

RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL POLICY REGISTER

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POLICY:	DIALYSIS REBATES ON WATER CHARGES
FUNCTION:	Finance
OBJECTIVE:	To establish the circumstances under which rebates can be applied to water charges for tenants of properties who require the use of dialysis machines.
DIRECTORATE:	CORPORATE SERVICES

POLICY:

1. Council provides a water usage charge rebate for first 100 kilolitres of water consumption on water/sewerage accounts for properties where the North Coast Area Health Service confirm in writing that a dialysis machine is used by a resident at the property. The written confirmation must contain the name of the resident using the dialysis, the property address and the date of commencement of the dialysis.
2. In addition to the 100 kilolitre rebate and in accordance with Section 582 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council will also provide a pensioner rebate for temporary residents of properties that rely on dialysis providing that all of the following conditions are met:
 - (a) Correspondence as outlined in point 1 above is provided by North Coast Area Health Service confirming the name and property address of the resident using a dialysis machine.
 - (b) The dialysis patient would normally be an eligible pensioner if they were the owner of the property.
 - (c) A pension concession application is completed by the dialysis patient.
 - (d) The dialysis patient presents a valid pensioner concession card with the application that confirms the property address.
 - (e) The dialysis patient makes a Statutory Declaration that the property is their sole or primary place of residence and detailing their level of responsibility for the payment of the water charges. For example, that they are solely responsible for the payment of the water charges or that they are jointly responsible for the payment of the water charges with 1 or 2 (or however many the number of applicable joint tenants responsible for the payment of the water charges is). If the dialysis patient is jointly liable for the payment of the water charges the pensioner rebate is to be applied on a pro-rata basis in accordance with their proportion of liability in accordance with Section 575(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

VARIATION:

Council reserves the right to review, vary and/or revoke this policy from time to time.