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Portfolio: Veterans' Affairs

Agency: Industry, Tourism and Trade

Subject: Essential goods and services offered through the NT Concession Scheme

QUESTION:

What essential goods and services are offered through the NT Concession Scheme to eligible veterans? As an example, a gold card holder is entitled to X, Y, Z, and gold card TPI holder is entitled to X, Y, Z.

ANSWER:

The Northern Territory Concession Scheme (NTCS) offers concessions on the following essential goods and services:

NT Concession Scheme	
Concession	Amount
Electricity	Up to \$1,200 per financial year for household electricity costs. Limited to one per household.
Water	Up to \$800 per financial year for household water costs. Limited to one per household.
Sewerage	Up to \$486.12 per financial year for household sewerage costs. Limited to one per household.
Council Rates	Up to \$200 per financial year for household council rates costs. Limited to one per household.
Garbage Services (council charges)	Up to \$150 per financial year for household garbage services, charged by the council. Limited to one per household.
Drivers licence	Free drivers licence renewal for the member.
Vehicle registration	Up to \$154 per annum for vehicle registration. Limited to one vehicle per member.
Spectacles	Up to \$502.20 every two years for members and their registered dependents for spectacles.

The NTCS is available to Veterans in the Territory who hold one of the following Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) cards:

- Veteran Gold Card (TPI/War Widow/Widower);
- Veteran Orange Card;
- Pensioner Concession Card; and
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

The concessions are applied consistently to all members of the NTCS. The amount or type of concessions available to members of the NTCS are not impacted by the type of DVA card the member holds.