

# Rates & Charges Deferment Application

Please complete and send this form to the Revenue Coordinator.

## Application

I wish to defer the payment of the rates and charges (including the Fire Services Property Levy) owing in respect of my principal place of residence as described below

☐ for a period of time up until \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

☐ indefinitely

I understand that if my application is approved, the outstanding balance of rates will be subject to a reduced penalty interest rate, at 2.25% pa (in 2019/20).

Assessment No	Property Address	Amount now due
		\$ _____
		\$ _____
		\$ _____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT NOW DUE</b>		\$ _____

## Declaration

In assessing applications for rate deferrals, the following criteria will apply:

- Applications must be lodged using Councils Application for Rate & Charges Deferment form
- Applicants who meet the below definition are deemed to have an automatic qualification for rate deferral
  - Eligible pensioners under the State Concession Act
  - Card holders of the following identification cards: Health Care, Commonwealth Seniors, Department of Veteran Affairs, Repatriation specific.
  - The property is used exclusively for residential purposes by the applicant and is the person's sole or principal place of residence.
  - Ratepayers who can evidence (via Centrelink statement of earnings or ATO tax assessment) that they are of low income status with a maximum income of less than \$54,677. The amount of \$54,677 is the current Centrelink base rate threshold for the Family Tax Benefit Part A and this policy will be indexed by annual increases in this benchmark
- Applicants outside of this definition are required to provide documentary evidence from a financial planner evidencing that payment of rates will cause undue hardship
- Rate deferrals may be for either the full rate levy or for an agreed portion of the rates. (ie a ratepayer may elect to defer the amount of increased rates arising from a revaluation)
- Rate deferral ceases if Council in its discretion revokes the deferral agreement by providing the applicant with a 30 day notice period in writing or if the ratepayer ceases to own and occupy the subject property
- Copies of supporting documentation eg. concession card must be attached.

<b>Applicant Name (in block letters)</b>		<b>Applicant Signature</b>	
<b>Postal Address</b>			
<b>Home phone</b>		<b>Mobile</b>	
<b>Date</b>			

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