

Queensland Government Reticulated Natural Gas Rebate

The information brochure is provided as a guide only to aid the applicant in completing the attached Application for Reticulated Natural Gas Rebate. No liability, express or implied, is accepted for the contents of the information brochure.

If you are a consumer and of reticulated natural gas purchased from a Retail Entity and are in receipt of one of the cards stated below, you may be eligible for a rebate of \$0.2377 per day (inclusive of GST) on your reticulated natural gas account. Your account will show the amount of rebate deducted.

If you are a consumer of reticulated natural gas not purchased from a Retail Entity and reside in a residential home park or in multi-unit residential premises, you may also be eligible for a rebate, provided the proprietor of the premises participates in the rebate arrangements. Details of arrangements for such situations are available on request from the proprietor of the premises.

In no instance shall the rebate allowed be greater than the amount billed for customer retail services (service fee and consumption charges).

On completion of the Application Form, please return to your Natural Gas Retail Entity.

Subject to the conditions listed below, persons who hold one of the following cards may apply for the reticulated natural gas rebate.

➤ **Pensioner Concession Card**

You **MUST** hold a current and valid **Pensioner Concession Card**, issued by either Services Australia (Centrelink) or the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be eligible for the reticulated natural gas rebate.

➤ **Repatriation Health Card – For All Conditions (Gold Card)**

You **MUST** hold a current and valid **Repatriation Health Card – For All Conditions (Gold Card)** and be in receipt of one of the following payments to be eligible for the reticulated natural gas rebate.

➤ **War Widow /Widower**

(including **Widowed Mother [AMS] Pension**)

➤ **Special Rate T.P.I.**

(Including **Blinded Disability Pension**)

➤ **Queensland Seniors Card**

You **MUST** hold a current and valid Queensland Seniors Card issued by Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services to be eligible for the reticulated natural gas rebate.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible pensioners and seniors who claim the rebate shall have the rebate granted, provided that Condition (a) and the relevant sections of Condition (b) are met:

- a) The customer must be a registered reticulated natural gas consumer of the Retail Entity at the premises for which the rebate is claimed and the premises must be the customer's principal place of residence, and the only residence in Queensland for which the customer claims the rebate; **and**
- b) The customer must live alone or share the premises in respect of which the rebate is claimed with: (one or more of the following sub-conditions may apply and each relevant item should be addressed)
 - (I) The customer's spouse or
 - (II) other persons who hold a Queensland Seniors Card or Pensioner Concession Card: or
 - (III) other persons wholly dependent on the customer: or
 - (IV) other persons who receive an income support payment from Services Australia (Centrelink), Family Assistance or Department of Veterans' Affairs who do not pay rent: or
 - (V) other persons who live with the customer to provide care and assistance, and who do not pay rent; anddeclare that no other person(s) except casual visitors share the residence with the customer.

How to Apply for the Reticulated Natural Gas Rebate

All eligible customers who satisfy the conditions under which the rebate will be granted, as listed above, and who wish to claim the rebate/s can at the discretion of the Retail Entity, either complete a written **Application for Reticulated Natural Gas Rebate** or apply by telephoning their Retail Entity.

Failure to satisfactorily complete the written application form may delay the operative date of the rebate. If you are uncertain how to complete the application form please seek advice from your Retail Entity.

Where a Reticulated Natural Gas account is in more than one name, only one person who is eligible to receive the rebate and resides at the residence can receive the rebate i.e. a household can only receive one rebate.

Lodging Your Application

The Retail Entity accepts no liability for the loss of an application. Your application whether written or by telephone must be received at least **14 days** prior to the next billing period, otherwise no guarantee can be given that the rebate will be credited for that next period. The Retail Entity will make every endeavour to credit the reticulated natural gas rebate on the applicant's natural gas account. It is the applicant's responsibility to check all natural gas accounts to ensure that the rebate has been credited.

