

Policy

Title: Rate Remissions

Category: Rates and Charges

Date Last Adopted: 7 March 2016

1. Objectives

To define the application of the remission of rates to eligible pensioners, pursuant to the *Local Government (Rates and Charges Remissions) Act 1991*.

2. Background

Pursuant to the *Local Government (Rates and Charges Remissions) Act 1991*, the State Government provides eligible pensioners a remission from Local Government rates. Eligible pensioners subsequently apply for a remission directly with the Council after which the Council subsequently invoices the State Government for the remission amount granted, as prescribed in the Act.

3. Policy

That pensioners eligible for assistance under the *Local Government (Rates and Charges Remissions) Act 1991*, be granted as a rate remission:

1. 40% of the rates payable (excluding that part of the rates applicable to the fire service rate which shall be limited to 30%) up to a maximum level (see point 2). This remission of 30% as advised by State Treasury. This remission includes the annual State Government remission of 30%, including the fire service rate, pursuant to the *Local Government (Rates and Charges Remissions) Act 1991*.
2. The maximum level shall be the annually advised State Government maximum remission, plus \$10.

4. Legislation, Terminology and References

Local Government (Rates and Charges Remissions) Act 1991

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