

INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES REDUCTION FOR RETIREMENT AND AGED CARE ACCOMMODATION

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Brisbane City Council has reduced infrastructure charges to encourage the establishment of more retirement and aged care housing options for Brisbane.

The Lord Mayor has launched a suite of initiatives to address the challenges that industry faces in providing and building retirement and aged care housing, including investigating amendments to *Brisbane City Plan 2014* and streamlining the development assessment process.

Council levies infrastructure charges on new development to help pay for drainage, transport and park infrastructure, as part of the development assessment process.

However, as part of the new aged care and retirement accommodation initiatives, Council has reduced infrastructure charges for eligible developments by 33 per cent. This will encourage new retirement living and residential care developments, providing choice for residents to remain within their local neighbourhood.

How long will the reduction apply for?

The reduction of infrastructure charges for retirement and aged care accommodation developments is available for eligible development approvals given between 1 September 2016 and 31 December 2019.

What development is eligible for the charges reduction?

Development for a retirement facility and/or aged care facility which is compliant with the relevant provisions of *Brisbane City Plan 2014* and provides a quality living environment that is fit for purpose and provides design quality.

What construction timeframes must be achieved?

All of the following milestones must be met to be eligible for the infrastructure charges reduction.

- Building work must substantially commence by 31 December 2020.
- Prior to the development commencing operation, an infrastructure agreement must be entered into with Council for the charge reduction.

How much will the charges be reduced by?

If the criteria are met, Council will enter into an infrastructure agreement with the applicant to reduce the infrastructure charges by 33 per cent.



For details of Council's current infrastructure charges, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and search for 'infrastructure charges'.

Does it apply to both Council infrastructure charges and Queensland Urban Utilities (QUU) infrastructure charges?

No, this reduction only applies to Brisbane City Council infrastructure charges.

How do I find out more if I have a development proposal currently under assessment or approved since 1 September 2016?

You can email details of the development to InfrastructureCoordination@brisbane.qld.gov.au for further information about the reduction, or call Council on (07) 3403 8888 and ask to speak to Council's Infrastructure Coordination team.