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Law and Human Rights

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

In 1990 the Australian Government entered an agreement to adopt the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CROC). This is a formal protection of human rights for children. That is, everyone under 18 years of age. Some examples of their rights include:

- The right to say what they think and to be listened to
- The right to look for information, receive it and pass it on by writing, speaking, art, etc
- The right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion
- The right to privacy
- The right not to be abused, neglected or exploited
- The right to an education

Website: www.humanrights.gov.au

Working

There are restrictions on the type of job and working hours for children under 15 years of age. These laws apply to Western Australian businesses in both the state and national industrial relations systems. Anyone over 15 can find a job however there are some types of jobs that are not allowed if you are under 18.

Website: www.commerce.wa.gov.au/labour-relations/when-children-can-work-western-australia

Voting

Australian citizens aged 18 years or older have the right and responsibility to enrol and vote.

- It is compulsory for all Australian citizens who have turned 18 and have lived at their residential address for a period of one month, to enrol and maintain their enrolment.
- The AEC provides a range of Easy Read Guides for people who have difficulty reading and understanding written information.

Website: www.aec.gov.au/About_AEC/Publications/easy-read
Website: www.aec.gov.au/assistance

An elector may be removed from the Electoral Roll where a registered medical practitioner has certified in writing that the person is incapable of understanding the nature and significance of enrolment and voting.

Website: www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol/removal-electoral-roll

Types of identification documents that you may need for accessing services

Birth Certificate (not an extract)



Website: www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-justice/the-registry-of-births-deaths-and-marriages

Australian Passport



General information regarding applying for a new Australian Passport:

- Children aged 10 years and over are required to sign the application form unless a medical condition prevents this.
- A medical certificate from a health professional eg GP is required if the child cannot sign the passport application form.
- For children aged under 10, a signature is optional.
- Passport photo – if a person cannot meet photo guidelines because of a disability, a medical certificate and/or declaration (Form B11) is required.

Website: www.passports.gov.au
Website: www.passports.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-04/b11.pdf

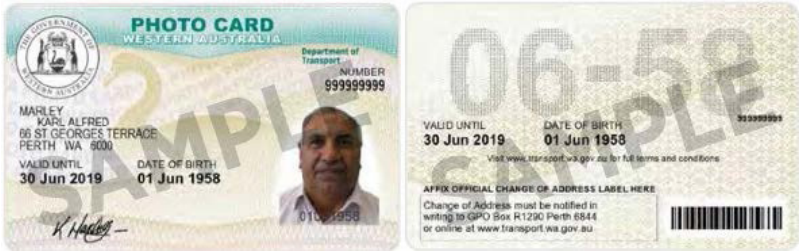
Medicare Card



A child can be on a parent's card.
Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/medicare-card

Western Australian Photo Card (16+ years)

The WA Photo Card is a way for people who do not hold a driver's licence or passport to have proof of identity. It is available to people 16 years and older who normally reside in WA.
Website: www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/wa-photo-card.asp
Website: https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/licensing/LBU_F_PC1_PhotoCard.pdf



- ✓ **Driver's Licence or Learner's Permit**
- ✓ **Overseas Passport (Current)**
- ✓ **Australian Citizenship Document**
- ✓ **Smart Rider**
  A person with disability can get a Smart Rider with concession fares.



Website: www.transperth.wa.gov.au/SmartRider

Other Identification Documents for Children

- Photographic Student Identity Card (WA)
- Official School documents such as reports
- Medical Reports such as official immunisation records
- Letter from the School Principal on letterhead confirming enrolment

! Documents not accepted:

- A document that has been changed, or corrected and initialed
- A scan copy or photocopy which is unclear, unreadable or incomplete
- Companion Card because it is not issued by Government



Email and Money

Email Account

Set up an email account
(different to parent's email address)

- An email address may be required as a form of contact by some Government services.

Bank account

Most banks offer special bank accounts specifically for young people. A few of them even have special websites to help the education process.

If opening a new bank account:

- Make an appointment, check if required with the bank
- Bring proof of identification, for yourself and the child (if the account is for the child)
- People with disabilities may have the account service fee waived - ask your bank
- If necessary the bank account can be linked to a carer's/guardian's bank account for safeguarding.
- Discuss safeguards of funds with the bank.
- It is possible for a person who cannot sign to have an account, by using their "mark" - Marksman Clause.



