



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 (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 March, 2019©

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 \$40.30 for general patients and \$6.50 for concessional patients (January 2019), 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 \$390.00, January 2019). 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 - www.actseniorscard.org.au
- New South Wales - www.seniorscard.nsw.gov.au/membership
- Northern Territory - ntseniorscard.org.au
- Queensland - www.qld.gov.au/seniors
- South Australia - www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-community/seniors/seniors-card
- Tasmania - www.dpac.tas.gov.au/divisions/csr/programs_and_services/seniors_card
- Victoria - www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/seniors-card
- Western Australia - www.seniorscard.wa.gov.au

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