

## Pensioner/Seniors Application Form

To register under the Rates and Charges Local Government (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992 (The Act)

<b>Office Use Only</b>  Date Issued: Signed: Continuation: Yes/No
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Water Corporation Account Number
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Shire of Murray Assessment Number
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### Property for Which Registration is Claimed

Lot/Loc: \_\_\_\_\_ Street No: \_\_\_\_\_ House No: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Suburb/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate of Title (if known) Vol: \_\_\_\_\_ Folio: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your ordinary place of Residence (circle one): Yes No Date Occupied: \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant's Details

Surname	Given Names	Card/Entitlement Number(s)	Card Type	Date of Expiry/Grant	Occupier Yes/No?

(please provide details of all cards - attach separate sheet with these details if necessary)

When applying by mail, please enclose a photocopy of BOTH sides of ALL Pensioner/Seniors Card(s) or State Concession Card(s) you hold.

### Property Co-owner Details

Surname	Given Names	Relationship to Applicant(s)	Occupier Yes/No?	% of Ownership

Is the property being purchased from Homeswest? Yes No If Yes, under what scheme? (please circle)

Contract of Sale First Mortgage Flexible Deposit Shared Equity/Starter Home Your equity: \_\_\_\_\_%

### Declaration

- I/We have read and understood the provisions of the Act as provided with this application.
- I/We have neither obtained nor applied for a rebate under the Act in respect of any other property for the current charging year.
- I/We do not occupy any other property.
- I/We authorise appropriate government departments to release to the Shire of Murray, Water Corporation and/or the State Revenue Department, confirmation that I/we hold a current Pensioner / Seniors Card(s) or State Concession Card(s).
- I/We declare that I/we am/are currently in receipt of a \_\_\_\_\_ Pension. (pensioners only to complete)
- I/We declare that the details provided in this application are true and correct in relation to the above property.

**A Penalty of \$1,000 applies for false or misleading information (Section 38)**

Signature of Applicants: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card sighted and signature verified by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Shire of Murray)

Property Ownership% .....(must be 01-99 or F-100%) Application Type : Seniors (SSC) Seniors (SSC/CSHC) Pensioners (PCC/SCC)

Title Checked: Yes No Approved and Processed Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please retain for your records.  
Please ensure you have read and fully understood your obligations.**

### **What You Need to Know to Apply for Registration**

*Under the Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992 (The Act)*

#### **The Applicant and the Application**

1. To be eligible for 'registration', each applicant must hold one of the appropriate card(s), as detailed in the 'The Act in Brief' below.
2. To be eligible for 'registration', each applicant must, as at 1 July of the current financial year:
  - a. Be the owner or co-owner of the property or have a right to reside at the property under terms of a Will;
    - Where the property is subject to co-ownership (other than a spouse or defacto) a partial rebate may apply. Deferment option is not available. Please provide a copy of the Certificate of Title (if available).
    - Where the right to reside under the terms of a Will exist, please provide a copy of the appropriate documents.
  - b. Occupy the property as their 'ordinary place of residence'.
3. To apply, complete the '**Application Form**' in full, sign where indicated, and:
  - a. Retain a copy of your application for your record of application and any future reference.
  - b. Return the original to either the Shire of Murray or the Water Corporation.
  - c. Include a photocopy of both sides of all applicable cards held, as well as a copy of the Certificate of Title or Will documents, where required.

#### **The Act in Brief**

1. Each applicant must:
  - a. Own, or have a relevant interest in, the property that the rebate/concession or deferment is being applied for.
  - b. Be a current holder of an appropriate card, either:
    - A Seniors Card (issued by the Office of Seniors' Interests) – Rebate of up to 25%; or
    - A Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (issued by Centrelink) and a Seniors Card (issued by the Office of Seniors' Interests) – Rebate of up to 50% and/or deferment (subject to amendment of the Act); or
    - A Pensioner Concession Card or a State Concession Card (and currently be receiving a payment of a 'pension type' stipulated in the Act) – Rebate of up to 50% and/or deferment.
  - c. Immediately advises both the Shire of Murray and the Water Corporation, should they cease to qualify for registration or their application details change at any time. For example, if any applicant:

- Sells or transfers an interest in all, or part of, the property or moves to another address.
- Is issued with a new card or their card is cancelled or expires.
- As a senior (card issued by the Office of Seniors' Interests) becomes an eligible pensioner or becomes the holder of a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (issued by Centrelink).

OR

- As a pensioner, has their 'pension type' changed.
- d. Pays their proportion of the annual account before 30 June of the period for which the account is levied.
  - e. Pay all rubbish removal charges within 35 days, and arrears of previous years' rates and charges (or enter into an arrangement to pay these charges) (does not include OSI seniors) before a rebate of the Shire of Murray rates is available.
2. A rebate/concession or deferment (where eligible) is available on only one property in any one charging or rating year (ie the property owned and occupied as at 1 July).
  3. Where the deferment option is available, charges are deferred automatically if not paid by 30 June of the year to which the account relates.
  4. If the property is occupied by a Life Tenant under the terms of a probated Will of a deceased estate, deferment is not allowed and the rebated amount must be paid by 30 June.
  5. If the property is sold and another purchased, a new application must be made for the new property.

### Section 38

A person who:

- a. For the purposes of any application under the Act, knowingly provides information that is false or misleading in material particular.
- b. Omits to notify an administrative authority of a change of circumstances, as required by section 35; or
- c. For the purpose of trying to obtain a benefit under the Act purports:
  - i. To retain an entitlement, knowing that the entitlement as registered has ceased to exist; or
  - ii. To be an eligible person, knowing that the eligibility has ceased, commits an offence.