

# NT Concession Scheme

The NT Concession Scheme is a means tested scheme supporting eligible Territorians with cost of living expenses.

## ***Who is eligible?***

To be eligible for the NT Concession Scheme, you must be an NT resident, and Australian citizen or permanent resident and a current recipient of one of the following Commonwealth benefits:

### Centrelink:

- Age Pension
- Disability Support Pension
- Carer payment
- Parenting payment (single)

### Department of Veterans' Affairs:

- Repatriation Health Card TPI/War/Widower (Gold Card)
- Repatriation Pharmaceuticals Benefits Card (Orange Card)
- Pensioner Card (Blue Card)
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

When you apply for scheme membership, you must show proof of your Australian Citizenship, permanent residency and NT residency and make an annual declaration that you live in the NT for at least 183 days of the financial year.

## ***What concessions are offered under the NT Concession Scheme?***

The NT Concession Scheme provides concessions on electricity, water, sewerage, property rates, garbage, motor vehicle registration, NT driver's licences and spectacles.

Members can claim concessions where they are responsible for paying the cost. For example a member who resides in a rental property is not responsible for paying the rates, water and sewerage account and therefore is not eligible for concessions on these expenses.

Concessions on electricity and water are capped, based on average Darwin annual household usage rates up to \$1,200 for electricity and up to \$800 for water. Caps will reset each financial year.

***Can I apply for membership with the NT Concession Scheme and the NT Seniors Recognition Scheme?***

Yes, you can become a member of both schemes if you meet the eligibility criteria. Existing NT Concession Scheme members who are 65 years or older will also be invited to join the NT Seniors Recognition Scheme.

***If I am a member of the previous NT Pensioner and Carer Concession Scheme will I automatically become a member of the NT Concession Scheme?***

If you are an existing member, you will be transitioned across to the new scheme if you remain eligible. You are required to confirm your details by 31 December 2018 to continue to receive your concessions. Members will continue to receive concessions up until 31 December but must confirm by then to continue in the scheme.

***How will I receive my concessions?***

Most concessions including property rates, garbage charges, electricity, water and sewerage are automatically applied to your bill.

Some concessions are applied when you pay your bill and present your membership card, for example vehicle registration, NT driver's licence and spectacles.

Once you've joined the scheme you will receive a membership card. Existing members can continue to use their current membership cards until they are issued with a new card.

Members must advise Power and Water, Jacana Energy and Motor Vehicle Registry of their membership details to receive concessions.