

Application for Pensioner subsidy on rates

ID _____ Box _____

You may use this form to apply for a subsidy on your rates and charges. To be eligible for the subsidy, you must a holder of a current eligible concession card, be the owner of the property and the property must be your primary place of residence. For full eligibility criteria and conditions, see *Eligibility Criteria for Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme* on page 3.

Customer Details

Surname	Given Name
Postal Address	
Contact Number	Email

Property Details

Assessment Number	Property address and/or description
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Property Information

Is this your principal place of residence? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Are you the full and only owner/s of the property? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If 'No', please explain the position including details of any other non-applicant person or body holding part ownership:	
Do you have any major interest in any other residential property? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Do you reside in a Retirement Home or Hostel? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Does an income-earning person reside with you? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Do you have any rates or charges owing to Council? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Customer Confirmation

I, _____ (Applicant 1 full name)
and _____ (Applicant 2 full name)

Authorise:

- the Barcaldine Regional Council to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform a Centrelink/DVA enquiry of my Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service.
- the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to the Barcaldine Regional Council.

I understand that:

- the department will disclose personal information to the Barcaldine Regional Council including my name, address, concession card type and status to confirm my eligibility for Centrelink/DVA.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while I am a customer of the Barcaldine Regional Council unless I withdraw it by contacting the Barcaldine Regional Council or the department.
- I can get proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to the Barcaldine Regional Council so my eligibility for concession 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 concession provided by Barcaldine Regional Council.

I/We sincerely declare that the information shown above is true and correct and have enclosed a copy of my/our Pension Card(s) with this application.

Applicant (1) Signature	Date
Applicant (2) Signature	Date

Pensioner Concession Details

Are you a holder of one of the following cards: (A copy of your Pension Card must be submitted with this application)

- ☐ Pensioner Concession Card
Issued by Centrelink (CLINK) or Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)
- ☐ Repatriation Health Card
Issued by Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) for all conditions

Applicant (1) Name	Pension Number	Card Expiry
Applicant (2) Name	Pension Number	Card Expiry

Privacy Statement

Barcaldine Regional Council is collecting your personal information for the purpose outlined on this form this document will be stored according to the *Privacy Act 2009* in a secure document management system as authorised under the *S.26 of the Public Records Act 2002, The Information Privacy and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2023 (IPOLA)* and updates for the disposal of common and administrative public records created by all public authorities.

Lodgement of your application

MAIL Post to 'PO Box 191, Barcaldine QLD 4725'
Email to rates@barc.qld.gov.au

IN PERSON Visit any BRC Administration Office from 8.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday

Alpha 43 Dryden Street
Aramac 35 Gordon Street
Barcaldine 71 Ash Street

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date entered into Assessment Number
Rates Manager _____

I hereby certify that I have sighted the Applicant(s) Pensioner Concession or Repatriation Health Card, issued by Centrelink or the Commonwealth Department of Veterans' Affairs.

A copy is attached to this application.

Signed by Council Officer _____ Date _____

Eligibility criteria for Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme

The Queensland Government's Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme provides of 20% and a maximum of \$200 (Two hundred dollars) each year of the gross rates and charges levied by a local Council.

The Barcaldine Regional Council Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme provides of 30% and a maximum of \$386.20 (Three hundred and eighty-six dollars) each year of the gross rates and charges levied by Council.

To qualify for the remission of rates from the Barcaldine Regional Council and the State Government, the applicant must satisfy the following conditions:

1. A holder of a current eligible concession card, i.e. a **Pensioner Concession Card (PCC)** issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) or **Repatriation Health Card** issued by Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) for all conditions.
2. The owner or life tenant of the property, as defined under Schedule 4 of the Local Government Act 2009.
3. The property must be your principal place of residence.
4. All rates and charges owing to Council have been fully paid.
5. You must be legally responsible for the payment of local council rates and charges levied on that property (solely or jointly with any co-owner).
6. The property must be located in Queensland and the subsidy is allowable on only one property at a time.

When submitting your application, you will also need to present your Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) or Repatriation Health Card issued by Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) for all conditions.

A new application must be lodged if you change your address.

Definitions:

Ownership – under no circumstances is an approved pensioner regarded as an owner or co-owner unless

- Your name appears as such on the Certificate of Title of the property; or
- The title of the property is held in the name of a bank, or other financial institution and you have not been relieved of the responsibility to pay all rates and charges levied in respect of the property.

Life Tenants – A life tenancy can be created only by a valid Will and is effective only after the death of the property owner, or by a Supreme or Family Court Order. Other criteria for determining eligibility will be that:

- The property must be your principal place of residence.
- There must be no provision in the Will or Court Order, which would relieve you of the obligation to pay the rates and charges, levied in respect of the property.
- You must not have a major interest in any other residential property.

For further information please contact the appropriate department at the addresses below.

Department of Communities Concession Services, Smart Service Queensland

Phone: 13 QGOV (13 74 68)

Email: concessions@smartservice.qld.gov.au

Web: www.communityservices.qld.gov.au/community/concessions

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Phone: 1300 551 918

Email: van.qsbrisbane@dva.gov.au

Web: www.dva.gov.au

Card Services, Smart Service Queensland

Phone: 13 QGOV (13 74 68)

Email: cardservices@smartservice.qld.gov.au

Web: www.seniors.qld.gov.au

Centrelink

Retirement 13 23 00

Families 13 61 50

Disabilities, sickness & carers 13 27 17