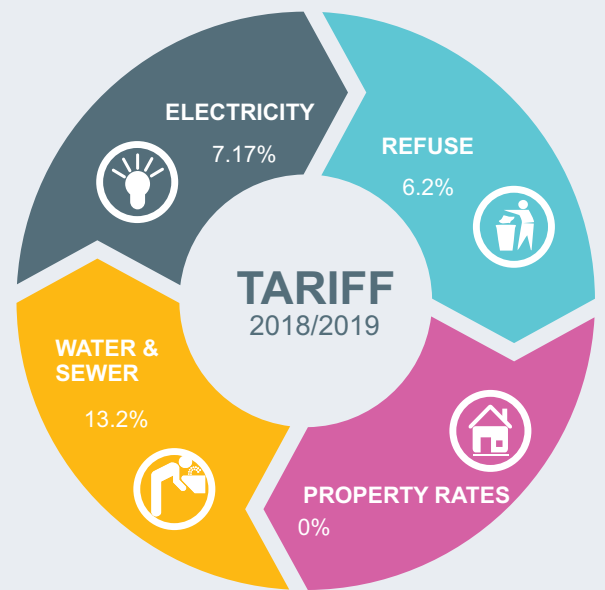


How the City's approved tariffs Impact Rate Payers



The City of Johannesburg has tabled and approved its Budget for the year 2018/19, including Rates and Tariffs. Among the changes, is relief to all ratepayers, indigent persons, and pensioners who own property in Johannesburg.

To qualify for a pensioner's rebate:

- Property owners must be 60 years of age and older and in the case of dual ownership, at least one of the owners must be 60 years or older.
- Pensioners must own the property and personally occupy the property
- The property value as stated in the General Valuation Roll must not exceed R2 500 000

The proposes rebates are:

- Overall property rates for **2018/2019** financial year remain unchanged.
- Residential property rebate threshold increased from **R200 000 to R350 000**. This means the first **350 000** of the value of all residential property is exempted from rating
- Pensioner property rebate threshold increased from **R2 000 000 to R2 500 000**.
- 100% rebate for pensioner owners whose gross monthly household income is lower than R14 991 and who reside in a property value not more than **R2 500 000**.
- 50% rebate for pensioner owners whose gross monthly income is higher than **R14 991** but lower than **R15 846.00**, who reside in a property value not more than **R2 500 000**.
- Pensioners aged 70, irrespective of income who own and who reside in a property not more than R2, 5 million will qualify for a 100% rebate.
- Pensioners on a National Security Grant qualify for a 100% rebate.
- The property rebate threshold for persons who qualify for the City's Expanded Social Package will increase from **R450 000 to R500 000**.
- The highest allocation of free basic water will be provided to households earning no formal income, receiving up to 15 kilo litres of water per month and 150 kilowatt hours of electricity through the City's Extended Social Package programme.
- Lower levels of allocations will range between 10 kilolitres of free water per month and 12 kilolitres of water provided without charge to the most vulnerable in our City. Our water scarcity challenges require that free basic water must be the preserve of those who need it most.