

RATING CONCESSION – GRANNY FLATS FOR 2014/15

In accordance with Section 1034(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 the Council will grant a remission of extra **service charges** levied for a residential property in an amount, determined at its annual budget meeting, to applicants whose property includes not only their principal place of residence, but also accommodation in the form of one (1) flat (granny flat) to house aged or invalid relatives, providing that the following shall apply.

- a) The property must be the principal place of residence of the registered owner.
- b) The registered property owner must sign a binding undertaking to the local government that the benefit of the remission will be extended to the pensioner.
- c) The flat (granny flat) to which the application applies shall be the principal place of residence of the approved pensioner, and no claim for a pension subsidy can be made on another property.
- d) The pensioner must be a relative of the registered owner.
- e) A remission will not be granted for flats or any other form of accommodation for which rent or some form of income is received.
- f) A remission shall only be granted for charges levied on land, which Council considers is used for residential purposes.
- g) Applications are to be made by the registered property owner and the recipient of a pension on the required form and approved pensioner's cards are to be accepted by the Chief Executive Officer as sufficient evidence that the person/s is/are applying is/are an approved pensioner in accordance with the definition 1-5 Administrative Guidelines for the Queensland Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme - amended 4 March 2004.
- h) Applications must be received by 30th November, in each year. Any persons applying after this date are to have their application deferred to the following financial year.
- i) A fresh application will need to be made in each financial year.
- j) A remission shall not be granted where any rates are overdue in respect of the subject property.

Definition of Approved Pensioners

Persons in receipt of:

Age Pension	Veterans Affairs Pension
Disability Support Pension	Widow B Pension
Carer Payment	

Those persons would be the holder or:
Queensland Pensioner Concession Card issued by the Department of Social Security or Department of Veteran's Affairs or
Queensland Repatriation Health Card – For All Conditions or a Gold Card, issued by the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

And will meet the conditions above.

Privacy Statement.

Whitsunday Regional Council is collecting your name, address, contact phone number, details of the matter that could be deemed as your personal information and signature for declaration.

This information will be used for the purpose of assessing your application and ensuring that we are able to remain in contact with you regarding the status of your application. This information will only be accessed by employees, contractors and/or Councillors of Whitsunday Regional Council.

Subject to the above disclosures, your personal information will not be given to any other agency unless you have given us permission or we are authorised or required by law to do so.