



GRANTING OF PENSIONER RATE CONCESSIONS

Summary:

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear direction of the timeframe of which eligible pensioners can apply and receive a concession on their Rates and Charges.

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Related Legislation	<i>NSW Local Government Act, 1993 & NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2005</i>	
Delegations of Authority	Manager, Finance & Technology	

1. Overview

The purpose of this policy is to allow Council to refuse requests from pensioners seeking a pension concession on their rates for previous rating years.

2. Policy Principles

Nil.

3. Policy Objectives

That Council grant a pensioner rebate only to those pensioners who prove their eligibility for the current year in which the rates are levied and not apply a rebate for retrospective years.

4. Policy Statement

Eligible pensioner concessions are applied in accordance with provisions of Clause 135 of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2005 and application under Division 1 of Part 8 of Chapter 15 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* is to be made in the form approved by the Director-General. Council will apply the rebate to the rate or charge proportionate to the number of full quarters remaining after the day on which the person becomes an eligible pensioner in the year for which the rate or charge is made.

5. Accountability, Roles & Responsibility

Elected Council

Council is responsible for approving this policy to align with the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*.

General Manager, Executive and Management Teams

The Chief Executive Officer has the authority to sub-delegate certain functions . The CEO delegates authority for approval of pensioner rebates for eligible pensioners to the Revenue Officer.

Management Oversight Group

Not Applicable.

Individual Managers

Not Applicable.

6. Definitions

Not Applicable.

7. Related Documents, Standards & Guidelines

NSW Local Government Act 1993, NSW Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

8. Version Control & Change History

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V1.0	20/10/05	Council	Adoption of Original Policy (Res No. 595/05)
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