

Pensioner Concession Application

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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*.

Pensioner Details

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

* Mandatory Fields

Property Assessment No.*

Name* *applicant 1*

Name *applicant 2*

Address*

Telephone Number/s*

1 (a) I/we am/are the holder of a current Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) issued by the Commonwealth Government:

PCC or DVA Number* *applicant 1*

PCC or DVA Number *applicant 2*

Date of Grant*

Date of Grant

please go to question 2

OR

1 (b) I/we am/are NOT the holder of a Pensioner Concession Card. I/we am/are the holder of a Gold Card issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) under the *Veterans' Entitlement 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
 MRCA (TPI)

2

Have you claimed a pensioner concession on any other property this year?*

- Yes If Yes, please provide address of property
 No

3

The property for which I/we am/are claiming has been my/our sole/principal place of living since*

4

 I am the sole owner *; or

 I/we am/are 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 card no.	Date of grant	Relationship <i>eg spouse, father, co-owner etc</i>	Resident Y/N	% of ownership

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 be fined up to \$2,200.**

Application Consent

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

Applicant Confirmation

I/we, authorise:

- Council to use Centrelink Confirmation Services eServices to perform an enquiry of my/our Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs Customer details and concession card status in order to enable the Council to determine if I/we qualify for a concession, and
- the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to the Council. This involves electronically matching details I/we have provided to the Council with Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) records to confirm whether or not I/we am currently receiving a Centrelink or DVA benefit.

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

I/we understand if I/we withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I/we may not be eligible for the concession provided by the 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/we agree that, unless I/we revoke my/our consent, this Applicant Consent record is a permanent consent, and may be relied on by the Council, until such time as I/we revoke it.

I/we acknowledge I/we have read and accepted this Customer Consent record.*

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Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998

Compliance with Section 10

The information contained in this pensioner concession 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 contained or referred to in this application 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 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 the service is provided by council)
- **\$87.50** off their annual sewerage rates and charges (where the 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 concession and the level on concession the ratepayer is entitled to.

Eligibility

- Holders of the PCC (Pensioner Concession Card)
- Holders of a gold card embossed with 'TPI' (Totally Permanently Incapacitated)
- Holders of a gold card embossed with 'EDA' (Extreme Disablement Adjustment)
- 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' Affairs (DVA) to test your eligibility for the DVA income support supplement. Eligibility is subject to an income 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:

Ballina Shire Council
40 Cherry Street, Ballina 2478
Ph 1300 864 444

Centrelink
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm
Ph 13 23 00