



State Government Rates Subsidy, Fire Services Discount and Council Rates Remission

Property Location:	
Assessment #:	

Individual Details:					
Owners Given Names:					
Owners Surname					
Pension Number:		Pension Type:			
Date of Birth:					
Address:					
Locality / Suburb:		State:		Postcode:	
Contact Numbers:	Mobile:		Landline:		
Email Address:					

Please answer the following questions:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Do you own and reside at this property as your principle place of residence?
<input type="checkbox"/>	or Do you by reason of ill health or infirmity reside in a nursing home or similar accommodation?
<input type="checkbox"/>	or Do you hold life tenancy? <i>(The right to reside at the property and legally responsible for rates & charges)</i> <i>*A life tenancy can only be created by a valid will and is effective only after the death of the property owner, or by a Supreme or Family Court order.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Is the property income producing (Flats/Unit Complex)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 Does the applicant currently receive a rate subsidy from within or outside Queensland? (Other than from Longreach Regional Council)
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 Is the applicant in receipt of the maximum rate of pension?
<input type="checkbox"/>	If "no", is the pension reduced solely because you receive an overseas pension
<input type="checkbox"/>	5 What is the fortnightly Australian Pension Payment you receive per fortnight? \$ For a Single / Couple
	What is the fortnightly overseas pension payment you receive? \$ For a Single / Couple
<input type="checkbox"/>	6 Do you have any other person of earning capacity residing with you? (i.e. Wife/Husband or dependants) Please provide details: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 Do you have any other person residing with you? (i.e. Wife/Husband or dependants) Please provide details: _____



CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORITY:

I _____ authorise:

- The Longreach Regional 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 Longreach Regional Council.

I understand that:

- The department will disclose personal information to Longreach Regional Council to confirm my eligibility for the State Government Rates Subsidy, Fire Services Levy Discount and Council Rates Remission and will disclose to the Longreach Regional Council my personal information including my name, address, concession card status, payment type, payment status, income, assets, one-off payment, deduction and shared care arrangements.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while I am a customer of Longreach Regional Council unless I withdraw it by contacting the Longreach Regional Council or the department.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to Longreach Regional Council so that my eligibility for State Government Rates Subsidy, Fire Services Levy Discount and Council 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 State Government Rates Subsidy, Fire Services Levy Discount and Council Rates Remission provided by Longreach Regional Council.

Signature(s):

Date:

CONDITIONS OF RATE REMISSIONS

Subject to the following conditions and the proviso hereunder a remission of up to 39.5% (Council 39.5% - State 20%) (subject to the maximum allowable) of all rates and specified charges may be granted to any person who owns or has life tenancy of and occupies a single unit dwelling situated in the Longreach Region. Eligibility for either rebate is determined by the criteria for eligibility set for the State Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme. A pensioner who partly owns or has life tenancy of their property with a non-pensioner (other than spouse) may be granted a pro-rata remission. In addition, a State Government discount of 20% may be granted on the Queensland Fire Service Fire Levy collected by this Council as its agent.

- The maximum rate of pension is that defined by Centrelink or Department of Veteran's Affairs from time to time.
- Application must be in writing on the prescribed form and where granted the remission, subsidy or discount will be shown on the next appropriate notice.
- The granting of a remission to a Life Tenant is dependant upon an order by a Supreme or Family Court or by the Testator of a Will granting such Life Tenancy and who is deceased.
- The Council remission is **39.5%** with a maximum of **\$940** per annum. The maximum amount of the State remissions is set by the State Government and is currently **\$200** per annum.

CONDITIONS

- 1 The applicant and/or spouse must be in receipt of **GREATER THAN 25% OF THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PENSION** for Council Remission.
- 2 The remission may be granted to an applicant who is the owner of a dwelling in the Longreach Region and who is in occupation of the premises as his/her principal place of residence.
- 3 The application shall be in respect of land upon which the residence of the applicant is erected. If the land comprises more than two lots, Council remission may be granted pro-rata on two lots only if combined as one unit for valuation purposes.
- 4 Where the applicant is the owner of other than a single unit dwelling or is part owner with a non-pensioner (other than spouse) of that property or a single unit dwelling and is eligible for a remission of rates the Council remission and State Government subsidy or discount may be granted on a pro-rata basis.
- 5 A pro-rata adjustment will be made from the date an applicant became or ceased to be an approved pensioner. The remission will be provided for the current billing period only or pro-rata as appropriate, and not retrospectively to any previous billing periods.
- 6 A pro-rata remission is available from the date upon which the property was purchased by an approved pensioner as evidenced by the Change of Ownership advices as received by Council. In the case of a sale of the property, a pro-rata adjustment will be made from the date upon which the property was sold by an approved pensioner as evidenced by the Change of Ownership advices as received by the Council.
- 7 An applicant for the State Government Subsidy or Fire Levy discount who solely or jointly with another person owns and occupies a property as their principal place of residence/or has legal responsibility for payment of rates and charges on the property.
- 8 The applicant is the holder of a **Queensland** "Pensioner Concession Card" issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veteran's Affairs, or a Queensland "Repatriation Health Card - for all Conditions" issued by the Department of Veteran's Affairs, may be granted a State Government Subsidy or Fire Levy Discount on rates and charges notwithstanding that they do not qualify for the Council remission.