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Policy

1. The application of Section 575 of the Local Government Act 1993 (the act) for the receipt by eligible pensioners of the mandatory rebate.
2. Subject to (3), the application of Section 582 of the act, so that pensioners eligible for the rebate under Section 575 of the act, where applicable, receive an additional voluntary rebate fixed at a maximum of \$200 per eligible ratepayer.
3. To be eligible for the voluntary rebate, as per (2) above, the pensioner must have been a ratepayer of the Blacktown City Council for five (5) completed years prior to 1st July in the year of the levy not only paying the service charges but paying the normal rate in the dollar on their property (having due regard to the provisions of Section 575 of the Act).
4.
 - A. Should the application of Council's policy cause undue hardship to eligible pensioners, then in such cases, upon application by the pensioner, Council give consideration to allowing the rates to accumulate against the pensioner's property.
 - B. It should be noted that interest will be charged on such accumulated rates in accordance with Section 566 of the Act.
5. The eligible pensioner must pay any service charges, that is domestic waste management charge, sanitary and sullage, before being entitled to any such accumulation of rates as set out in (4).
6. The General Manager be given delegated authority to determine applications from eligible pensioners for the reduction or waiving of the five (5) year qualifying period where a property has passed by inheritance from a family member to the eligible pensioner and the latter provides a statutory declaration that he or she has resided in the Blacktown City Council area for five years. This delegated

authority is only in respect of applications from pensioners in relation to their principal place of residence.

7. An applicant dissatisfied with the decision may request the application to be reconsidered by Council.

Procedure

Related Delegations

Related Documents