

## CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS

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Age Pension	People who have reached retirement age, as defined for social security purposes.	AGE	PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases on cancellation of payment or departure from Australia.</li> <li>• Card issued for 12 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>
Bereavement Allowance	Recently widowed persons.	BVA	PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases on cancellation of payment or departure from Australia.</li> <li>• Card valid for a maximum of 14 weeks (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>
Carer Payment	People who cannot work full-time because they are providing constant care to an ill or disabled person.	CAR	PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases on cancellation of payment or departure from Australia.</li> <li>• Card issued for 12 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>
Carer Allowance	<p>People providing home-based care for a child with a severe disability or medical condition that requires extra care.</p> <p>Note: Carer Allowance is a supplementary allowance, rather than an income support payment.</p>	CD	HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not means tested.</li> <li>• Card issued in the name of the child only.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases on cancellation of payment or departure from Australia.</li> <li>• Card issued for 12 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>

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Commonwealth Seniors Health Card	Certain self-funded retirees. See qualifying income limits at the end of this document.	N/A	CSHC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases on departure from Australia.</li> <li>• Card issued for 12 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> <li>• Lodgement of application required to claim.</li> </ul>
Disability Support Pension	People with longer-term disabilities who are unable to work full-time for award wages.	DSP	PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested (except for DSP (Blind) recipients).</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person not in Australia.</li> </ul>
Disability Support Pension (Blind)	People who are receiving Disability Support Pension due to blindness.	DSP BLIND	PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Card issued for 12 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>
Ex Carer Allowance Health Care Card	Former recipients of the Carer Allowance Health Care Card who are full time students aged 16 to 25.	EH	HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previously qualified for a Carer Allowance Health Care Card, which was only cancelled because the person turned 16.</li> <li>• Full time student aged 16 to 25.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person not in Australia.</li> <li>• Card issued for 12 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> <li>• Lodgement of application required to claim.</li> </ul>

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Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment	Farmers, living in 'exceptional circumstances' affected areas, who are having difficulties in meeting family and personal living expenses.	DR	HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Means tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases on cancellation of payment or departure from Australia</li> <li>• Card issued for a maximum of 12 weeks (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>
Family Tax Benefit (Part A)	Parents/carers who are raising children.	FA	HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income tested.</li> <li>• Must be on maximum rate of income-tested allowance. Entitlement ceases if rate falls below maximum, or not in Australia.</li> <li>• Must be eligible to receive payment by fortnightly instalments.</li> <li>• Card issued for 6 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>
Farm Help Income Support	Farmers who are unable to meet day-to-day living expenses and cannot obtain commercial loans.	FFR	HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Means tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases on cancellation of payment or departure from Australia.</li> <li>• Card issued for 12 weeks (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>
Foster Care	Foster children. General FTB child requirements apply.	FO	HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not means tested.</li> <li>• Card issued for foster child only.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if qualification conditions no longer met or if child/carer departs Australia.</li> <li>• Card issued for 6 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>

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Low Income Card	Low income earners (eg people in low paid work, full-time student recipients of Youth Allowance, Abstudy).	LI	HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person departs Australia</li> <li>• Card issued for 6 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> <li>• Lodgement of application required to claim.</li> </ul>
Mature Age Allowance	People aged over 60 who have not yet reached retirement age, and face barriers to finding work.	MAA	PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income, asset and activity tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person departs Australia.</li> <li>• Card issued for 12 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>
Mobility Allowance	People with disabilities who are in employment, vocational training, a combination of work or training, or voluntary work and who are unable to use public transport without substantial assistance.	MO	HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not means tested.</li> <li>• For use by cardholder only. Dependents not covered.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases on cancellation of payment or departure from Australia.</li> <li>• Card issued for 6 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>

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Newstart Allowance	People who are unemployed and looking for work.	NS	HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income, asset and activity tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person not in Australia.</li> <li>• Card issued for 12 weeks (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>
Newstart Allowance - long term income support recipients aged over 60, OR - single principal carers of dependent children, OR - those assessed as having a partial capacity to work	People who are qualified for Newstart Allowance (see qualification criteria above), AND are either; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 60 and over, and receiving an income support payment for 9 months or more, OR</li> <li>- single parents, OR</li> <li>- affected by permanent illness or disability.</li> </ul>	NSA	PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person not in Australia.</li> <li>• Card is issued for 12 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>
Parenting Payment (Partnered)	People who are married/partnered and are the primary carer of a child/ren (excluding those defined below).	PP	HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases on cancellation of payment or departure from Australia. Card issue -12 weeks (subject to qualification).</li> </ul>

