

# Residential Heritage Rate Concession Eligibility

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## Objective of the concession

To recognise the economic and social value of residential heritage places in the City of Swan and to help owners and users of these spaces with maintenance.

## The concession

The City may provide an annual heritage rate concession equivalent to 50 per cent of the general residential rates to owners of residential properties with a Heritage rating.

If the owner of the property is eligible for other rate concessions such as seniors, pensioners etc, the total amount of these concessions is deducted from the general residential rate, and the heritage concession is then applied to the remaining rate balance.

The owner of the property must apply for the concession on an annual basis.

Please note, no concession will be applied to the annual emergency services levy, drainage levy, waste collection, or any other service charge to the property.

## Eligibility

- The property must be rated residential, and the applicant must be a registered ratepayer in the City of Swan
- The property must be within the City of Swan boundary and listed on the City's **Heritage List** (or, Local Government Inventory) with a Management Category 1 – Exceptional Significance, or Category 2 – Considerable Significance
- Applicants must provide evidence of full value of building insurance for each year an application is submitted
- Applicants must provide evidence of a current pest control certificate for each year an application is submitted
- Applicant must sign the statutory declaration attached to the **application form**
- The residential heritage concession is subject to annual council budget approval.

## Ineligibility

The residential heritage rate concession will not be provided if:

- The owner is bound by the Heritage Agreement where the agreement commits the owner to ongoing care and maintenance of the heritage building but is not adhering to it
- Incorrect documentation is submitted
- There is an outstanding rate debt to the City on the property
- The City decides to cancel the residential heritage rate concession.

## Cancellation of the residential heritage rate concession

- The concession will cease if a debt to the Council on the property is overdue for payment
- The agreement is nullified by the ratepayer through voluntary withdrawal
- The City may cancel the concession if it determines that the property is not being suitably maintained
- The City may cancel the concession if it determines that the property is not covered for its full value under building insurance
- The City can at any time cancel the heritage rate concession
- The property is no longer on the City's **Heritage List** register or no longer has a Management Category 1 or 2.

A completed application form together with the required documentation should be sent to the City of Swan clearly titled Application for residential heritage rate concession by email to [swan@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:swan@swan.wa.gov.au), or by post to:

**City of Swan**

**Attn: Rates Department**

**PO Box 196**

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