



Seniors Recognition Scheme

Territorians' quality of life is important. That's why the Northern Territory Government has reviewed and is reforming the NT Pensioner and Carer Concession Scheme, to ensure it is more fair, efficient and easily accessible.

The NT Government has listened to more than 10,000 Territorians, and this has resulted in the creation of two new schemes: the **Northern Territory Concession Scheme** and the **Seniors Recognition Scheme**.

It will also see the Northern Territory Government invest an additional \$4.9M into the schemes in 2017/2018, and a further \$7M in 2018/2019, which will benefit all Territorians from now, and into the future.

The two schemes will come into effect on **1 July 2018**. Until that date, the current scheme will remain active, and there will be no changes.

The **Seniors Recognition Scheme** is about recognising the valuable contribution senior Territorians 65 and over continue to make to the NT. Please see below for more information, including your key points of contact.

Who is eligible for the Seniors Recognition Scheme?

- All senior Territorians 65 years and over who live in the Northern Territory are entitled to be members of the scheme.
- The new scheme ensures the 3,000 senior Territorians excluded from the current scheme when means-testing was introduced in 2014 will now be eligible.

What concessions are available?

- Every member of the **Seniors Recognition Scheme** will receive a \$500 concession per year for utilities and/or travel. This will now include travel within the NT.
- This \$500 concession goes above the NT Government's election commitment of \$350.
- The Northern Territory is the only jurisdiction in Australia which will offer annual travel concessions to all seniors aged 65 years and over.

Can I be eligible for both schemes?

- Yes, Territorians 65 and over may be eligible for both the **Seniors Recognition Scheme** and the **Northern Territory Concession Scheme**.

When will I be issued a new membership card?

- Enrolment information will be issued in early 2018.

Will this new scheme replace the current Seniors Card?

- No, all Territorians 60 years and over are also entitled to a free seniors card.
- From February 2018, COTA NT will be managing the Northern Territory Seniors Card Program.
- This program is also being reformed to provide more business discounts and other exciting initiatives for senior Territorians.
- Visit the COTA NT website for more information at cotant.org.au.

Where can I get more information on the Seniors Recognition Scheme?

- You can visit the ntconcessions.nt.gov.au website.
- Contact the Territory Families Concessions Unit on **1800 777 704** or at pensionconcessionunit@nt.gov.au.
- Visit a Territory Families shopfront and speak with one of the staff members direct.

Locations of Territory Families shopfronts:

Region	Address
Casuarina	Territory Families, Cascom Plaza Building 2B1, Scaturchio Street, Casuarina
Palmerston	Palmerston Community Care Centre, Corner Temple Terrace and Roystonea Avenue, Palmerston
Katherine	Territory Families, 5 First Street, Katherine
Alice Springs	Territory Families, 60 Hartley St, Mwerre, Alice Springs
Nhulunbuy	Territory Families, 1st Floor, Arnhem House, Endeavour Square, Nhulunbuy
Tennant Creek	Territory Families, 172 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek

