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PENSIONER RATES REBATE

The rates rebate for senior citizens for eThekweni property owners has been revised. As of 1 July 2017 the rates rebate threshold for pensioners who own property is capped at R2 million of their property value. Property valuations are undertaken once every four years, the most recent being February 2017.

The review and change was implemented under the guidance of National Treasury due to eThekweni having had the highest indigent package in the country, said Head of Revenue, Peet Du Plessis.

“This was amended after consultation with stakeholders through the budget process and has also helped to target the correct households. Additionally, it is also part of the City’s austerity measures.” he added.

Property owners over 60 years are eligible for a rates rebate should they meet the following criteria:

- The owner must reside permanently on the property.
- The owner must be able to produce a South African barcoded ID or Smart ID.
- The rebate is granted on only one property.
- The owner must be over the age of 60. If owned by a couple, one individual must be older 60 years and if owned by two separate individuals both must be 60 years and older.
- The property value must not exceed R2 million as determined by the Municipal valuation.

Should the above criteria be met, the pensioner will receive a full rebate on the first R460 000 of their property value, bearing in mind that the property value must not exceed R2 million. If the property value is less than R460 000, they will receive a full rebate.

First time applicants can download a rates rebate form online on www.durban.gov.za

Pensioners that already receive a rebate need to submit a renewal form by 30 April each year.

As a caring City, eThekweni Municipality has a debt relief programme whereby residents and/or customers are encouraged to approach the Municipality if they are in arrears and make arrangements to pay off their outstanding debt in terms of the Municipality's credit control and debt collection policy. This can be done by visiting their nearest Sizakala Centre for further information.

For more information please contact Revline on 031 324 5000.

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