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From: Ms Alison Anderson to Hon Robyn Lambley
Department of Health

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Answer:

All new members of the Northern Territory Pensioner Concession Scheme are provided with a Member's Card as well as an Information Sheet which outlines the concessions available under the scheme.

The Concession Information Sheet is available from all NTPCCS Agents and is accessible on the Department of Health website
[http://health.nt.gov.au/Aged and Disability/Subsidies/NT Pensioner and Carer Concession Scheme NTPCCS/index.aspx](http://health.nt.gov.au/Aged%20and%20Disability/Subsidies/NT%20Pensioner%20and%20Carer%20Concession%20Scheme%20NTPCCS/index.aspx)

Attachment:

Please find attached, a copy of the Concession Information Sheet.

Concession Information

The following information is a summary of concessions available under the Northern Territory Pensioner and Carer Concession Scheme (NTPCCS). For more information on eligibility or concession values please call **1800 777 704** or email **PensionConcessionUnit@nt.gov.au**.

Concessions for all members

ELECTRICITY	There is a daily rate concession and a reduced consumption charge. Please contact the NTPCCS for annual rates.
<p>These concessions are applied to amounts owing on Power Water Corporation accounts in a member's name.</p> <p>Concessions are only provided to the member's primary residence.</p> <p>Members living in caravan parks can claim a reimbursement at the metered rate by producing dated receipts to the NTPCCS.</p> <p>Members who generate their own power through alternate energy can claim reimbursement for the daily rate by producing dated receipts to the NTPCCS.</p> <p>Tokens will be issued to members.</p> <p>Only one electricity concession will be provided per household per billing period.</p> <p>When members first receive an NTPCCS membership card, they will need to provide their membership number to the Power Water Corporation to make sure concessions are applied to their account.</p>	
SPECTACLES (GLASSES)	<p>One pair of prescription reading glasses AND one pair of prescription distance glasses; OR</p> <p>One pair of prescription bifocal/multifocal/progressive glasses.</p>
<p>Members and their dependants (under 16 and who live with the member) are eligible.</p> <p>Concessions are available every two years.</p>	
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION	<p>\$154 concession on the cost of 12 months vehicle registration; OR</p> <p>\$77 concession on the cost of six months vehicle registration.</p>

DRIVERS LICENCES	Free drivers licence renewals.
When members are applying for a motor vehicle registration or drivers licence concession, they will need to provide their NTPCCS membership number to the Motor Vehicle Registry to make sure concessions are provided.	

PUBLIC TRANSPORT	Card holders are entitled to a concession fare of \$1 which entitles them to unlimited travel for three hours.
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Concessions for members who are Home Owners

COUNCIL RATES	Maximum \$200 concession per ratings year per household.
GARBAGE	Fixed concession amounts applied to garbage rates vary between local councils. Contact the NTPCCS for further information.
WATER	There is a daily rate concession and a reduced consumption charge. Please contact the NTPCCS for annual rates.
SEWERAGE	Daily rate concession.

These concessions are available to members who own and live in their own home.

Members who pay water and sewerage rates as part of body corporate fees, or members who own and reside in a duplex, can claim reimbursement by producing a receipt and a copy of their fees notice to the NTPCCS.

Only one of each concession will be provided per household per billing period.

Concessions for members who are Seniors or Veterans

INTERSTATE OR OVERSEAS TRAVEL	Concession of \$500 every two years, or the actual cost of the travel, whichever is the lesser amount.
Conditions apply. Please see the Travel Concession Information sheet for more information and contact the NTPCCS for full details and advice on whether you are eligible for a travel concession.	

Other Concessions

Northern Territory Treasury provide a Stamp Duty Concession to assist eligible pensioners, carers and seniors who are not first home buyers to purchase a property or land.

For more information on this concession call the Territory Revenue Office on **1300 305 353** or visit www.nt.gov.au/ntt/revenue.