

Comparison Table

Pensioner Concession Card vs Commonwealth Seniors Health Card



	Pensioner Concession Card	Commonwealth Seniors Health Card
Reduced Cost Medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (i)	✓	✓
Bulk billing for doctor's appointments	✓	✓
Reduced out-of-hospital medical expenses above the concessional threshold of the Medicare Safety Net (ii)	✓	✓
Discounts on certain services provided by Australia Post e.g. mail re-direction	✓	✗
Access to Hearing Assistance (iii)	✓	✗
Potential reductions on property and water rates, energy bills (iv)	✓	✗
Potential reduced fares on public transport (iv)	✓	✗
Potential reductions on motor vehicle registration fees (iv)	✓	✗
Potential free rail journeys (iv)	✓	✗

Note:

a) Please see page overleaf for footnote information

b) Information current as at September 2017

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Footnote	Description
(i)	<p>If you are a general patient you pay a co-payment for a medicine listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). If you are a concessional patient, you will pay a lower co-payment for your PBS medicine.</p> <p>Under the PBS, the maximum cost for a pharmaceutical benefit item at a pharmacy is currently (September 2017) \$38.80 for general patients and \$6.30 for concessional patients, plus any applicable special patient contribution, brand premium or therapeutic group premium.</p>
(ii)	<p>If you are concessional patients, you are entitled to your PBS medicines for free once you have reached the concessional Safety Net threshold. Your pharmacist can then issue you or your family with a Safety Net entitlement card (SN Card) which is then valid for the remainder of the calendar year.</p>
(iii)	<p>Australian Hearing provides hearing services to clients eligible under the Australian Government Hearing Services Program.</p>
(iv)	<p>State and Territory Governments around Australia offer a range of different concessions for card holders - sometimes contingent on qualifying for Seniors Card. Follow the following links for more information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACT ● New South Wales ● Northern Territory ● Queensland ● South Australia ● Tasmania ● Victoria ● Western Australia

