



Pensioner Rebate Policy

POLICY OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to deal with enquiries regarding Pensioner concession for eligible cardholders.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

Local Government Act 1993 Section 575

POLICY STATEMENT

Council will apply the pensioner rebate to those eligible ratepayers to a level equivalent to the amount of rebate as prescribed by the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Council will grant a pensioner rebate from the first eligible full quarter within the current financial year following receipt of the application.

Council staff may on a case by case basis review and back date an eligible pensioner rebate for up to 3 years prior. This backdate is in addition to applying the rebate for the current financial year.

Discretionary Pensioner Rebate (General Fund)

To assist in meeting the potential increase in rates from the special rate variation (SRV) Council will introduce a discretionary pensioner rebate on top of the amount as prescribed by the *Local Government Act 1993*, as follows:

2024/25	\$75.00
2025/26 and beyond	\$100.00 per year

As in the case of the pensioner rebate, the discretionary pensioner rebate will be applied to the property on the basis of the percentage of owner(s) of the property who are eligible pensioners (for example, if one of two owners are an eligible pensioner, 50% of the discretionary pensioner rebate will be applied to the property).

Council will grant the discretionary pensioner rebate from the first eligible full quarter within the current financial year following receipt of the application. Council staff may on a case by case basis review and back date an eligible discretionary pensioner rebate for up to 3 years prior but no further back than 2024/25. This backdate is in addition to applying the discretionary rebate for the current financial year.

Version	Council Meeting Date	Resolution	Adoption Date	Effective From
1	17 June 2008	08/364		
2	21 June 2011	11/220	17 August 2011	17 August 2011
3	21 May 2013	13/179	21 May 2013	5 July 2013
4	16 May 2017	17/159	16 May 2017	16 June 2017
5	2 August 2022	2022/261	2 August 2022	30 August 2022
6	21 November 2023	2023/267	21 November 2023	12 January 2024

All policies can be reviewed or revoked by resolution of Council at anytime.

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