



CUMBERLAND  
CITY COUNCIL

# Pensioner Rebate Policy

## AUTHORISATION & VERSION CONTROL

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## **BACKGROUND / INTRODUCTION**

This policy is restricted due to the Rates Path Freeze placed on all newly amalgamated councils, as per 218CB of Local Government Act.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide eligible pensioner with the statutory mandatory pensioner concession relating to Rates and Charges under provisions of Section 575 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act).

## **SCOPE**

This policy applies to eligible pensioners within the Cumberland City Council Local Government area who are responsible for the payments of rates and occupy the dwelling to which they are paying rates as their sole or principal place of living.

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

Council will also provide a voluntary additional rebate as per the former Council's policies.

### **Additional Voluntary Rebates**

The former Holroyd City Council's eligible pensioners receive an additional pensioner voluntary rebate of \$15 per rebated assessment.

Former Parramatta City eligible pensioners will receive an additional pensioner voluntary rebate of \$100 if they have owned and continuously resided on a property in the former Parramatta local government area for five (5) continuous years or more.

Former Auburn City Council have no additional pensioner voluntary rebate and will not be eligible.

## **PRINCIPLES**

To be an 'eligible pensioner' the ratepayer must be in receipt of a current Pensioner Concession Card issued by Centrelink.

Alternatively you must be a holder of the Department of Veterans Affairs Gold TIP or EDA Card.

In addition to claim the rebate on rates, the pensioner must be responsible for payment of rates and occupy the dwelling to which they are paying rates as their sole or principal place of living.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

All pensioners wishing to make an application for a rebate must apply on the prescribed form as advised by Section 579 of the Act.

The rebate will be calculated proportionate to the remainder of quarters for that financial year in accordance with Section 575 of the Act. Similarly, if applicable concessions cease on the last day of a quarterly period in accordance with Section 584 of the Act.

In relation to Council's voluntary rebate, the proportionate rebate and ending of concessions will apply in the same manner as the Act dictates for mandatory rebates.

The pensioner's initial application for a pensioner rebate should be made within one year of receiving the pensioner concession card. However, where due to an oversight the application is not received during the year, applications for rebates relating to the current and the following year will be processed.

## **RELATED LEGISLATION**

- Local Government Act 1993

## **RELATED DOCUMENTS AND COUNCIL POLICY**

- Pensioner Concession Application Form