



***Please Complete all questions ***

1. Property Details

A. Rate Property Number		
B. Address of Property		
Suburb	State QLD	Postcode

2. Applicant Details

A. Full Given and Surname of Applicant/s	B. Pension Card Numbers										C. Card Start Date	
D. Current Residential Address <i>"As Above" if the postal same as your property address</i>												
Suburb					State					Postcode		
E. Current Postal Address <i>"As Above" if the postal same as your residential address</i>												
Suburb					State					Postcode		
F. Are the above address details the same for each owner? Tick the relevant box						<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No		Provide details at 3.F below		
G. Do you own any other properties in the NSC area? Tick the relevant box						<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		Provide details at 3.F below		
H. Home phone						I. Mobile Name						
J. Email address Name						K. Work phone Name						
<i>Council will update your record with the contact details you provide on this form</i>												

3. Property Information

A. Is this property your principal place of residence? If no, please state why:										<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
B. Please state the date of occupancy										Date:	
C. Please list all owners of the property and their relationship to the applicant:											
• Name: _____ Relationship: _____											
• Name: _____ Relationship: _____											
D. Are you a Life Tenant? <i>(please read information about life tenancy guidelines on page 3)</i>										<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
E. Are you solely responsible for the payment of rates?										<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
F. Additional Information:											
Digital Pension Cards: Card Start date:						Digital card sighted by CSO:					
Additional names:											

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Application for rate concession

Queensland government pensioner rate subsidy scheme and council pensioner concession policy

4. Consent of applicant/s	
I/we _____, authorise:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Noosa Shire Council to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform a Centrelink/Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) enquiry of my Centrelink or DVA 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 Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to Noosa Shire Council.	
I understand that:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The department will use information I have provided to the Noosa Shire Council to confirm my eligibility for pensioner concessions/rebates and will disclose to the Noosa Shire 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 Noosa Shire Council unless I withdraw it by contacting Noosa Shire Council or the department.• I can obtain proof of my circumstances /details from the department and provide it to Noosa Shire Council so that my eligibility for pension concessions/rebates 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 Concession/Rebate provided by Noosa Shire Council.	
Signature	Signature
Date	Date
This consent will be used for the sole purpose of authorising Centrelink to provide information to Noosa Shire Council to assess your eligibility in relation to concessions or services provided by the Queensland State Government and Noosa Shire Council.	

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 Acts. Your personal information is only accessed by persons authorised to do so. Your personal information is dealt with in accordance with council's privacy policy.

Queensland government pensioner rate subsidy scheme and council pensioner concession policy

A concession of rates and charges shall be allowed to approved pensioners who have applied for the concession on or before 30 June or 31 December each year, under Chapter 4, part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and in accordance with the eligibility criteria set out in the Noosa Shire Council Revenue Statement.

Who is eligible for a Subsidy/Concession?

The Queensland Government & the State Fire and Emergency Services Authority offer a subsidy for all ratepayers who hold a Pensioner Concession Card or Repatriation Gold Card.

How much is the Subsidy/Concession?

The Queensland Government offers a 20% subsidy, capped at \$200.00 per annum for rates and charges, excluding State Fire Levies and miscellaneous property charges e.g. change of ownership fee

The Queensland Fire and Rescue Service offers a 20% subsidy on State Fire Levies in the 'A', 'D' and 'E' categories.

For the current financial year the Council offers the following concessions on the general rate only:-

Pension Rate	Sole title to the property	Joint title to the property
Maximum level of pension	\$115 maximum per ½ year	\$90 maximum per ½ year
Not Maximum level of pension	\$57.50 maximum per ½ year	\$32.50 maximum per ½ year

What are the eligibility criteria?

The pensioner:-

- Must comply with eligibility criteria contained in the Queensland Government's Rate Subsidy Scheme and must possess a current, valid qualifying concession card, namely-
 - Pensioner Concession Card issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veteran Affairs **OR**
 - Repatriation Health Card for all Conditions (Gold) - issued by the Department of Veteran Affairs.
- Must be the owner (either solely or jointly), or be an eligible life tenant, in accordance with the guidelines for the State Government Rate Subsidy Scheme, of property within the region which is their principal place of residence, AND must have (either solely or jointly) with a co-owner, the legal responsibility for payment of rates and charges which are levied in respect of the said property by the Council. In the case of joint ownership, the concession will apply only to the approved pensioner's proportionate share of the applicable rates and charges, except where the co-owners are an approved pensioner and his/her spouse. In this situation the concession will apply to the full amount of applicable rates and charges.
- Must, if a 'first time' applicant lodge and complete the prescribed application to be entitled to a rate concession. The information on this application form will be used by Council to verify the eligibility of all pensioners (Centrelink and Veteran Affairs pension recipients). Upon proof of eligibility, the entitlement to a concession will commence from either the card start date shown on the Pensioner Concession Card or the date of occupation of their principal place residence or the start of the current rating period, whichever is the latter date. Such entitlement shall continue until the sale of that property or until the entitlement to a pension ceases to exist.
- Must, if an 'existing' applicant, lodge another application if required by Council OR on the acquisition of a replacement property within the region. Entitlements to a concession will continue without interruption if such application is received within a month of the request for a new application or of the property settlement.
- Life tenancy - 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.