



# Application for State Government Subsidy on Rates and Charges

## Applicants Details

Owner of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Pension Details:

1. Are you an eligible holder of a Queensland "Pension Concession Card" issued by the Dept of Social Security or the Dept of Veterans' Affairs, or a Queensland "Repatriation Health Card – For All Conditions" issued by the Dept of Veterans' Affairs.  YES  NO

2. Pension Numbers

<p>Pension Number/s:  <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p> <p>Name of Cardholder:          _____</p> <p>Card Type: Centrelink / DVA (Please Circle)</p> <p>Effective Date: _____</p>	<p>Pension Number/s:  <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/></p> <p>Name of Cardholder: _____</p> <p>Card Type: Centrelink / DVA (Please Circle)</p> <p>Effective Date: _____</p>
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3. Is the property described as \_\_\_\_\_ your principal place of residence.  YES  NO

4. In cases of co-ownership please state your relationship:

- Married
- Defacto
- Business
- Other – Please state \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you derive income from occupancy of other people at your residence?

- YES  NO

If yes, please give details \_\_\_\_\_  
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**DECLARATION CERTIFICATE: Please read all of the guidelines overleaf before signing certificate.**

*I/We truthfully declare that the information shown is true and correct. I/We hereby authorise Centrelink and/or the Department of Veterans' Affairs to release any information necessary to confirm my/our eligibility as an approved pensioner/* **Client Consent – Customer Confirmation:**

I (**Insert name**) \_\_\_\_\_ authorise Centrelink to confirm with Burke Shire Council the current status of my Commonwealth Benefit and other details as they pertain to my concessional entitlement. This involves electronically matching details I have provided to the Participant with Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) records to confirm whether or not I am currently receiving a Centrelink or DVA benefit.

I understand that this consent, once signed, is effective only for the period I am a customer of Burke Shire Council. I also understand that this consent, which is ongoing, can be revoked any time by giving notice to Burke Shire Council.

I understand that if I withdraw my consent, I may not be eligible for the concession provided by Burke Shire Council.

This consent will be used for the sole purpose of authorising Centrelink to provide information to Burke Shire Council to assess your eligibility in relation to concessions or services provided by Burke Shire Council.

A brochure is available from Centrelink that provided more details about Centrelink Confirmation eServices or on Centrelink's website [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au).

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Council Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Card sighted: YES/NO

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**GUIDELINES FOR THE QLD GOVERNMENT'S PENSIONER RATE SUBSIDY SCHEME**

**AN APPROVED PENSIONER IS:**

- An eligible holder of a Queensland "Pensioner Concession Card" issued by the Department of Social Security or the Department of Veterans' Affairs, or a Queensland "Repatriation Health Card – For All Conditions" issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- Is the owner or life tenant (either solely or jointly) of the property which is his/her principal place of residence;
- Has, either solely or jointly with a co-owner, the legal responsibility for the payment of rates and charges as defined herein, which are levied in respect of the said property by the Local Government in whose area the property is situated.

**NOTE:**

1. In cases of co-ownership, the State Government Subsidy will apply only to the approved pensioner's proportionate share of the gross rates and charges except where the co-owners are:
  - I. An approved pensioner and his/her spouse; (including defacto relationships as recognised by the Commonwealth Departments of Social Security and Veterans' Affairs);
  - II. An approved pensioner and a bank, other financial institution, or government department where the latter holds joint title for debt security purposes and has no responsibility for rates, charges or other costs of maintaining the property. In either of these situations, the tenure may be treated as sole ownership and subsidy approved in full.

Under no circumstances is a pensioner to be regarded as an owner or co-owner unless:

- III. His/her name appears as such on the Certificate of Title of the property; or
- IV. It can be clearly established that the title to the property is held in the name of a bank, other financial institution or government department for debt security reasons and the pensioner has not been relieved of the responsibility to pay all rates and charges levied in respect of the property.

2. The criteria for determining eligible life tenants will be:

- I. The property in respect of which the rates are levied must be the principal place of residence of the pensioner and the pensioner must actually reside on the property (ie. a life tenant cannot reside in a nursing home and claim the subsidy, as may occur with ordinary home ownership);
- II. The pensioner must not have a major interest in any other residential property;
- III. The life tenancy must be created by a valid Will which applies to the property in question, or by a Supreme or Family Court Order;
- IV. There must be no provision in the Will or Court Order that would relieve the life tenant of the obligation to pay the rates and charges levied in respect of the property.

**CLAIM:**

A claim of 20% to a maximum of \$200.00 of Gross Rates is made to the State Government by Council and will be pro-rated from your yearly rates charges and levies. The amount of Burke Shire Council remission will be decided at Council's budget meeting and will be credited to the approved pensioners rate notices which will be issued in August. The requirements for Council remission by pensioners are the same as those of the State Government.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

The Applicant is the holder of:

Centrelink Social Security

Pensioner Concession Card:


Dept of Veterans' Affairs

Pensioner Concession Card:


Dept of Veterans' Affairs

Repatriation Health Card:


**PENSION CARDS ARE TO BE SIGHTED** – Pension Cards are to be produced and sighted by a Council Officer.

Has Card been sighted?  YES

NO

Officers Initials:

Date:

ASSESSMENT NUMBER:

APPLICATION NUMBER: