Council charges a Rate Account and Services Establishment Fee to establish a new rate account when a property transfers ownership. The fee is exempted in some cases, including where a property changes hands due to death or marriage.

To be eligible, your application must be submitted within 12 months of the title transfer date AND the property must be a residential property in Brisbane and must meet ONE of the exemption reasons.

Application made for one of the following are not eligible:

- purchases of vacant land - unless the owner/s builds and occupies a home on the land within one year (applications must be made once the home is occupied)
- purchases made in the name of a trust
- purchases made in the name of a company

To complete this form you will need:

- the property address the application will apply to
- rate account number (located on third page of your rate account)
- details of your name as it appears on the account

Exemption reason

Please select the reason you are requesting an exemption to the Rate Account and Services Establishment Fee.

- first home in Australia and the owner is living in it
  
  All of the following criteria must be met:
  
  - all owners are at least 18 years of age
  - at least one owner is an Australian citizen or permanent resident
  - none of the owners have previously owned a home in Australia
  - the purchase price (including house and land) was less than $750,000

- change of name on title as a result of a marriage

- transfer to, or inclusion of a spouse/de facto/partner as a result of an amalgamation or separation of assets on the principal place of residence

- transmission to surviving joint tenant/s on death or another joint tenant/s

- transfer where no money is exchanged

- transfer as a result of a gift or through natural love and affection

- transfer by consent/direction of a Court

- pursuant to a will or intestacy

- transfer of occupancy from long term leases to freehold title of their units for residents of Retirement Villages registered as such with the Department of Justice and Attorney-General
Property details

Rate Account Bill number (refer to page 1 of the rate account)
50001

Rate Account number (refer to page 3 of the rate account)

Real Property Description (refer to page 3 of the rate account)
Lot number
Plan number

Property address
Address line 1
Address line 2
Suburb
State
Post code

Owner / Applicant Declaration - Name and Contact Details

Owner/Applicant 1
First name
Family name
Daytime contact number
Email address

Owner/Applicant 2
First name
Family name
Daytime contact number
Email address

Declaration statement
I/We, the undersigned, state that all the information provided in this application is correct.

If Council determines that the information provided in this application is not correct, Council reserves its rights to retrospectively apply and collect the correct charges at any time. Such collection is irrespective of which applicant made the false declaration.

Privacy Statement
The personal information collected on this form will be used by Brisbane City Council for the purposes of undertaking associated Council functions and services. Your personal information will not be disclosed to any third party without your consent, unless this is required or permitted by law.

Owner/Applicant 1 - Signature
Owner/Applicant 2 - Signature

Date
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Date
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Return your completed application to:
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