

## Property Details:

<b>Rates Assessment Number:</b>	
<b>Address of Property:</b>	
<b>Is this property your principal place of residence</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – if no, give reason:
<b>Do you receive an income from occupancy of other people at your residence?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No – if yes, provide details:

## Pension Card Details:

Name of Applicant/s	Pension Card Number	Card Start Date

Please attach a copy of the applicant/s current Queensland pension card with this application

## Customer Details:

<b>Current Postal Address:</b>			
<b>Email:</b>			
<b>Phone:</b>		<b>Mobile:</b>	
<b>Are you the sole owner/s of this property on the title deed?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>If you co-own the property, please state relationship (ie. Married, de-facto, sibling etc.)</b>			
<b>Are you a Life Tenant created by a Valid Will or Court Order? (Information about life tenancy guidelines are on page 2)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>Are you solely responsible for the payment of rates?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>Have you received a State Government Pensioner Rebate from ANY Queensland Council for the current financial year? (if yes, please state your previous address)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

## Declaration of Applicant/s and Customer/s Consent: *Please read all guidelines overleaf before signing*

I/we sincerely declare that the information provided on this form is accurate and I/we will notify Maranoa Regional Council immediately of any change in my/our circumstances that may affect my/our eligibility for the rates subsidy/concession.

I \_\_\_\_\_ authorise

- The Maranoa Regional Council to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform a Centrelink/DVA enquiry of my Services Australia (Centrelink) or Department of Veterans' Affairs Customer Details and concession card status in order to enable the Maranoa Regional Council to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service.
- Services Australia (Centrelink) to provide the results of that enquiry to Maranoa Regional Council.

I understand that:

- Services Australia (Centrelink) will use information I have provided to Maranoa Regional Council to confirm my eligibility for pension rate concession/subsidy and will disclose to Maranoa Regional Council personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent once signed, remains valid while I am a customer of Maranoa Regional Council unless I withdraw it by contacting Maranoa Regional Council.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from Services Australia (Centrelink) and provide it to Maranoa Regional Council so that my eligibility for pension rate concession/subsidy 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 pension rate concession/subsidy provided by Maranoa Regional Council.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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## Privacy:

Council will use any personal information provided for the intended purpose only and for remaining in contact with you. Council is authorised to collect this information in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 and other Local Government Regulations/Acts. Your personal information is only accessed by persons authorised to do so. Your personal information is dealt with in accordance with Council's information privacy policy and the Information Privacy Act 2009.

## Guidelines for the Queensland Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme

### AN APPROVED PENSIONER IS:

- An eligible holder of a Queensland "Pensioner Concession Card" issued by the Services Australia (Centrelink) or the Department of Veterans' Affairs, or a Queensland "Repatriation Health Card – For All Conditions" issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs; and
- Is the owner or life tenant (either solely or jointly) of the property which is his/her principal place of residence: and
- Has, either solely or jointly with a co-owner, the legal responsibility for the payment of rates and charges as defined herein, which are levied in respect of the said property by the Local Government in whose area the property is situated.

### NOTE:

1. In cases of co-ownership, the State Government Subsidy will apply only to the approved pensioner's proportionate share of the gross rates and charges except where the co-owners are:
  - (i) An approved pensioner and his/her spouse;(including de-facto relationships as recognised by Services Australia (Centrelink) or Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Veterans' Affairs)
  - (ii) An approved pensioner and a bank, other financial institution, or government department where the latter holds joint title for debt security purposes and has no responsibility for rates, charges or other costs of maintaining the property. In either of these situations, the tenure may be treated as sole ownership and subsidy approved in full.

Under no circumstances is a pensioner to be regarded as an owner or co-owner unless:

- (i) His/her name appears as such on the Certificate of Title of the property; or
  - (ii) It can be clearly established that the title to the property is held in the name of a bank, other financial institution or government department for debt security reasons and the pensioner has not been relieved of the responsibility to pay all rates and charges levied in respect of the property.
2. The criteria for determining eligible life tenants will be:-
    - (i) The property in respect of which the rates are levied must be the principal place of residence of the pensioner and the pensioner must actually reside on the property (ie. a life tenant cannot reside in a nursing home and claim the subsidy, as may occur with ordinary home ownership); and
    - (ii) The pensioner must not have a major interest in any other residential property; and
    - (iii) The life tenancy must be created by a valid Will which applies to the property in question, or by a Supreme or Family Court Order; and
    - (iv) There must be no provision in the Will or Court Order that would relieve the life tenant of the obligation to pay the rates and charges levied in respect of the property.

### CLAIM:

A claim of 20% to a maximum of \$200.00 of Gross Rates is made to the State Government by Council and will be pro-rated from your rates charges and levies. The amount of Maranoa Regional Council remission will be decided at Council's budget meeting and will be credited to the approved pensioners' rate notices which will be issued bi-annually. The requirements for Council remission by pensioners are the same as those of the State Government.

### Lodgement of Application:

<b>Post</b>	Maranoa Regional Council PO Box 620, Roma Q 4455
<b>Email</b>	council@maranoa.qld.gov.au
<b>Fax</b>	07 4624 6990

### Deliver to Council Customer Service Centres

<b>Roma</b> – Cnr Bungil & Quintin Streets	<b>Mitchell</b> – 100 Cambridge Street	<b>Surat</b> – 73 Burrowes Street
<b>Injune</b> – 32 Hutton Street	<b>Yuleba</b> – Stephenson Street	

### Processing (Office Use ONLY):

<b>Date Processed</b>		<b>Processing Officer</b>	
<b>Govt Pension (%)</b>		<b>Council Pension (%)</b>	

Completed forms to be **TRIMMED to SF14/166** and actioned to **Rates**.