2023-2024 Application form



Application form for the 2023-2024 NSW Private Water Scheme Pensioner Rebates

You must submit your application by **30 June 2024** to receive the Private Water Scheme Pensioner Rebates for the **2023-2024** financial year.

This form is to be used by pensioners who own and live in a residence that is serviced by a private water scheme licensed under the *Water Industry Competition Act 2006* and listed in Table 1.

The total maximum value of the rebates is \$592.43 per year:

- \$97.20 for the rebate on fixed drinking water service charges; and
- \$495.23 for the rebate on fixed wastewater (sewerage) service charges

Note: Customers of some private water schemes are billed directly by their local public water utility (for example, Sydney Water) for their drinking water. Customers of these schemes are only eligible to receive the private water rebate on their wastewater (sewerage) service charges and should apply to their local public water utility for a pensioner rebate on their drinking water service charges.

Eligibility

To be eligible for these pensioner rebates, you must:

- Have been an owner of a residence serviced by one of the schemes licensed under the Water Industry
 Competition Act 2006 and listed in Table 1 in the 2023-2024 financial year. This must also have been
 your principal place of residence during this period
- Have been a customer of the retailer of the privately operated water scheme during the 2023-2024 financial year;
- Not received a pensioner rebate on your water and sewerage charges at any other property in NSW or from another source in the 2023-2024 financial year;
- Have received bills in your name from that retailer for the supply of drinking water and/or wastewater (sewerage) services to that residence in the 2023-2024 financial year
- In the 2023-2024 financial year, held either a:
 - Pensioner Concession Card issued by Services Australia or the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
 or
 - Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Health Card marked with either:
 - War Widow or War Widower, or
 - Extreme Disablement Adjustment (EDA), or
 - Totally and Temporarily Incapacitated (TTI), or
 - Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI); or
 - o Department of Veterans' Affairs intermediate rate pension.

Note: You must provide a copy of one of your water/wastewater (sewerage) bills from the 2023-2024 financial year when lodging this form.

Where to send your completed form and attached bill

Email to: private.water.rebates@pwr.planning.nsw.gov.au

Post to: NSW Private Water Scheme Pensioner Rebates, PO Box 435, Parramatta NSW 2124

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Table 1. Licensed Private Water Schemes

Scheme name/location	Biller name/Licensed retailer	Drinking water charges	Wastewater charges
Box Hill North*	Box Hill Water / Altogether Group Pty Ltd	No	Yes
Catherine Hill Bay	Solo Water	Yes	Yes
Central Park, Chippendale	Central Park Water / Altogether Group Pty Ltd	Yes	Yes
Cooranbong North	Cooranbong Water / Altogether Group Pty Ltd	Yes	Yes
Discovery Point, Wolli Creek	Discovery Point Water / Altogether Group Pty Ltd	Yes	Yes
Gundaroo	Kyeema Wastewater Pty Ltd	No	Yes
Huntlee	Huntlee Water / Altogether Group Pty Ltd	Yes	Yes
Narara	Narara Ecovillage Co-operative	Yes	Yes
Pitt Town*	Pitt Town Water / Altogether Group Pty Ltd	No	Yes
Shepherds Bay, Meadowbank	Shepherds Bay Water / Altogether Group Pty Ltd	Yes	Yes

^{*}Note: Schemes that are marked with an asterisk (*) in the above list do not bill residents for drinking water. Instead, the local public water utility (for example, Sydney Water) bills residents for drinking water.

Support services

Table 2. Contact numbers

Service	Phone
National Relay Service	1300 555 727
TTY Users	133 677
Translation and Interpreter Services	131 450
Services Australia (Centrelink)	132 300
Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)	133 254

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Applicant information

Applicant card details Note: Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders are not eligible for this rebate. **CRN Number (Dept. of Human Services) DVA Number (Dept. of Veterans' Affairs)** Applicant name Note: Only one water rebate and one sewerage rebate payment will be paid per household, each financial year, regardless of the number of eligible residents. The applicant name must match the customer name on the bill and on the concession card. Family Name: Applicant address Note: This must be your principal place of residence. Lot/Unit number: Street Address: Suburb: Postcode NSW Daytime Contact Number: Postal Address (if different from above): Suburb: Postcode: NSW Scheme location and biller name / licensed retailer (select scheme from Table 1. above) Biller name / licensed retailer: Applicant bank details Account Name: e.g. Mr S Smith **BSB Number:**

Note: The Department of Planning and Environment requires all rebate payments to be deposited into your nominated bank account. The Department will not pay rebates by cheque.