Privacy Notice

The Retail Entity is collecting the information on the application form to assess your eligibility for the concession and to manage payments of the concession if it is granted. If you do not provide this information, your application will not be able to be processed. The Retail Entity usually gives some or all of this information to:

- Services Australia (Centrelink)
- Department of Veterans' Affairs
- Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (Concession Services and Card Services, Smart Service Queensland)

Verification of Eligibility

The concession will only be paid if the customer gives their consent to the Retail Entity to disclose relevant personal information to the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, Services Australia (Centrelink) and Department of Veterans' Affairs, so they can check the customer's continued eligibility for the concession.

Change in Circumstances

Customers must notify their Retail Entity immediately of any changes to their address or eligibility to receive the concession. The Retail Entity may require a new application to be submitted.

Renewal of Application

Renewal of application for the rebate may be required periodically at the discretion of the Retail Entity. A new application must be lodged if changing retailers.

Fraudulent Claims

The reticulated natural gas Rebate scheme was introduced to provide concessions to those people considered most in need of financial assistance. Where such an application has been submitted for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining a rebate, legal action may be taken against the applicant.

Further Information

If you require further information or assistance with completion of the application form please telephone your Retail Entity.



Application for the Queensland Government Reticulated Natural Gas Rebate

This Application Form applies only where the applicant is a consumer of reticulated natural gas purchased from Maranoa Regional Council.

This form must be completed by the applicant and **lodged with the Maranoa Regional Council** at least fourteen (14) days prior to billing of the first account to which the rebate will apply. Please refer to the attached Information Brochure before completing this application. Further assistance is available from Maranoa Regional Council staff.

_____ Given Name (Please Print)		_____ Surname
_____ Full Residential Address (Please Print)		_____ Telephone Number

Rebate/s being applied for (Please tick ✓ appropriate box/boxes) <input type="checkbox"/> My reticulated natural gas account number is:	_____
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I hold one of the following current and valid cards:	PLEASE PROVIDE CARD/FILE NUMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD <i>Card Issued By: (Please tick ✓ appropriate box)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Affairs: or <input type="checkbox"/> Services Australia (Centrelink) 	Veterans' Affairs Number <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Centrelink CRN <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REPATRIATION HEALTH CARD – FOR ALL CONDITIONS (GOLD CARD) AND receiving either of the following benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SPECIAL RATE TPI → - WAR WIDOW/WIDOWER → 	File Number <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QUEENSLAND SENIORS CARD 	Card Number <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

Who I live with: (Please read the following statement carefully and tick ✓ the box to confirm that it applies to you)
<input type="checkbox"/> <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; margin-left: 10px;"> I live alone or with persons as described below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With my spouse/defacto and/or other persons who are wholly dependent on me - With other people who hold a Pensioner Concession or Queensland Seniors Card - With other people who receive a Centrelink, Family Assistance Office or Dept of Veterans' Affairs payment, and who <u>DO NOT</u> pay rent - With other people who provide care and assistance, and who <u>DO NOT</u> pay rent AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I DO NOT share my residence with any other persons except casual visitors. </div>

Declaration
1. I advise that the above address is my principal place of residence and is the only residence within Queensland for which the rebate is claimed by me and the above reticulated natural gas account is solely or jointly in my name 2. I will notify Maranoa Regional Council immediately of any change in my circumstances which may affect my eligibility for the rebate. 3. I authorise Services Australia (Centrelink) to confirm with Maranoa Regional Council the current status of my Commonwealth Benefit and other details as they pertain to my concessional entitlement. This involves electronically matching details I have provided to Maranoa Regional Council with Services Australia (Centrelink) or Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) records to confirm whether or not I am currently receiving a Centrelink or DVA benefit. 4. I understand that this consent, once signed, is effective only for the period I am a customer of Maranoa Regional Council. I also understand that this consent, which is ongoing, can be revoked any time by giving notice to Maranoa Regional Council. 5. I consent to Maranoa Regional Council providing my details to the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (Concession Services and Card Services) for the purpose of determining or confirming my continued eligibility. 6. I declare that all the information that I have given is true and correct.
Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: ____/____/____