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Helping Queenslanders with a Disability or Medical Condition make every dollar count

The Queensland Government helps Queenslanders with a medical condition or a disability every day with a wide range of concessions, discounts, services and rebates. These include:

Electricity Life Support Concession Scheme

This scheme is a monthly concession to assist eligible users of an oxygen concentrator (\$469 per year) or kidney dialysis machine (\$314 per year) with meeting their electricity costs.

Medical Cooling and Heating Electricity Concession Scheme assists with electricity costs (\$230 per year) for eligible customers who have an inability to self-regulate body temperature when exposed to extreme (hot or cold) environmental temperatures. It is associated with certain medical conditions such as multiple sclerosis, autonomic system dysfunction, significant burns and severe inflammatory skin conditions.

Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme provides funding for scheme endorsed aids and equipment to eligible Queensland residents with permanent and stabilised conditions or disabilities. The range of aids and equipment is selected to assist people to live at home and avoid premature or inappropriate residential care or hospitalisation.

Home Assist Secure aims to remove some of the practical housing-related difficulties experienced by older people and people with a disability who wish to remain living in their home. It includes free information and referrals about home maintenance,

falls prevention, repairs and modifications, and home security. Subsidised assistance for minor home maintenance, repairs and modifications which relate to health, safety and security is also available for eligible clients.

Queensland Building Boost Grant.

A grant of \$10,000 is available from 1 August 2011 to 31 January 2012 for a person or corporation buying or building a new home in Queensland for less than \$600,000. This is in addition to the existing \$7,000 First Home Buyers Grant.



Vision Impairment Travel Pass

This pass provides free travel on all participating urban public transport services, including bus, rail and ferry, within Australia, to people certified as legally blind. To apply or for further information contact Vision Impairment Travel on 1300 417 481.

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Compulsory Third Party (CTP) Insurance Cut for Motorists

Queensland motorists had \$24 cut from their annual CTP premium from 1 October 2010.

Solar Hot Water Rebate

Solar hot water is now more affordable with a rebate of \$600, increasing to \$1000 for low income earners or people on a pension.

School Transport Assistance Scheme helps eligible primary and secondary students who have a disability, may be isolated or speak English as a second language to attend education facilities.

Smoke Alarm Subsidy for Deaf and Hearing Impaired People

Specialised smoke alarms for Queensland residents who are deaf or have a hearing impairment are available. The entitlement is for one subsidy voucher per household, with a limit of \$400 for a single storey dwelling and up to \$800 for dwellings with more than one storey, where that extra storey contains living and sleeping areas.

Spectacles Supply Scheme provides a comprehensive range of free basic prescription spectacles to eligible Queensland residents. The type of spectacles provided is based on your needs as determined by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme

Financial assistance is available to patients who need to access specialist medical services not available within 50 kilometres of the patient's nearest public hospital.

The scheme can help eligible patients by providing a contribution towards the cost of transport and accommodation, and in some cases, their escorts who are required to accompany them.

ClimateSmart Home Service

Save up to \$325 a year on power bills by installing an energy monitor, energy saving light bulbs and showerheads. More than 200,000 Queenslanders have already taken advantage of this scheme.

Rail Travel

A 50% concession is available to eligible card holders on the normal adult fare on suburban, interstate and Traveltrain long distance rail services.

Bus Travel

A 50% concession is available in many urban and regional towns and cities to students and concession card holders.

EzyGreen

Gives you vouchers worth over \$275 for energy efficient appliances as well as an energy-saving powerboard delivered free, saving the retail cost of \$180. It's easy to install and comes with step-by-step instructions.

Queensland Housing Finance Loan

Access to home loans is available to Queenslanders having difficulty obtaining housing finance from a bank or building society. The Queensland Government helps people on low to moderate incomes to buy an established house, unit, townhouse or duplex, or to build a house if they can demonstrate their capacity to meet repayments.

Mortgage Relief Loan

An interest free short term loan of up to \$20,000 is available to people experiencing difficulties with their home loan repayments. There are no charges or ongoing fees payable. Applicants need to meet a number of criteria to be eligible.



For detailed information and criteria on these and the full range of concessions provided by the Queensland Government, visit www.qld.gov.au/everydollarcunts