Australian Taxation Office

Tax File Number (TFN)

Before starting work, or soon after, a TFN is required.

To apply for a Tax File Number complete a hard copy form or submit the application form online. For a hard copy form:

- order online – Form NAT 1432 - Tax file number www.iorder.com.au/publication/searchpublications.aspx?txt=1432
- phone 1300 720 092 (24 hours a day, seven days a week)
- ask for one from a Services Australia Centre

When completing the application online a confirmation page will be issued which provides provides an application reference number, an application summary and the next steps to complete the application at Australia Post.

When attending a participating Australia Post retail outlet:

- Once the application form has been submitted online you must attend a particpating Australian Post retail outlet within 28 days.
- Present current documents that prove identity for registration purposes (proof of identity documents).
- The ATO will accept only unaltered original documents and not photocopies. Documents that have been corrected or changed and initialled are not acceptable.
- If insufficient proof of identity documents, the application summary will be returned to them and the application will remain incomplete.

Unable to sign the Tax File Number application form

If a person is unable to sign the application form because of a disability and they are:

15 years old or under – their parent or guardian can sign on their behalf.

16 or 17 years old – their parent or guardian can sign, but they must provide a signed statement from a doctor explaining the reasons they are unable to sign.

18 years or older – a State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) appointed guardian can sign, but they must provide legal proof of guardianship.

Further Information


13 28 65


www.ato.gov.au


https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Tax-file-number/Apply-for-a-TFN/

Money Smart

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) regulates financial services in Australia. MoneySmart is the website designed to help make smart choices about personal finances. It offers calculators and tips to give fast answers to money questions, including:

- Banking and budgeting
- Loans, credit and debt
- Investing and planning
- Superannuation
- Insurance etc

Further Information


1300 300 630


feedback@moneysmart.gov.au


www.moneysmart.gov.au

Sorting out Debts

If debts are getting out of control it is important to act quickly. Help is available. A financial counsellor can help to get a clear picture of the situation and understand options and work out a budget.

To find a free financial counselling service nearby, contact the National Debt Helpline.

Further Information


1800 007 007


www.ndh.org.au

National Disability Insurance Scheme

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is Australia's first national Scheme for people with disability. It provides funding directly to individuals and/or service providers.

Questions to ask if a person may be able to apply for the NDIS. These questions are just a guide, the final decision about eligibility is up to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

1. Is the person aged between 7 and 65?
2. Do they live in Australia and have Australian residency?
3. Do they usually need support from a person because of a permanent and significant disability?
4. Do they use special equipment because of a permanent and significant disability?
5. Do they need some supports now to reduce their future needs?

If they meet the eligibility criteria they can ask to become a participant by completing an Access Request Form. If they are eligible for the NDIS and have received an 'access decision' letter, the next step is creating their NDIS plan. The plan is a written agreement worked out with the person. Everyone's plan is different. NDIS will ask questions about how they are going in different areas of their life, what goals they would like to achieve and what kind of help and support they need. This will help them to develop a plan that provides the right support for them.

NDIS Nominees

The NDIS recognises that there may be circumstances where it is necessary for a person to be appointed as a nominee of a participant to act on behalf of, or make decisions on behalf of a participant.

There are two types of NDIS nominees:

1. **Plan Nominee**
2. **Correspondence Nominee**

Plan Nominee

A plan nominee can make decisions about:

- planning – preparing, reviewing or replacing the plan
- managing plan funding – receiving and managing funding and using the funding.

Correspondence Nominee

A correspondence nominee is someone who can make some decisions for them about business with the NDIS.

But they can't do anything or make decisions about:

- preparing, reviewing or replacing the plan
- managing the funding for supports in the plan

A correspondence nominee can ask the NDIS for information about the participant

- The correspondence nominee can receive letters and notices.
- When the correspondence nominee writes to the NDIS on the participant's behalf, the NDIS treats this as if it has been written by the participant.
- When the NDIS sends the correspondence nominee a piece of information, it is treated as it has been sent to the participant.

If a NDIS nominee form is required ask the NDIS planner as this form is not available online.

