



Diamantina Shire Council Rates Information 2025-2026

Discount

A Discount of 15% will be granted to General Rates if paid within 60 days of the date of issue of the rates notice.

Interest

Interest is charged at 8.25% compounding daily on all overdue rates and charges.

Environmental Levy Separate Charge

A separate charge of \$128 per rateable assessment will be levied equally on all rateable land in the shire, for environmental and waste management purposes.

Pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 103 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council will make and levy a separate charge (to be known as the "Environmental Levy Separate Charge"), in the sum of \$128 per rateable assessment, to be levied equally on all rateable land in the shire, for environmental and waste management purposes.

Water

Water charges are determined, collected and used for the purpose of defraying the cost of planning, water demand management and constructing water infrastructure including interest and redemption charges incurred by Council and the cost of operating, maintaining and managing the water supply systems in Bedourie and Birdsville.

Water for Land Uses, as described in Table 1 below, will be charged as a fixed rate for access and consumption.

TABLE 1	
Description Of Land	2025/2026 Fixed Rate Water Charge
Vacant Unconnected Land	\$525
Vacant Connected Land	\$583
Detached Dwelling	\$583
Attached Dwelling Unit – each	\$466

Water for Land Uses, as described in Table 2 below, will be charged an amount of \$57.50 per unit for access and consumption.

TABLE 2		
Description Of Land	Bedourie Water Supply (Number of Units)	Birdsville Water Supply (Number of Units)
Motels – per accommodation unit	4	4
Hotels	15	15
Health Clinic	15	15
School	20	20
Caravan Parks per shower	6	6
Commercial or Industrial Premises	10	10
Intensive Accommodation per shower	4	4
Geothermal Power Station	0	500
Stock Trough	15	15
Council Outdoor Sports Facility	20	20

Sewerage

CED connected sewerage charge is \$200. Revenue from this charge is used for the purpose of defraying the cost of planning and constructing sewerage infrastructure including any interest and redemption charges incurred by Council, and the cost of operating, maintaining and managing the sewerage system.

CED Scheme	Charge applies to:	% of CED Sewerage Connected Charge	Charge \$
Connected Sewerage Charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each single residential unit Each unit in a multi-unit dwelling Each WC pedestal or urinal in a non-residential premise The first WC pedestal or urinal in an assessment with a land use of Hotel, Motel, Caravan Park and other approved Council commercial lodgings. 	100% of charge	\$200
Unconnected Sewerage Charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vacant land that is able to be connected to Council's CED sewerage system. 	95% of charge	\$190
2+ Pedestals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second and each additional WC pedestal or urinal on an assessment 	40% of charge	\$80

Sewerage Charge with a land use of Hotel, Motel, Caravan Park and other approved Council commercial lodgings.

Emergency Management Levy

The Levy is established in the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990 which applies a levy on properties within levy districts. It is applied to all Queensland property to ensure there is a sustainable funding base for our fire and emergency services and recognises that all Queenslanders are at risk from a wide range of emergencies including floods, cyclones, storms as well as fire and accidents.

Waste Management

The Waste Management charge is \$128 per 240 litre bin supplied. This charge is collected to defray the cost of providing the bin and the collection service each Tuesday and to maintain the landfill site. Again, for the 2025/2026 Financial Year, Council will subsidise this cost as the revenue collected does not fully cover the associated costs.

Waste Management Utility Charges	Charge applies to:
Collection Charge - Residential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each premises is allocated one (1) 240-litre mobile garbage bin and is serviced weekly. If requested, additional 240 litre mobile garbage bins will be serviced weekly on the normal bin collection day.
Collection Charge – Non-residential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each property with a structure is allocated one (1) 240-litre mobile garbage bin and is serviced weekly. If requested, additional 240 litre mobile garbage bins will be serviced on the normal bin collection day. Council's Environmental Health Officer will determine minimum bin numbers for any premise that is regulated by government legislation.

Pensioners

Council will grant assistance by way of remission of rates and charges to approved pensioners under the State Government Pensioner Subsidy Scheme.

To be eligible you must be:

- the owner or life tenant* of the property, which is your principal place of residence and located in Queensland.
- legally responsible for the payment of local council rates and charges levied on that property.

**A life tenancy can only be created by a valid will and is effective only after the death of the property owner, or by a Supreme or Family Court order.*

And the holder of one (1) of the following concession cards:

- Queensland Pensioner Concession Card (issued by Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs)
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Health Card for all conditions (Gold Card)

Limiting Of Rates Increase

Pursuant to section 116 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the amount of the differential general rate to be levied for the 2025-2026 financial year on the categories of land identified in Column 1 of the table below, be limited to an amount no more than an amount equal to the amount of general rate levied on that land in the previous financial year increased by the percentage identified in column 2 of the table below:

Column 1 - Category	Column 2 - Percentage Increase i.e. "the cap"
4.1 – Rural ≤\$10M <200,000 Ha	20%
4.2 – Rural ≤\$10M & ≥200,000 Ha	20%
4.3 – Rural >\$10M <200,000 Ha	20%
4.4 – Rural >\$10M & ≥200,000 to 500,000 Ha	20%
4.5 – Rural >\$10M & ≥500,000 to 900,000 Ha	20%
4.6 – Rural >\$10M & ≥900,000 Ha	20%