



Comparison Table

Pensioner Concession Card vs Commonwealth Seniors Health Card



| | Pensioner Concession Card | Commonwealth Seniors Health Card |
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| Reduced Cost Medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (1) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bulk billing for doctor's appointments | ✓ | ✓ |
| Reduced out-of-hospital medical expenses above the concessional threshold of the Medicare Safety Net (2) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Discounts on certain services provided by Australia Post e.g. mail re-direction | ✓ | ✗ |
| Access to Hearing Assistance (3) | ✓ | ✗ |
| Potential reductions on property and water rates, energy bills (4) | ✓ | ✗ |
| Potential reduced fares on public transport | ✓ | ✗ |
| Potential reductions on motor vehicle registration fees | ✓ | ✗ |
| Potential free rail journeys | ✓ | ✗ |

Please see Attachment for footnotes and note that all information is current as at September, 2018

Footnotes

1 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. Under the PBS, the maximum cost for a pharmaceutical benefit item at a pharmacy is \$39.50 for general patients and \$6.40 for concessional patients (July 2018), plus any applicable special patient contribution, brand premium or therapeutic group premium.

2 If you are concessional patients, you are entitled to your PBS medicines for free once you have reached the concessional Safety Net threshold (currently \$384.00, July 2018). Your pharmacist can then issue you or your family with a Safety Net entitlement card (SN Card) which is valid for the remainder of the calendar year.

3 Australian Hearing (www.hearing.com.au) provides hearing services to clients eligible under the Australian Government Hearing Services Program.

4 State and Territory Governments around Australia offer a range of different concessions for card holders - sometimes contingent on qualifying for a Seniors Card. Refer to the following links for more information:

- ACT - <http://www.actseniorscard.org.au/>
- New South Wales - <https://www.seniorscard.nsw.gov.au/membership>
- Northern Territory - <https://ntseniorscard.org.au/>
- Queensland - <https://www.qld.gov.au/seniors>
- South Australia - <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-community/seniors/seniors-card>
- Tasmania - http://www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/programs-and-services/seniors_card
- Victoria - <https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/seniors-card>
- Western Australia - <https://www.seniorscard.wa.gov.au/>