

MEDIA RELEASE

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Pensioners should apply now for rates remission

Pensioners who are new to Gladstone or people who have just become eligible for the pension should apply now to Gladstone Regional Council for the 2018/19 Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme.

Council's Pension Remission scheme provides a remission of 50 per cent of the General Rate to a maximum of \$290 to pensioners who are eligible for the Queensland State Government Pension Rebate.

The Queensland State Government subsidy grants a remission of 20 per cent of all rates and charges (excluding water consumption) to a maximum of \$200 per year for the pensioner's principal place of residence.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said to be eligible for both benefits, a person must have a Centrelink Queensland Pensioners Concession Card, a Veterans' Affairs Gold Card (All conditions) or a Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card.

"That person must also live in an approved residence which complies with Standard Building Law and is their principal place of residence," Councillor Burnett said.

Please contact Council's Rates Department on (07) 4970 0700 for an application if you have recently received your pension concession card or have bought a house in the region.

Alternatively, visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au and click on Find out about Rates or Download a Form to access the application form.