

PLEASE NOTE: A copy of your current Pensioner Concession card must be included with your completed application form

PENSIONER CONCESSION APPLICATION FORM

This form is approved by the Chief Executive of the Office of Local Government, in accordance with clause 135 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

APPLICATION FOR A PENSIONER CONCESSION FOR THE WHOLE OR PART OF THE YEAR COMMENCING 1 JULY 20__

Please answer all questions relevant to you using block letters and ticking appropriate boxes.

Property Assessment No. _____
(Please refer to the council rates and charges notice)

I, _____
(Full name in block letters)

of _____
(Address)

Telephone number _____ apply for a pensioner concession.

Property Description (Lot/ Plan) _____
(Office Use Only)

1 (a) I am the holder of a current Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) issued by the Commonwealth Government.

PCC No. _____ Date of Grant: ____/____/____

Please go to question 2.

OR

1 (b) I am NOT the holder of a Pensioner Concession Card. I am the holder of a Gold Card issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) under (the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 (VEA)* or *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 (MRCA)*) and embossed with either:

- Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI)
or
 Extreme Disablement Adjustment (EDA) or
 War Widow/er (WW)*

*War widow/ers/wholly dependent partners must be eligible for a PCC in order to claim the pensioner concession on their rates. DVA can assist in determining your eligibility; contact DVA on 133254 or visit www.factsheets.dva.gov.au for further information on the process.

All DVA Applicants are also required to complete the following details:

_____ Your File No.

_____/_____/_____ Date of Grant of TPI or WW pension under the VEA:

_____/_____/_____ Date of eligibility for Special Rate Disability Pension (SRDP)* or wholly dependent partner payment** under MRCA

* date of eligibility as notified in the letter from DVA.

** date of eligibility is the date of your partner's death.

MRCA applicants - if your council is not registered for online confirmation, you will need to provide a letter from DVA. Please check with your council.

(2) Have you claimed a pensioner concession on any other property this year?

No

Yes – please provide address of property below.

(3) The property for which I am claiming has been my sole/principal place of living since ____/____/_____.

(4) I am the sole owner; OR

I am liable for the payment of rates and charges on this property, together with others as listed below.

ALL OTHER OWNERS including your spouse or de facto partner should be listed.

Name	PCC Holder (Y/N)	Pension No	Date of Grant	Relationship to Me (eg. Spouse, Father, Co-owner, etc)	Resident of Property (Y/N)	% of Ownership

Evidence of joint ownership is attached; or

Evidence of joint ownership has been provided to council previously

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the information provided is true and correct. **If you make a false statement in an application you may be guilty of an offence and fined up to \$2,200.**

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Applicant Consent

This consent will be used for the sole purpose of authorising Centrelink to provide Information to _____ ("the Council")
[Council's name]
to assess your eligibility in relation to the Pensioner Rebate provided by Council.

Applicant Confirmation

I _____ authorise
(Applicant's Name)

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

I understand that:

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

I also understand that this consent, which is ongoing, can be revoked any time by giving notice to the Council.

{Further information about the Centrelink Confirmation eServices is available on Centrelink's website at www.humanservices.gov.au}.

I agree that, unless I revoke my consent, this Applicant Consent record is a permanent consent, and may be relied on by the Council until such time as I revoke it.

I acknowledge I have read and understood this Customer Consent record.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

PRIVACY AND PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT 1998

Compliance with Section 10

The information contained in this application form and any information requested for the purpose of assessing eligibility for a pensioner concession is required under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005. This information is required before your application for a pensioner concession can be processed. The information is private and confidential and council must not disclose the information to any person or body if it is not directly related to the purpose for which the information was collected.

If you have a complaint about the use of your personal information, contact the Council's Public Officer. The information on the form may be corrected and updated by you, by contacting the Council.

PURPOSE OF THIS FORM

This form is to be completed by ratepayers wishing to receive a pensioner concession on council rates and certain annual charges. Eligible ratepayers are entitled to receive up to:

- \$250.00 on ordinary rates and charges for domestic waste management services
- \$87.50 off their annual water rates and charges (where service is provided by council)
- \$87.50 off their annual sewerage rates and charges (where service is provided by council)

Generally, the concessions are available to eligible pensioners, however concessions may be granted to ratepayers suffering financial hardship in certain circumstances.

The information provided by completing this form will enable council to determine eligibility to receive a pensioner concession and the level of concession the ratepayer is entitled to.

ELIGIBILITY

- Holders of the PCC (Pensioner Concession Card);
- Holders of a gold card embossed with 'TP'
- Holders of a gold card embossed with 'EDA' (
- War widow or widower or wholly dependent partner entitled to the Pensioner Concession Card*

* If you are a war widow or widower or wholly dependent partner but do not have a PCC, you should contact the Department of Veterans DVA income support supplement. Eligibility is subject to an income and assets test.

Holders of cards other than those listed above are not eligible for the concession.

DVA Contact

For assistance from the DVA call 133 254.

Concession Provider

For more information contact your local Council.