

Pensioner & Senior State Government Concession

Factsheet – June 2017



Background

The Pensioners and Seniors Rebate Scheme provides concessions to eligible pensioners and seniors on their local government rates charges and the emergency services levy. The concessions available are either a rebate on, or the deferment, of these charges.

The purpose of this factsheet is to assist residents, who are concession card holders, in ascertaining whether they are eligible for a rebate on, or deferment of, their local government rates and the emergency services levy.

Local Government Responsibility

Under the *Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992* (the Act), the Shire of Chittering is required to undertake a review of Pensioner and Seniors registrations to ensure that the correct information is held on file and that the correct entitlements are being received.

Accordingly, the Shire has written to all ratepayers who are currently registered with the Shire.

However, we understand that there may be ratepayers who may be eligible for a concession who are not currently registered and therefore will not be in receipt of the required information.

Are you eligible?

To receive a concession on local government rates an applicant must, on 1 July of the current financial year, own* and occupy the property as their ordinary place of residence

and

be the holder of a valid:

- Pensioner Concession Card; or
- State Concession Card; or
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card *together with a WA Seniors Card*; or
- WA Seniors Card.

*To *own* means an applicant must;

- be the registered owner, or co-owner, of the property on the Certificate of Title (noting that where the property is co-owned a partial concession may apply); or
- have a right to reside or life tenancy at the property under the terms of a Will (probated) and are responsible for the payment of the rates and charges raised against the property.

How do you apply for a concession?

Further information (including downloadable application forms) is available on the Shire website - www.chittering.wa.gov.au/community/rates/rates-concessions.aspx.

For further information please contact;

Shire of Chittering, Rates Officer

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All Shire information is available in alternative formats upon request