

CONCESSION CARDS

Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

You can get a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card if you:

- can't get a payment from us or the Department of Veterans' Affairs
- have reached age pension age
- meet the income test
- are an Australian resident or you hold a special category visa

Your card is valid for 1 year. You will be sent a new card each year in August, if you remain eligible.

Ex-Carer Allowance (Child) Health Care Card

You can get an Ex-Carer Allowance (Child) Health Care Card if you:

- are between 16 and 25
- are a full time student
- had a Carer Allowance Health Care Card on the day before you turned 16
- are an Australian resident or you hold a special category visa

Your card is valid for 1 year. You must reclaim the card each year.

Foster Child Health Care Card

You can get a Foster Child Health Care Card if you:

- are a foster carer or care for someone else's child
- are an Australian citizen living in Australia
- hold a permanent visa or a special category visa
- Your foster child must live with you as long as you hold this card

Your card is valid for 1 year. You will be sent a new card automatically, if you remain eligible.

Health Care Card

You can get a Health Care Card if you:

- live in Australia
- get some payments or supplements from Centrelink
- meet the age rules of the payment you get

Payments or supplements include:

- Newstart Allowance
- Sickness Allowance
- Youth Allowance as a job seeker
- Partner Allowance
- Parenting Payment partnered
- Widow Allowance
- Special Benefit
- Carer Payment for short term care under 6 months
- the maximum rate of Family Tax Benefit Part A
- Mobility Allowance if you don't get Disability Support Pension
- Carer Allowance if you care for a child under 16 years - the Health Care Card is for the child in your care only
- Farm Household Allowance - you don't need to apply, we'll send you a card if you're eligible

Your card is valid for 1 year. You will be sent a new card automatically, if you remain eligible.

Low Income Health Care Card

You can get a Low Income Health Care Card if you're aged 19 or older or younger than 19 and are independent.

You must:

- live in Australia
- be an Australian citizen
- hold either a permanent visa, special category visa or partner provisional visa subclass 309 or 820, or temporary protection visa
- meet an income test

Your card is valid for 1 year. You must renew your card each year.

Pensioner Concession Card

You can get a Pensioner Concession Card if you get:

- Age Pension
- Bereavement Allowance
- Carer Payment

- Disability Support Pension
- Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance. - you must be single and caring for a dependent child while you're looking for work
- Parenting Payment single

You are also eligible if you're 60 years of age or older and for more than 9 months have been getting:

- Newstart Allowance
- Parenting Payment partnered
- Partner Allowance
- Sickness Allowance
- Special Benefit, or
- Widow Allowance

Or, you have a partial capacity to work and you get:

- Newstart Allowance
- Parenting Payment partnered
- Youth Allowance as a job seeker
- You must meet age rules for the payment you are getting

Your card is valid for 2 years. Your card is valid for 1 year. You will be sent a new card or you will be sent a new card every 2 years on your birthday, if you remain eligible.

Other support

Other organisations have support services and information you may find helpful. You can use [Payment and Service Finder](#) to locate help in your local area.

The [Department of Veterans' Affairs](#) has a concession card for those eligible.

State and territory governments also offer a [Seniors Card](#).

Read more about concessions available in your state or territory:

- Australian Capital Territory - [ACT Assistance](#)
- New South Wales - [Financial support & concessions](#)
- Northern Territory - [Northern Territory Pensioner & Carer Concession Scheme](#)
- Queensland - [Concessions](#)
- South Australia - [Concessions and benefits](#)
- Tasmania - [Discounts and concessions](#)
- Victoria - [Concessions](#)
- Western Australia - [ConcessionsWA](#)

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