Further Information

1800 800 110

nat@ndis.gov.au

www.ndis.gov.au

https://ourguidelines.ndis.gov.au/home/having-someone-represent-you/appointing-nominee

www.ndis.gov.au/understanding/families-and-carers/guardians-and-nominees-explained

Services Australia

myGov Account

myGov gives access to a range of government services online.

Government services accessible via a myGov account:

- Australian JobSearch
- Australian Taxation Office
- Centrelink
- Child Support
- Department of Health Applications Portal
- Department of Veterans' Affairs
- Individual Healthcare Identifiers Service
- Medicare
- My Aged Care
- My Health Record
- National Cancer Screening Register
- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- National Redress Scheme

Further Information

13 23 07 helpdesk

1300 169 468

www.my.gov.au

www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/mygov-help-create-mygov-account

Medicare



Medicare is Australia's universal health care system.

The Australian government pays for Medicare through the Medicare levy. Working Australians pay the Medicare levy as part of their income tax.



The Department of Health manages the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS). The MBS lists the services Medicare pays for.

Having a valid Medicare card is important for the family member to claim a Medicare benefit, visit a doctor who bulk bills, seek treatment as a public patient in a public hospital or having a Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme prescription filled.

When your child turns 14

Once your child turns 14, you, the parent, will no longer be able to access their immunisation history statement. Your child will be able to view it using their Medicare online account through myGov. They can also use the Express Plus Medicare mobile app.

Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/what-happens-when-your-child-turns-14?context=60007

When your child turns 15

When your child turns 15, they can get their own Medicare card.

Your child can choose to either:

- transfer to their own card
- stay on your card and get a duplicate card for themselves

Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/have-your-own-medicare-card-and-number-if-youre-15-or-older-and-enrolled-medicare?context=21796

They can use a digital copy of their Medicare card as soon as they enrol. To get the digital version they will need to sign into the Express Plus Medicare app. To use the app, they will need a myGov account linked to their Medicare online account. If they don't have these, set them up and then download the app.

Acting on behalf of someone for Medicare purposes

"Authorisation to act on an incapacitated person's behalf" for Medicare purposes form is a form to act on behalf of someone who is incapable of managing their own affairs for Medicare services.

You can fill out this form prior to the age of 14 years old or any time afterwards.

This acts in a similar way to a Centrelink Nominee.

Further Information

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www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/medicare

www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/have-your-own-medicare-card-if-youre-15-or-older-and-enrolled-medicare?context=21796

Authorisation to act on an incapacitated person's behalf for Medicare purposes form (MO050) www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/mo050



Centrelink

Services Australia delivers social service payments and services to Australians through Centrelink. People who receive support from Centrelink come from many different backgrounds and the benefits people receive reflect this. There are payments for people with disabilities, for older people, people who live in rural or remote communities, indigenous Australians, those affected by a natural disaster such as bush fire, families, job seekers and students – to name just a few. The easiest way to claim, update details, provide documents, report income and get reminders is available online.

Centrelink will give you a Customer Reference Number (CRN) when you get payments and services from them.

- Each person has a unqiue CRN
- A person has a CRN number if they have a Health Care Card
- The CRN number is not the same number as your Medicare Individual Reference Number



Express Plus Centrelink App

You can do most of your Centrelink business using this app.

1. If they don't have a myGov account or a Centrelink online account they'll need to set them up.
2. They'll then need to link their Centrelink online account to myGov. They only need to do this once.
3. Download the Express Plus Centrelink app to their device.
4. Select Start Now.
5. Accept the Terms and Conditions.
6. Enter their myGov sign in details.
7. Enter the security code or answer their secret question.
8. Create their 4 digit myGov PIN.

Centrelink Nominees

A person with disability may need an authorised nominee to deal with Centrelink on their behalf, usually a family member or guardian.

There are 2 types of Centrelink nominees.

1. Correspondence nominee
2. Payment nominee

Correspondence nominee

- Can speak with Centrelink about payments or services

Payment nominee

- Can get Centrelink payments on the person's behalf.
- A person can only nominate 1 person or organisation for each type of nominee.
- A person can't have a nominee and be a nominee for someone else at the same time.
- You can add a nominee online through the Centrelink online account or download and complete the Authorising a person or organisation to enquire or act on your behalf form.

Further Information

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www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/centrelink

www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/centrelink-online-account-help-add-nominee#step3

Authorising a person or organisation to enquire or act on your behalf form (SS313) www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/ss313

Disability Support Pension



A Disability Support Pension (DSP) is financial help if a person has a permanent physical, intellectual or psychiatric condition that stops them from working.

