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## MEDIA RELEASE

**To: News Editors**  
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### **City encourages pensioners to apply for pensioner rebates.**

The City of Johannesburg wishes to encourage pensioners to apply for property pensioner rebates which are in place to help cushion the elderly citizens. Pensioners from the ages of 60 years upwards who own residential properties may qualify for rebates to get some relief amid financial difficulties.

It must be noted that pensioners who currently receive pensioner rebates, don't need to reapply for the benefits. This notice is targeting potential new pensioners.

Pensioner rebates are in place for all qualifying pensioners in different pensioner categories to choose from when making an application. The City categorises pensioners in various segments to determine suitable rebate value, which includes age, property value and household income.

Pensioner rebates have the following two categories:

- **60-69 years:** Pensioners and co-owners earning R12 474 qualify for 100 % rebate. Pensions and co-owners earning up to R21 382 qualify for 50% rebate. Rates will be levied on properties with market value more than R1.5 million. The 60–69-year applicant must attach:
  - certified copy of ID not older than 3 months;
  - 3 months recent bank statement of all owners in case of multiple owners;
  - Proof of income OR copy of certified SASSA card OR other proof of income applicable to the Council;
  - Death certificate in case of a deceased property owner.

- **70-year-old and upward:** Rates will still be levied on properties with market value more than R2 million. The 70-year-old and upward applicant must attach:
  - a certified copy of ID, not older than 3 months.

Kgamanyane Maphologela, Director Customer Communication says: “The City is recognising the contribution made by pensioners who are 70 years of age and above by providing them with a rebate without considering how much the applicant is earning hence no proof of income is required for pensioners who are 70 years of age and above.”

Should a pensioner meet all other requirements while the property exceeds value threshold, a rebate will be granted within the property value they qualify for.

“It is important that pensioners understand the importance of applying for these rebates to derive the much-needed relief which is in place as incentives to property owners,” said Maphologela.

Application forms can be downloaded from the City’s website: [www.joburg.org.za](http://www.joburg.org.za), once completed they can be submitted at any nearest customer service centre accompanied by the required supporting documents as stated above.

Pensioners can only apply and qualify for rebates on properties of primary residence, these properties must be in their names. If a pensioner owns multiple properties, the benefit will only be granted to one property. Pensioners must own the property and personally occupy that property.

The City would like to reiterate its understanding of the trying economic times facing property owners and calls on all property owners to continue paying their municipal accounts every month when they are due to avoid further indebtedness.

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