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FIRST HOME BUYERS CONCESSION APPLICATION



Townsville City Council is offering first home buyers up to \$1,000 off their first year's rates at their new property.

Eligibility Criteria

All owners of the property must be over 18 years of age and:

1. at least one property owner must be a natural person who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident;
2. a company, trust or other legal construct must not share in the ownership of the property;
3. all property owners must not have owned a home within Australia;
4. the contract for the purchase of an existing home or the construction of a new home must be signed by the property owners on a date between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2024;
5. the value of the home, including land, must be less than \$450,000;
6. the home must be legally and physically occupiable as a private residence before 1 July 2024;
7. the home must be occupied as the principal place of residence of all applicants for a continuous period of at least six months before 30 June 2024; and
8. there are no rate arrears on the property at the date the application is received.

To apply for the Council's First Home Buyers Concession, please complete and have each owner sign this form and return it to Council with the following supporting documents.

- To show that you meet eligibility criteria 1, 2, 3, and 7 please provide one of the following:
 - a copy of your Queensland Government First Homeowner's Grant application and approval; or
 - a fully completed copy of the signed Form OSR D2.1 noting all owners as first homeowners and available from your solicitor or conveyancing officer; or
 - any documentation showing the property was exempt from stamp duty.
- If you are buying an existing home Council will assess your eligibility against criteria 4 by looking at Council's records.
- If you are building a home on vacant land, to show that you meet eligibility criteria 4 please provide a copy of the signing page/s of your home construction contract showing that it was signed between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2024.
- Council will assess your eligibility against criteria 5 by looking at the purchase price of the property that is provided to Council as part of the property transfer process, and (where applicable) the value of your newly constructed home as shown on the building application submitted to Council's planning section.
- Council will assess your eligibility against criteria 6 by looking at Council's records.

Address of first home: _____

I/we (name) _____

of (current address) _____

telephone _____ email _____

wish to apply for the Townsville City Council First Home Buyers Concession and declare that the information provided is true and correct.

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Date: __/__/__ Date: __/__/__

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How to submit the form:

Submit by email:

enquiries@townsville.qld.gov.au

Submit by mail:

Townsville City Council
PO Box 1268
TOWNSVILLE CITY QLD 4810

Submit in person:

Customer Service Centre
103 Walker Street,
Townsville City

Citylibraries Riverway
20 Village Boulevard,
Thuringowa Central

Privacy Collection Statement:

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