# **Application to Postpone Declared Pest Rates**

# **Biosecurity and Agriculture Management**

Use this form if you are a pensioner who wants to apply for Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Rates to be postponed

Answer all questions and submit the application form on pages 3 and 4. You must provide supporting documents to verify the information detailed on this form.

## **Eligibility**

Biosecurity and Agriculture Management rates may be postponed if:

- the owner occupies the land as their primary residence and
- the owner holds a valid Commonwealth Pensioner Concession Card and
- the land is not held in trust or owned by a company.

The owner of the land cannot postpone the rates if another person resides on the land or partly owns the land and that person is neither an eligible pensioner nor a dependent of the owner.

If eligible, payment of the rates will be postponed until the owner of the land:

- ceases to own the land or dies, whichever first occurs or
- ceases to meet the eligibility requirements stated above.

## **Supporting documents**

Before your application can be processed, you must provide a legible copy of your current Commonwealth Pensioner Concession Card (front and back).

We may request additional documents to demonstrate you reside at the property as your primary residence.

#### **Additional information**

Information about postponing rates and the eligibility criteria is detailed in section 136 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*.

Approval to postpone the payment of rates will continue for future years if you continue to meet the eligibility requirements. We will review your entitlement periodically and may request further information to confirm you continue to meet the criteria.

You must notify us as soon as there is a change in your circumstances that may affect your eligibility for postponing rates.

We may register a memorial against the Certificate of Title of the land to secure the accumulated rates.

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### Section 136 - Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007

#### 136. Postponement of rates payable by pensioners

(1) In this section -

pensioner means a person who holds a pensioner concession card

**pensioner concession card** means a currently valid card, known by that name, issued on behalf of the Commonwealth to the holder or, where a card of another kind is prescribed for the purposes of this definition, that other card.

- (2) Subject to subsection (5), a person who is a pensioner may claim to be exempt from liability for the payment of a rates amount in respect of land of which the person is in actual occupation as owner.
- (3) On receipt of the claim the Commissioner must postpone the payment of the rates amount to which the claim relates until the person ceases to own the land or dies, whichever first occurs, or until the person ceases to be entitled to be exempt from liability for payment of rates amounts under this Division.
- (4) Where the payment of a rates amount is postponed under subsection (3), nothing in the *Limitation Act 2005* prevents the Commissioner from recovering any rates amount which but for this subsection the Commissioner would have been prevented from so doing by that Act.
- (5) A person is not entitled to be exempt under this section from liability for payment of a rates amount in respect of any land if
  - (a) the land is occupied by that person and a person who is neither a pensioner nor a dependant of the first-mentioned person or
  - (b) the land is partly owned by that person and partly owned by a person who is neither a pensioner nor a dependant of the first-mentioned person.

Contact RevenueWA						
Web Enquiry	www.osr.wa.gov.au/bamaenquiry	Website	WA.gov.au			
Office	200 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000	Phone	(08) 9262 1199 1300 368 364			
Postal	GPO Box T1600 Perth WA 6845		(WA country landline callers)			

It is an offence under the Taxation Administration Act 2003 to provide false or misleading information

## **CHECKLIST**

Have you:

- □ answered all questions on page 3?
- □ attached a copy of the supporting documents?
- □ signed the Declaration on page 4?
- kept a copy for your records?

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# **Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007**

# **Application for Pensioners to Postpone Rates**

Please refer to accompanying notes and answer all questions	Client ID (as shown on no	otice of assessment)					
Property on which postponement is claimed							
Land identity (as shown on notice of assessment)	Property address						
Registered owner's name							
Eligibility details							
1. Is the property owned by a company or held in trust?					□NO		
2. Are there any other owners of the property? If YES, please provide the names of all other owners:					□NO		
3. Did <b>all</b> owners use the land as their primary residence at 30 June 2024? If NO, list the owners who resided at the property at that date:					□NO		
4.0	cession Card	Number (CRN):					
4. Commonwealth Pensioner Conce		Expiry date:	/	/			

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#### **Authorisation and Declaration**

**Please read this section carefully.** Once you have read and agree with the authorisation and declaration, please sign and date where indicated.

#### I authorise -

- RevenueWA to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform a Centrelink/DVA enquiry of my Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs Customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a postponement of Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 rates.
- the Australian Government Department of Human Services ('the department') to provide the results of that enquiry to RevenueWA.

#### I understand -

- the department will use information I have provided to RevenueWA to confirm my eligibility for the postponement of *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* rates payable by a pensioner and will disclose to RevenueWA personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting RevenueWA.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances or details, I may not be eligible for the postponement of rates.

#### I declare -

- I will notify RevenueWA in writing of any changes that affect either the validity of this application or my entitlement to the Pensioner Concession Card held.
- all particulars in this form are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and accurate.

<b>Declaration</b>								
Phone: (	)	Email:						
Applicant								
Name (please	print):							
Signature:			Date:	/				
Applicant								
Name (please	print):							
Signature:			Date:	/				
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Please return completed form to

www.osr.wa.gov.au/bamaenguiry

or

RevenueWA GPO Box T1600, Perth WA 6845

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