



## PENSIONERS — ACCRUING RATES AND CHARGES

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<b>Council or Corporate Policy</b>	Council Policy
<b>Responsible Division:</b>	Corporate and Information Services
<b>Supporting documents, procedures &amp; forms of this policy:</b>	<a href="#">Pensioner Application to Accrue Rates</a>
<b>References &amp; Legislation:</b>	<a href="#">Local Government Act 1993, Part 8 Concessions, Division 1</a>

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## 1 Purpose of Policy

To ensure that every assistance is given to eligible pensioners experiencing financial difficulty, by allowing rates and charges to accrue against their estates.

Related Policies:

Rates Debt Recovery Policy

Rates Financial Hardship Policy

Pensioner Rates Concession Policy

## 2 Definitions

Word/Term	Definition (with examples if required)
Eligible pensioners	<p>In relation to a rate or charge levied on land on which a dwelling is situated means a person:</p> <p>(a) who is a member of a class of persons prescribed by the regulations, and</p> <p>(b) who occupies that dwelling as his or her sole or principal place of living.</p>

## 3 Accrual of rates and Charges

1. That where payment of rates and charges would cause hardship, eligible pensioners be allowed to accrue rates and charges (including interest charges) against the estate and no action for recovery be taken (apart from the issue of rates, instalment and reminder notices).
2. That interest charges be levied against all rates and charges accrued in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and recovered upon settlement, sale or transfer of the estate.
3. The pensioners who wish to accrue rates and charges complete the form "Pensioner Application to Accrue Rates".

## 4 Policy Review

To be reviewed by 25 March 2016.

## 5 Version Control and Change History

Version Control	Date Effective	Approved By	Amendment
1	25 March 2014	Council	