

PENSIONER CONCESSION APPLICATION FORM

This form is approved by the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government, in accordance with clause 135 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 under the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

APPLICATION FOR A PENSIONER CONCESSION FOR THE WHOLE OR PART OF THE YEAR COMMENCING 1 JULY 2____

Please answer all questions relevant to you using block letters and ticking appropriate boxes.

Rate Assessment Number: _____
(Please refer to the council rate notice)

I, _____
(Full name in block letters)

Of _____
(Address)

Telephone number: _____ Email: _____
apply for a pensioner concession on rates and charges.

Property Description (Lot/DP) _____
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1(a) I am the holder of a current Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) issued by the Commonwealth Government.

PCC No. _____ Date of Grant: ____/____/____

Please go to question 2.

OR

1(b) I am NOT the holder of a Pensioners Concession Card. I am the holder of a Gold Card issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 (VEA)* or *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 (MRCA)* and embossed with either:

Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI)

Or

Extreme Disablement Adjustment (EDA)

Or

War Widow/er (WW)*

All DVA Applicants are also requested to complete the following details:

_____ Your File No.

_____ Date of grant of TPI or WW pension under the VEA.

_____ Date of eligibility for Special Rate Disability Pension (SRDP)* or wholly dependent partner payment** under MRCA.

* date of eligibility as notified in the letter from DVA.

** date of eligibility is the date of your partners death.

MRCA applicants – if your Council is not registered for online confirmation, you will need to provide a letter from DVA. Please check with your council.

(2) Have you claimed a pensioner concession on any other property this year?

No

Yes – please provide address of property below:

(3) The property for which I am claiming has been my sole/principal place of living since ____/____/____.

(4) I am the sole owner; OR

I am liable for the payment of rates and charges on this property, together with others as listed below:

Name	PCC Holder (Y/N)	Pension No	Date of Grant	Relationship to me (eg. Spouse, Father, co-owner, etc)	Resident of property (Y/N)	% of Ownership

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 NSW 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: _____

Consent

The information provided on this form is private and confidential and your 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 your Council's Public Officer. The information contained or referred to in this application form may be corrected and updated by you, by contacting your Council.

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

I _____ **authorise:**

- 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 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 Council.

I understand that:

- The department will disclose personal information to 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 Council unless I withdraw it by contacting Council or the department.
- I can get proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to 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 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.

Please return completed form, together with a copy of your current Pension Concession Card to:

Bellingen Shire Council
PO Box 117
BELLINGEN NSW 2454

OR

Bellingen Shire Council
33-39 Hyde Street
BELLINGEN NSW 2454

OR

Email: council@bellingen.nsw.gov.au

For enquiries or assistance in completing the form please phone 02 6655 7300.

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PENSION REBATE CHECKLIST	
Application form checked & date stamped	
Pension card photocopied/sighted - address matches	
Centrelink confirmation	
Finance tab on rate record checked	
Rebate start date (settlement or 1 July in current year)	/ / 201
Pensioner details completed (Person record)	
Journal data entered - \$	
Journal updated - Batch #	
Finance tab on rate record checked for update	
Rebate form stamped, signed and dated	
Automatic Letter processed - CivicView	
Checklist & PCC scanned and registered in ECM	
Signed:	Date: