

DISCRETIONARY RATE REBATE APPLICATION FORM 2024 / 2025

1. Details of Applicant

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

If the Applicant is a Company or Incorporated Body or other, please provide details of a contact person for the Applicant.

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

2. Details of Land

Assessment number:	
Property Address:	
Owner of land (if not you):	

Where an Organisation wishes to apply for a rebate of rates on a property they are leasing, the owner of the property must agree in writing to Council, for the Organisation to be listed as the principal rate payer to enable this to occur. A copy of the Lease must also be provided, indicating the Lessee's responsibility for the payment of rates.

If this application is for a portion of the land, you must contact the Office of the Valuer General to have the rebated area separately assessed before any rebate will be applied.

3. Categories of Rebate

Please tick the category of rebate under which you are seeking a rebate:

DISCRETIONARY REBATE

The Council may, in its discretion, grant a rate rebate or service charges in any of the following cases. Please indicate which of the following is applicable to your application:

- ☐ the rebate is desirable for the purpose of securing the proper development of the area (or a part of the area);
- ☐ the rebate is desirable for the purpose of assisting or supporting a business in its area;
- ☐ the rebate will be conducive to the preservation of buildings or places of historic significance;
- ☐ the land is being used for educational purposes;
- ☐ the land is being used for agricultural, horticultural or floricultural exhibitions;
- ☐ the land is being used for a hospital or health centre;
- ☐ the land is being used to provide facilities or services for children or young persons;
- ☐ the land is being used to provide accommodation for the aged or disabled;
- ☐ the land is being used for a residential aged care facility that is approved for Commonwealth funding under the Aged Care Act 1987 (Commonwealth) or a day therapy centre;
- ☐ the land is being used by an organisation which provides a benefit or service to the local community;
- ☐ the rebate relates to common property or land vested in a community corporation under the Community Titles Act 1996 over which the public has a free and unrestricted right of access and enjoyment;
- ☐ the rebate is appropriate to provide relief against what would otherwise amount to a substantial change in rates payable by a rate payer due to a change in the basis of valuation used for the purposes of rating, rapid changes in valuations, or anomalies in valuations.

4. Amount of Rebate

Please specify the percentage of rebate that you are applying for _____%

Please specify why you (or your organisation) need financial assistance through a rebate and why the amount of rebate you have applied for is appropriate.

5. Supporting Information

The Council requires you to attach the following additional information to this Application:

1. evidence that the land is being used for the purpose for which the rebate is being sought;
2. information as to whether, and if so to what extent, you (or your organisation) will be providing a service within the Council area;
3. the extent of financial assistance (if any) being provided by Commonwealth or State agencies;
4. whether you are in receipt of a community grant;
5. a copy of your audited financial statement of the previous years' activities (if not available, please provide a copy of your most recent profit and loss statement and bank statement for all accounts);
6. whether you are the holder of a liquor licence;
7. number of active members (if a community group);
8. any other information that you believe is relevant in support of this Application.

6. Application Form

Where possible, application forms and all additional information should be submitted to the Council on or before the 1st of March 2024.

Applications must be received by 30th August 2024 to be considered by Council for the 2024/2025 rating year.

A failure to submit application forms or to provide the additional information required by the Council to assess the application may result in the Council refusing to consider the application.

Please note that application does not necessarily mean that the application will be successful. Applications will be assessed and a report will go to Council for consideration. You will receive formal advice of Council's decision after this meeting.

7. Statement of Acknowledgement

- 7.1 It is an offence for a person or body to make a false or misleading statement or representation in an application or to provide false or misleading information or evidence in support of an application made (or purporting to be made) under the Act. The maximum penalty for this offence is \$5,000.00.
- 7.2 If a person or body has the benefit of a rate rebate and the grounds on which the rebate has been granted cease to exist, the person or body must immediately inform the Council of that fact and (whether or not the Council is so informed) the entitlement to a rebate ceases. If a person or body fails to notify the Council that person or body is guilty of an offence and liable to a maximum penalty of \$5,000.00.
- 7.3 The Council may, for proper cause, determine that an entitlement to a rebate of rates under the Act no longer applies.
- 7.4 Where an entitlement to a rebate of rates ceases or no longer applies during the course of a financial year, the Council is entitled to recover rates, or rates at the increased level (as the case may be), proportionate to the remaining part of the financial year.

I declare that the information I have provided within this application form is true and correct.

Signed:	
Full Name:	
Position Held:	
Date:	

The Application form and all supporting information to be submitted:

In Person: Civic Centre, 4 Mackay Street, Port Augusta SA 5700

By Mail: Director Corporate & Community Services
Port Augusta City Council
PO Box 1704
PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700

By Email: admin@portaugusta.sa.gov.au