Not everyone with disability or a medical condition can get DSP. You can still access services under the NDIS if you're getting or claiming DSP.

They need to meet both non-medical and medical rules to get DSP.

Non-Medical Rules

- They're between 16 and Age Pension age when they claim
- They meet the residency rules
- They meet the income and assets tests.

General Medical Rules

- Their condition will last more than two years
- Their condition is fully diagnosed, treated and stabilized
- They have an impairment rating of 20 points or more
- Their condition stops them working at least 15 hours a week for the next two years

Notes:

- Check with Centrelink how the DSP payment effects other Services Australia payments.
- Apply at 15 years and 6 - 9 months.
- Have all identification documents ready.

Further Information

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www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/disability-support-pension

Claim for Disability Support Pension form (SA466) www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/sa466

Claim for Disability Support Pension Medical Evidence Checklist form (SA473) www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/sa473

Claim for Disability Support Pension Medical Evidence Checklist for treating health professionals form (SA478) www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/sa478

Carer Payments and/or Carer Allowance

Caring for a person - 16 years or over

Carer Payments and/or Carer Allowance payments generally stop when a child turns 16 years old.

Eligible carers are sent an invitation letter when their care receiver turns 15 years and 9 months (or 17 years and 9 months for a Carer Payment child with a terminal condition), advising they should apply to transfer by the due date if they want their entitlement to be assessed under adult provisions.

Once the carer has received their invitation, it will outline the next steps and forms required (online or paper form).

Carers subscribed to get their letters to their myGov inbox are advised in their invitation letter. It's important not to ignore myGov notifications.

You will need to:

- Lodge a new claim based on an assesment tool for adults (ADAT).
- Website: www.guides.dss.gov.au/social-security-guide/3/6/9
- Contact Centrelink to tell them your intent to claim before your child turns 16.
- You will need to provide evidence of your eligibility for Carer Allowance or Carer Payment.

Further Information

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www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/carer-allowance-rules-for-person-16-years-or-older-getting-care?context=21811

Carer Payment and Carer Allowance review of care provided – Caring for a person 16 years or over (SA010) www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/sa010

Carer Payment and/or Carer Allowance – Medical Report for a person 16 years or over (SA332A) www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/sa332a

Carer Allowance Questionnaire – Carer not living with the person for whom care is being provided (SA381) www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/sa381

Youth Disability Supplement

- A person will automatically get the Youth Disability Supplement if under the age of 21 and receiving the Disability Support Pension (DSP).
- They may also get it if they're under 22 and get either:
- Youth Allowance as a job seeker, are a full-time student or Australian Apprentice, or
- ABSTUDY as a full-time student or Australian Apprentice.

If they're getting Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY they also need a current Employment Services Assessment. It must show that they have an illness, injury or disability that both: stops them from working 30 or more hours a week will last more than two years.

Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/youth-disability-supplement

Health Care Card



A Health Care Card entitles them to cheaper prescription medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme. A person may be eligible for a Low Income Health Care Card if they are not eligible to a Pensioner Concession Card. This is assessed through a separate claim for a health care card.

Further discounts may be available for water rates, gas and electricity bills. You don't need to apply for a Health Care Card. Centrelink will send them one if they're eligible and it is usually for a period of 1 year.

Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/health-care-card

Pensioner Concession Card

To get a Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) they must be receiving a pension such as the Disability Support Pension, Parenting Payment (Single), or Carer Payment.

They don't need to apply for a Pensioner Concession Card. Centrelink will send them one if they're eligible.

Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/pensioner-concession-card

Youth Allowance

To get Youth Allowance as a student or an Australian Apprentice you must be one of the following:

- 18 to 24 and studying full time; 16 to 24 and doing a full time Australian Apprenticeship; 16 to 17 and independent or needing to live away from home to study OR 16 to 17, studying full time and have completed year 12 or equivalent.

Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/youth-allowance

Mobility Allowance

A payment to help with travel costs for work, study or looking for work if they have a disability, illness or injury that means they can't use public transport. You can't get the allowance if you have either: funded support from the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobility-allowance

Centrepay

A free and voluntary service to pay bills and expenses as regular deductions from their Centrelink payments.

Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/centrepay

Financial Information Service

A free service that can inform and educate them about financial matters.

Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/financial-information-service

Crisis Payment

A one off payment you in severe financial hardship and extreme circumstances.
Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/crisis-payment

Sickness Allowance

An income support payment if you can't work or study for a while because of illness, injury or disability.
Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/sickness-allowance

Special Disability Trusts

A way for families to plan for the long term care and accommodation needs of someone with a severe disability.

Website: www.dss.gov.au/disability-and-carers-programs-services/special-disability-trusts

Guardianship and Administration

The Guardianship and Administration Act 1990 recognises that people who are not capable of making reasonable judgements for themselves may need someone to make decisions for them not only to ensure their quality of life is maintained, but also to protect them from the risk of neglect, exploitation and abuse.

Guardianship (as per Guardianship and Administration Act 1990)

A guardian is appointed by SAT to make personal decisions in the best interests of someone who is not capable of making those decisions for themselves.

A guardian may decide any of the following for example:

- **a.** Where a person is to live, whether permanently or temporarily
- **b.** With whom the person is to live
- **c.** Whether the person should work and if so the nature of type of work and matters related to work
- **d.** Make treatment decisions
- **e.** What education and training the person is to receive
- **f.** With whom the represented person is to associate
- **g.** Commence, conduct or settle any legal proceedings on behalf of the represented person, except proceedings relating to the estate of the represented person

Administrator

An administrator is appointed by SAT to make financial and legal decisions of a financial or estate nature in the best interests of someone not capable of making those decisions for themselves.

An administrator may be given authority to decide specific matters such as the sale of assets, payment of debts or investment of money. Many administrators have broad (plenary) authority and manage all of the person's estate and financial affairs and pay all the daily bills, purchase all essential items and they must keep detailed accounts.

Website: www.sat.justice.wa.gov.au/G/guardianship_and_administration.aspx

Parents may be told that they need to apply for Guardianship and/or Administration, on/after they turn 18.

This is often not required!

Approach with caution and seek further information from an advocate before making an application.

Speak to a Disability Advocate with experience in Guardianship, the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) and Administration issues.

Carers

Carer Gateway

If you care for a family member or friend with disability, a medical condition, mental illness, or who is frail due to age, then Carer Gateway can help you.

Carer Gateway provides many services to support carers in their caring role, including:

- in-person and online peer support groups
- tailored support packages to help with accessing planned respite, transport services, and more
- in-person and phone counselling
- in-person and online self-guided coaching
- online skills courses to support your wellbeing and understanding of legal responsibilities relating to the caring role
- access to emergency respite if you suddenly find you can't provide care, for example if you become ill or injured.

Phone: 1800 422 737 Monday to Friday between 8am and 6pm.

Website: www.carergateway.gov.au

Disability Gateway

The Disability Gateway will assist all people with disability, their families and carers to locate and access services across Australia.

Phone: 1800 643 787

Website: www.disabilitygateway.gov.au

Young Carers

A young carer is someone aged between 8-25 years old who provides unpaid care and support to family members and friends who have disability, mental illness, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue, or who are aged. The Young Carers team aim to connect young carers through a range of social and wellness events and peer support groups. If you are a carer for someone, you can find support and help from Young Carers WA. To find out more about our specific services visit the website.

Phone: 1300 227 377

Website: www.carerswa.asn.au/our-services/young-carers

Concessions WA

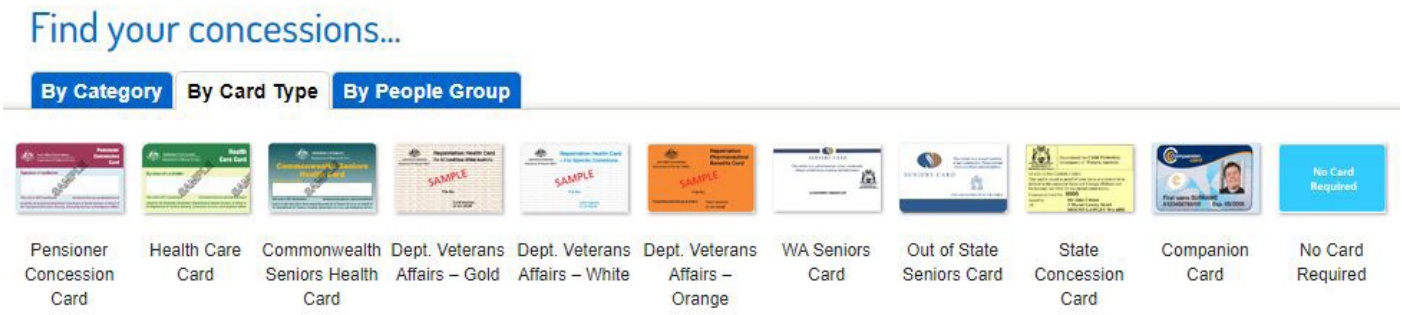
Concessions WA is an easy-to-use online resource where you can search by category, concession card type or people group to find details on more than 100 rebates, concessions and subsidy schemes provided by the Government of Western Australia including discounts on dental care, glasses, transport and more.

