof of life tenancy under a Will must be provided).
- The property is your principal place of residence as shown on your concession card.
- As the owner, you must be living at the property prior to the commencement of the rate installment. Installment periods fall as follows:

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- 1 July to 30 September
- 1 October to 31 December
- 1 January to 31 March
- 1 April to 30 June

Pension concessions will only be granted for the current financial year in which the Pension concession application has been received. Backdating of pension rebates for previous years will not be granted.

In order to obtain a Pension rebate form CP44a is to be completed and forwarded to the Wentworth Shire Council offices with all required information completed.

All Pension numbers are confirmed with Centrelink and the DVA annually. All Pension Concession will be removed from the property if eligibility is not confirmed.

#### 4. ASSOCIATED LEGISLATIONS

Section 575 Local Government Act, 1993 - Reductions for eligible pensioners

#### 5. ASSOCIATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

- Application Form CP44a

#### 6. POLICY REVIEW

This policy may be amended at any time and must be reviewed at least twelve months since its adoption.

#### AUTHORISATION:

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Position: General Manager

Date: ...../...../.....

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