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Parenting Payment (Partnered) (long term income support recipients aged over 60)	People qualified for Parenting Payment (Partnered) who are aged over 60 and have been continuously receiving an income support payment	PPP	PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases on cancellation of payment. EXCEPTION: If PPP is cancelled due to</li> </ul>

	for 9 months.			<p>employment of self or partner, or increase in earnings, then card is retained for 6 months after cancellation of payment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person not in Australia.</li> <li>• Card is issued for 12 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>
Parenting Payment (Single)	People who are single and are the primary carer of a child/ren.	PPS	PCC (or HCC- see next column)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested.</li> <li>• Activity tested in some circumstances.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person not in Australia.</li> <li>• PCC issued for 12 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>

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Partner Allowance	Older partners of income support recipients, who face barriers to finding work (excluding those defined below).  No new grants after 20/09/2003.	PA	HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person not in Australia.</li> <li>• Card issued for 12 weeks (subject to ongoing qualification)</li> </ul>
Partner Allowance (long term income support recipients aged over 60)	People who are qualified for Partner Allowance (see qualification criteria above), are aged over 60, and who have been continuously receiving an income support payment for 9 months.  No new grants after 20/09/2003.	PTA	PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person not in Australia.</li> <li>• Card issued for 12 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>

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Sickness Allowance	People who are unable to earn an income due to temporary incapacity caused by an illness or injury (excluding those defined below).	SA	HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person not in Australia</li> <li>• Card issued for period covered by medical certificate, up to maximum of 13 weeks</li> </ul>
Sickness Allowance (long term income support recipients aged over 60)	People who are qualified for Sickness Allowance (see qualification criteria above), are aged over 60, and have been continuously receiving an income support payment for 9 months.	SAL	PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person not in Australia</li> <li>• Card issued for 12 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>

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Special Benefit	People who are ineligible for any other payment, and cannot obtain a sufficient livelihood through circumstances beyond their control (excluding those defined below).	SL	HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if payment cancelled. EXCEPTION: If payment is cancelled due to employment of self or partner, or increase in income, and person had been in continuous receipt of an income support payment for a minimum of 12 months, then card is retained for 6 months after cancellation of payment.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person not in Australia.</li> <li>• Card issued for 12 weeks (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>
Special Benefit (long term income support recipients aged over 60)	People who are qualified for Special Benefit (see qualification criteria above), are aged over 60, and have been continuously receiving an income support payment for 9 months.	SPL	PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person not in Australia.</li> <li>• Card issued for 12 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>

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Widow Allowance	Older women who have lost the support of a male partner and face barriers to finding work (excluding those defined below).	WA	HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person not in Australia.</li> <li>• Card issued for 12 weeks (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>
Widow Allowance (long term income support recipients aged over 60)	People who are qualified for Widow Allowance (see qualification criteria above), are aged over 60, and have been continuously receiving an income support payment for 9 months.	WDA	PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person not in Australia.</li> <li>• Card is issued for 12 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>

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Wife Pension	Female partners of Age or Disability Support Pensioners, who are not in receipt of any other income support payment in their own right. No new grants after 30/6/95	WFA WFD WFW	PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person not in Australia.</li> <li>• Card is issued for 12 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>
Widow B Pension	Certain older women who have lost the support of a male partner through death, separation or divorce. No new grants after 20/3/97.	WID	PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and asset tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases on cancellation or departure from Australia.</li> <li>• Card is issued for 12 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>

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Youth Allowance (jobseekers)	People who are unemployed and in receipt of Youth Allowance.	YA	HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income, asset and activity tested</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person not in Australia.</li> <li>• Card issued for 12 weeks (HCC) or 12 months (PCC) (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> </ul>
Youth Allowance (jobseekers) who are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- single principal carers of dependent children, OR</li> <li>- those assessed as having a partial capacity to work</li> </ul>	Qualified for Youth Allowance as a jobseeker and are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- single parents, OR</li> <li>- affected by permanent illness or disability.</li> </ul>	YAL	PCC	
Youth Allowance (students)	Full-time students in receipt of Youth Allowance, Austudy or Abstudy may claim this card	LI	HCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income tested.</li> <li>• Entitlement ceases if person departs Australia</li> <li>• Card issued for 6 months (subject to ongoing qualification).</li> <li>• Lodgement of application required to claim.</li> </ul>