Website: www.concessions.communities.wa.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx

By Category



By Card Type



By People Group



WA Department of Health

Patient Assistance Travel Scheme (PATS) Supports WA country patient's access to specialist medical services wherever they live in the state.

Website: https://www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au/Our-patients/Patient-Assisted-Travel-Scheme-PATS

Companion Card

The Companion Card Program supports Western Australians with a significant and permanent disability who require attendant care support to participate at community venues and events.

Companion Cardholders show their card when booking or purchasing a ticket from a participating business, called an Affiliate. Affiliates will recognise the Companion Card and issue the cardholder with a second ticket for their companion at no charge.

The Companion Card can be used at participating businesses, called Affiliates. Use the search tool on the Companion Card website find Affiliates that match your interests, or to find Affiliates in your area.

Businesses where a Companion Card can be used include:

- Cinemas, councils / LGAs, family activities
- Festivals, fairs and shows, museums, spectator sports
- Sports, fitness and wellness, theatre, music and arts
- Tourist attractions, training and community events
- Transport and travel

Phone: 1800 617 337

Email: wa@companioncard.org.au

Website: www.wacompanioncard.org.au



Relationships

Consent

The age of consent is 16 and "Consent" means giving their free and voluntary agreement to sex. If a person is aged 16 or over but under 18 they cannot consent to sexual contact with someone who is caring for them or supervising them (eg. a teacher or a foster carer). There is no set age from which they can consent to medical treatment but generally if they are aged over 18, they are most likely able to consent.

SECCA

Secca is a non-profit organisation designed to support people with disabilities, in their efforts to learn about human relationships, sexuality and sexual health. They can provide specialist training, counselling and education in the area of human relationships and sexuality to people who have a disability, their family and significant carers. All Therapists (Counsellors) are tertiary trained and have extensive experience in both sexuality and disability issues. Counselling is conducted on a one-to-one basis, allowing the Therapist to tailor-make sessions specifically to suit the needs, age and ability of the individual.

Phone: 9420 7226

Website: www.secca.org.au

Accessibility

ACROD Parking (NDS)



ACROD parking allows people with a certain disability to park in dedicated bays. ACROD parking permits are free, funded by the Government of Western Australia.

Phone: 08 9242 5544

Website: www.acrod.org.au

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

KidSport

KidSport enables eligible Western Australian children aged 5 to 18 to participate in community sport by offering them financial assistance of up to $150 per calendar year towards club fees.

To be eligible, they need a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

They can apply for KidSport online.

Website: www.kidsport.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport/apply-for-kidsport-2019-1

or by using a hard copy application form. Applications will be assessed by the local government in which they reside or by the KidSport team at the department. If an application is approved, the KidSport team will email them a voucher code which, when applied when registering, deducts an amount from the registration or membership fees.
Not all community sport are eligible for the scheme.

Contact KidSport via their enquiry form:

Website: www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/funding/sport-and-recreation-funding/kidsport



Transport

Learner's Permit

To obtain a learner's permit (valid for three years) and start learning to drive, they must pass a theory test. Once they have their learner's permit, they must complete 50 hours of supervised driving, then when they are at least 16 and 6 months old, and have held their permit for a minimum of six months, they can sit the Hazard perception Test (HPT).



After passing the HPT they must complete another 50 hours of supervised driving before they can apply for the Practical Driving Assessment. Upon passing the Practical Driving Assessment they will be issued a Provisional License to drive unsupervised.
They must declare that they are medically fit to learn to drive the class of motor vehicle. If they have a medical condition that might adversely affect their ability to drive safely, they are required to show a medical certificate from their doctor stating that they are medically fit to drive or ride safely.