Account Number:

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Applicant declaration and authorisation
I, (insert name),, confirm my principal place of residence in the 2023-2024 financial year was
(insert address):
Please tick □
\Box I did not receive a pensioner rebate on water and/or wastewater (sewerage) services at any other property in NSW or from any other source in the 2023-2024 financial year.
☐ I have read and understood the information in this application.
☐ I declare that all information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.
\Box I have included a copy of my water/wastewater (sewerage) bill received in the 2023-2024 financial year with this application.
Note: You must submit your application with the correct bill.
I authorise:
 the Department of Planning and Environment to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform a Centrelink enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the department to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service
 the Australian Government's Services Australia to provide the results of that enquiry to the Department of Planning and Environment
 the Department of Planning and Environment to contact the retailer of the private water scheme of which I am a customer, if necessary, to verify any information provided by me
 the retailer of the private water scheme of which I am a customer to provide the results of that enquiry to the Department of Planning and Environment.
I understand that:
 it is my responsibility to notify the Department of Planning and Environment of any changes to this information
 the Australian Government's Service Australia will use information I have provided to the Department of Planning and Environment to confirm my eligibility for the NSW Private Water Scheme Pensioner Rebates and will disclose personal information to the Department of Planning and Environment, including my name/address/payment type/payment status and concession card type and status
 this consent, once signed, remains valid while I am a customer of the Department of Planning and Environment unless I withdraw it by contacting the Department of Planning and Environment or the Australian Government's Services Australia
 I can get proof of my circumstances/details from the Australian Government's Services Australia and provide it to the Department of Planning and Environment so my eligibility for the NSW Private Water Scheme Pensioner Rebates can be determined
If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the NSW Private Water Scheme Pensioner Rebates provided by the Department of Planning and Environment.
Applicant signature: Date:

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Checklist

Please keep this page for your own information.

This form was authorised for use in July 2023.

Have you completed all sections of pages 3 and 4 and signed and dated the application form?

The Department of Planning and Environment pays the NSW Private Water Scheme Pensioner Rebates once each financial year. The Department processes applications according to the date we receive them.

Important information about your water bill

You must include with your application a copy of a water/wastewater (sewerage) bill issued by one of the private water scheme retailers listed in Table 1 of the application form. The bill must:

- have been issued in the 2023-2024 financial year
- include your name and residential address
- confirm you received drinking water and/or wastewater (sewerage) services in the 2023-2024 financial year
- be in PDF or JPEG format if you are submitting your application by email.

Privacy Notice

Applications for the NSW Private Water Scheme Pensioner Rebates are processed by the Office of Energy and Climate Change (OECC) which is a part of the NSW Treasury cluster and is supported by the Department of Planning & Environment (the Department). Both the Department and NSW Treasury are subject to the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* in managing your personal information. Any queries or complaints regarding privacy are handled by the Department's Information Access & Privacy unit on behalf of NSW Treasury.

OECC is collecting your personal information for the purposes of processing your application for the NSW Private Water Scheme Pensioner Rebates (including assessing your eligibility), paying rebates to you if you are eligible, administering the rebates scheme and auditing the rebates program which may include surveying customer experiences.

All information is stored on the Department's internal document management systems on behalf of OECC. The Department and OECC are located at 4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy Street, Parramatta NSW 2150.

Your personal information will be used by relevant teams within OECC to process your application. OECC will disclose your CRN or DVA number to Services Australia to determine whether you qualify for the rebates. OECC may disclose your personal information to a third party engaged to carry out an audit of the rebates. OECC may also disclose personal information to the Department for reporting and audit requirements and to address enquiries and concerns relating to applications. OECC will not disclose your personal information to anybody else unless authorised by law.

Applying for these rebates is voluntary. However, if you decide to apply, unless otherwise noted, all personal information requested directly from you must be provided for OECC to process your application.

You have the right to access the personal information that OECC and the Department holds about you. You also have the right to request that OECC and the Department updates or amends this information. For further details, email: private.water.rebates@pwr.planning.nsw.gov.au.

More information

 Email private.water.rebates@pwr.planning.nsw.gov.au, call (02) 3816 2771, or visit NSW Private Water Scheme Pensioner Rebates | Water.

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