

Application for 2009/2010

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

Property Location: _____

Assessment No: _____

Description: Lot No _____ on Plan No _____

Telephone No: _____

Section (A) all applicants please complete

Owners Surname	Given Names	Pension Number	Pension Type	DOB

- 1 Do you own and reside in this property as your principle place of residence? YES / NO if yes go to Q2
 or Do you by reason of ill health or infirmity reside in a nursing home or similar accommodation? YES / NO
 or Do you hold life tenancy? YES / NO
(The right to reside at the property and legally responsible for rates & charges)
- 2 Is the property income producing (Flats/Unit Complex)? YES / NO
- 3 Does the applicant currently receive a rate subsidy from within or outside Queensland OTHER THAN FROM LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL? YES / NO

SECTION (B) APPLICANTS FOR COUNCIL REMISSION PLEASE COMPLETE

- 4 IS THE APPLICANT IN RECEIPT OF THE MAXIMUM RATE OF PENSION? YES / NO
 IF "NO", IS THE PENSION REDUCED SOLELY BECAUSE YOU RECEIVE AN OVERSEAS PENSION YES / NO
5. WHAT IS THE FORTNIGHTLY **AUSTRALIAN PENSION PAYMENT** YOU RECEIVE? \$ / FORTNIGHT SINGLE / COUPLE OR EACH
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6. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER PERSON OF EARNING CAPACITY RESIDING WITH YOU? YES / NO
 Please provide details: _____
7. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER PERSON RESIDING WITH YOU? RELATIVE CARER YES / NO
 Please provide details: _____

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORITY:

I, the above mentioned applicant do honesty and sincerely state that the information set forth above is true and correct. Furthermore, I authorise Centrelink or Veteran's Affairs to confirm my pensioner status and address provided to the Department by Longreach Regional Council for the sole purpose of confirming my eligibility for Rate Rebate Concessions. I undertake to advise the Council within 14 days of my cessation of eligibility to hold a qualifying concession card, any change in my maximum rate of pension payment or the cessation of ownership of the property in question or a change in any other circumstance relating to eligibility.

Signature of Applicant: Date:

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Pensioner Concession Card Copy Attached	YES / NO	State Subsidy Approved	YES / NO
Rates Outstanding	YES / NO	Council Remission Approved	YES / NO
Data Base Maintenance Completed By:			

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL
CONDITIONS OF RATE REMISSIONS 2009-2010

Subject to the following conditions and the proviso hereunder a remission of up to 35% (Council 35% - 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 35% with a maximum of **\$660** per year. The maximum amount of the State remissions is set by the State Government and is currently **\$180.00** per annum.

CONDITIONS

- 1 The applicant and/or spouse must be in receipt of **GREATER THAN 50% 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 Applications for Remission must be made by the 31st July each year.
- 8 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.
- 9 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.