Website: www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/learn-to-drive-my-first-licence.asp

Keys4Life

Keys4Life is a pre-driver program that helps to educate young people about safer road use and allows them to sit their Learner's Permit Theory Test. The Keys4Life program is funded by the Road Safety Commission, administered by the Department of Education, and delivered by registered Keys4Life facilitators. The program can be implemented in school and non-school environments with young people aged 15 years and above.

Phone: 9402 6415

Email: sdera.co@education.wa.edu.au

Website: www.sdera.wa.edu.au/programs/keys4life

Taxi's Users' Subsidy Scheme (TUSS)

TUSS provides taxi travel at a reduced rate for people who have a severe and permanent disability living in WA.

To be eligible for TUSS a person must demonstrate to the Director General of Department of Transport (through an authorised officer) that they:

- ✓ **Are a permanent resident in Western Australia.**
- ✓ **Have a severe and permanent disability that will always prevent them using conventional public transport; and are**
- ✓ **Over 10 years of age and use a wheelchair.**
- ✓ **Have a mobility disability.**
- ✓ **Have a vision disability.**
- ✓ **Have a cognitive or intellectual disability.**

Further Information


1300 660 147


subsidies@transport.wa.gov.au


www.transport.wa.gov.au/aboutus/taxi-user-subsidy-scheme.asp


https://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/taxis/ODT_F_App_TUSS.pdf



Further financial assistance

Youth Allowance for Students

Financial help if you're 18 to 24 and a student studying full time or an Australian Apprentice.
Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/youth-allowance

Abstudy

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders who are studying or undertaking an Australian Apprenticeship.
Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/abstudy

Fares Allowance

Helps with travel costs between your permanent home and your place of tertiary study in Australia.
Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/fares-allowance

Student Start-up Loan

A voluntary loan you can get up to twice a year if you're an eligible higher education student.
Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/student-start-up-loan

Youth Allowance for Job Seekers

Financial help if you're 21 or younger and looking for work, or temporarily unable to work.
Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/youth-allowance-for-job-seekers

Job Hunting - Services to help look for work

Employment Services Assessment

An assessment of the impact of your disability, illness, injury or other barriers to work. Your assessor will talk to you about:

- any barriers to work you may have, including any medical conditions
- any recent help or rehabilitation you've had, and
- services to help you find and keep a job, if needed.

Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/employment-services-assessments

Job Capacity Assessment

You may need to attend an assessment when you claim Disability Support Pension (DSP). If you already get DSP, you may need to do this as part of a medical review.

Website: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/job-capacity-assessment-for-disability-support-pension

School Leaver Employment

NDIS can fund school leaver supports for up to two years, depending on participants circumstances.

Website: www.ndis.gov.au/providers/working-provider/school-leaver-employment-supports

Disability Employment Services

Disability Employment Services help people with disability find work and keep a job. Through Disability Employment Services, people with disability, injury or health condition may be able to receive assistance to prepare for, find and keep a job.

Website: https://www.dese.gov.au/disability-employment-services

Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE) - Supported Employment

Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs) are generally not-for-profit organisations that play an important role in providing supported employment opportunities to people with moderate to severe disability across Australia.

Website: https://www.dss.gov.au/disability-and-carers-programs-services-for-people-with-disability/supported-employment

Job Access

Job Access helps anyone who's interested in disability in the workplace. JobAccess was created by the Australian Government to bring together the information and resources that can 'drive disability employment'.

Website: https://www.jobaccess.gov.au/about-jobaccess

Workforce Australia

Workforce Australia help people in all stages of life find jobs and training, and move into different work. Whether you're receiving income support or not, Workforce Australia can help you:

Find a new job, start looking for work, transition to a different industry and find training and support services. Additional features are available to people using Workforce Australia as part of their obligations for income support.

Website: www.workforceaustralia.gov.au

Wage Subsidies

Wage subsidies are a financial incentive to encourage employers to hire eligible participants in ongoing jobs by contributing to the initial costs of hiring a new employee. Wage subsidies can help to build a business and give employers greater flexibility in their hiring options.

Website: www.dese.gov.au/wage-subsidies

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