

## Pensioner Rates Rebate Policy 2024 – Summary of Proposed Changes

Changes made to the Policy as a result of the review are summarised below:

Type	Description	Reason
Update	<p>Policy 215 Voluntary Pensioner Rebate Policy has been expanded to be a comprehensive Pensioner Rates Rebate Policy.</p> <p>Added direction regarding Council's administration of the Mandatory Pensioner Rates Rebate, as required for Council to provide under the Local Government Act.</p> <p>Added procedural clarification regarding application process for the Pensioner Rates Rebate, and process for Council's handling of applications.</p> <p>No changes are proposed to existing Policy provisions and eligibility requirements for Council's Voluntary Pensioner Rates Rebate component.</p>	<p>The elaborated Policy sets out a consistent and transparent approach for Council to administer both types of Pensioner Rates Rebates as established under the Local Government Act. Including provisions for both rebate types will align Council's policy with the approach taken by other councils.</p>
Update	<p>Added references to applicable Local Government Act provisions which inform the policy framework for Pensioner Rates Rebates. Updated clauses to ensure accurate representation of applicable Local Government Act requirements.</p>	<p>To ensure Council's compliance with applicable legislation</p>
Update	<p>Transferred content to current Policy Template branding</p>	<p>To ensure consistent formatting across Council's policy portfolio</p>
Update	<p>Updated phrasing</p>	<p>To improve clarity, accuracy, and to ensure consistency with applicable Council and legal standards.</p>