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## PENSIONER REMISSION APPLICATION

**Including rates, animal registration or other fees and charges, as determined by Council**

*If you are returning it to the Council in person, Council will need to take a copy of your card.*

*If you are returning the application via email, please send copies of both sides of each pension card*

*Please ensure the address on the pension card reflects your principal place of residence.*

### APPLICANT DETAILS

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|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Name of Applicant/s:</b>  | <b>Pension Card Number:</b> | <b>Date Concession Granted:</b> | <b>Date of Birth:</b> |
|  |                             |                                 |                       |
| <b>Current residential address:</b>  |                             |                                 |                       |
|  |                             |                                 |                       |
| Suburb   | State                       | Postcode                        |                       |
| <b>Current postal address (leave blank if the same as your residential address):</b> |                             |                                 |                       |
|  |                             |                                 |                       |
| Suburb   | State                       | Postcode                        |                       |
| <b>Home phone no:</b>  |                             | <b>Mobile Phone no:</b>         |                       |
|  |                             |                                 |                       |
| <b>E-Mail Address:</b>   |                             |                                 |                       |
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### PROPERTY DETAILS (applicable for Rates only)

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| <b>Rates Assessment Number:</b>   |                              |                             |
|   |                              |                             |
| <b>Real Property Description:</b>   |                              |                             |
|   |                              |                             |
| <b>Property Address:</b>  |                              |                             |
|   |                              |                             |
| Is this property your principal place of residence?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Please state the date of occupancy if recently purchased. _____   |                              |                             |
|   |                              |                             |
| Is there an "Approved Residence" located on the property?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is there a Dwelling located on the property constructed prior to 1974?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <small>(As defined as a Class 1 or 2 building according to Standard Building Law. (i.e. Single family dwelling or multiple dwelling (flats, townhouses etc). "Standard Building Law" includes the Australian Building Regulations, building legislation and Building Code Australia).</small> |                              |                             |
|   |                              |                             |
| <i>Remission will be granted in proportion to the ownership of the property. For example: If two people own a property and only one is a pensioner, the remission would be halved, except where the other owner is a <u>spouse</u> of the pensioner.</i>                                      |                              |                             |
| If the co-owner is NOT marital / defacto partner, please state percentage of ownership ie:50/50 _____   |                              |                             |
| Relationship to co-owner _____  |                              |                             |

**SIGNATURE REQUIRED OVER TO FINALISE APPLICATION**

**STATUTORY DECLARATION (applicable for Rates only)**

***If you have answered YES to any of these questions, Council staff will contact you, by phone, to determine which Statutory Declaration needs to be forwarded to you for completion by you.***

*Is the property jointly owned and the other party no longer responsible for the payment of rates and charges?  
i.e. divorced/separated?*  Yes  No

*Do you reside for reasons of ill health or infirmity some or all the time in an alternative accommodation such as a Nursing Home or similar type accommodation, and is the property not currently occupied on a paid tenancy basis?*  Yes  No

*Are you a Life Tenant? 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. You should apply if the valid will states that you have the right to reside at the property and are responsible for the payment of rates on this property*  Yes  No

**CUSTOMER CONFIRMATION (for CentreLink and Department of Veterans Affairs)**

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ authorise:

- The Gladstone 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 in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service.
- Services Australia (the agency) to provide the results of that enquiry to the Gladstone Regional Council.

I understand that:

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

***No Electronic Signatures will be accepted***

*The Gladstone Regional Council is collecting your personal information to process your application. The information will be only accessed by authorised council employees. Some information may be given to relevant agencies to enable agencies to update their records. Your information will not be given to any other person or agency unless you have given us permission, or we are required by law.*

**PENSIONER RATES SUBSIDY SCHEME TERMS & CONDITIONS**

The Queensland State Government Pension Rebate is available to those persons who hold a Pension Concession Card or Department of Veteran Affairs 'Veteran Gold Card', who are the registered owner of the property, which is their principal place of residence, and who are wholly responsible for the payment of rates. The remission is granted in proportion to the ownership of the property. A remission of 20% of the gross rates and charges is applied in accordance with State Government Legislation. For the current financial year this subsidy will be **to a maximum of \$200**.

The Gladstone Regional Council Pension Rebate scheme for the current financial year provides a remission of 50% of the General Rate **to a maximum of \$310.00** to pensioners who are eligible for the above State Remission. NO Gladstone Regional Council Remission will be allowed if there is no approved residence on the property which complies with Standard Building Law.

Pension Remission Applications for the current rating period can be processed any time from the 1<sup>st</sup> July to the 31<sup>st</sup> May next year. Late and retrospective applications for previous financial years will not be processed by Council without an Approved Appeal processed through the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.