



VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES IN TIMES OF NEED

The Victorian Government is delivering over 90 benefits, such as free public transport for all under 18, to ease the cost of living.

Listed below are some that KCV thought kinship carers must know about.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



Early Parenting Centres

Providing specialised support for families with babies until they are 4 years old for all Victorian parents.

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/parenting-centres-support-families>



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Discounted Kindergarten Programs

Children may be able to attend kindergarten for free or lower cost if you hold an eligible concession card. <https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/kindergarten>



Victorian Carer "We Care" Card

The Victorian Carer Card allows carers to access discounts for public transport.

<https://www.carercard.vic.gov.au>

<https://www.carercard.vic.gov.au/how-to-apply>



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Affordable Eyecare and Visual Aids

Get lower-cost eye care and visual aids if you hold an eligible concession card.

<https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/eye-care-and-glasses>



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Community Pharmacy Program

Victorians can now be treated for a range of health conditions by a pharmacist for free, saving a trip to a doctor.

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/primary-care/community-pharmacist-program>

HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS PROGRAMS



Power Savings Bonus

Apply for a \$100 Power Saving Bonus. You just need an eligible concession card.

<https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au>



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Energy Assistance Program

Get one-on-one help accessing savings schemes, finding better deals, accessing hardship programs and more if you're having trouble paying your energy bills.

<https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/households/help-paying-your-energy-bills/energy-assistance-program>



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Extra Savings on Energy

You could receive a 17.5% discount on electricity bills with an eligible concession card.
<https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/excess-electricity-concession>



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Extra Savings on Gas

You could receive a 17.5% discount on electricity bills with an eligible concession card.
<https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/excess-gas-concession>



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Save 50% on Water and Sewerage Charges

Save 50% on water and sewerage charges a year if you hold an eligible concession card.
<https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/water-and-sewerage-concession>



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Utility Relief

Eligible concession card holders can get a grant to help pay overdue electricity, gas or water bills due to a financial crisis.
<https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/utility-relief-grant-scheme>



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Deduction in Council Rates

Victorian home owners with eligible concession cards can claim a deduction on council rates.
<https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/municipal-rates-concession>

SAVINGS ON TRANSPORT



The Safe Driver Licence Discount

Drivers with a safe history can be eligible for discounts on their licence renewals.
<https://transport.vic.gov.au/road-and-active-transport/registration-and-licensing/licences/conditions-exemptions-other-licence-types-and-card-numbers/motorist-package-and-safe-driver-discount>



Department
of Education

The Rural School Transport Financial Assistance

Financial assistance if you take a rural student to and from school.
<https://www.vic.gov.au/travelling-school>



Department
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The Student with Disabilities Transport Program

Financial assistance if you transport a student who goes to a specialist school.
<https://www.vic.gov.au/travelling-school>



Carers MYKI

Victorian carers may be eligible for discounted and free public transport
<https://transport.vic.gov.au/tickets-and-myki/myki/myki-types/concession-myki>



FREE Public Transport for Kids

From 1 January 2026, kids under 18 will be able to travel on public transport for free with the new youth myki card.



FREE Weekend Travel for Victorian Pensioners

Seniors will now be able to use public transport free of charge on weekends. They will just need a standard seniors myki card

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FREE Travel Vouchers for Concession Card Holders

Pensioners, Seniors, Veterans and Carers can sign up to receive free travel vouchers.
<https://transport.vic.gov.au/tickets-and-myki/other-ticket-types/free-travel-vouchers>

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Travel Passes for Vulnerable Victorians

Vulnerable Victorians can apply for free travel passes through community organisations and education providers.

<https://transport.vic.gov.au/tickets-and-myki/myki/myki-types/free-travel-myki>



FREE Vehicle Registration for Those Transporting Wheelchair Users

Get free registration for vehicles driven by or used to transport people with injuries or disabilities.

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/registration/registration-fees/concessions-and-discounts/vehicles-modified-for-wheelchair-use%C2%A0>



Vehicle Registration Discount for Eligible Health Care Card/Pensioner and Concession Cards

Get discounts on vehicle registration for eligible Victorians.

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/registration/registration-fees/concessions-and-discounts/registration-concessions-rates>

GOVERNMENT SCHOOL EDUCATION/TRAINING PROGRAMS



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Glasses for Kids Programs

Glasses for Kids is delivered to targeted schools in disadvantaged areas across Victoria.
<https://www.vic.gov.au/glasses-for-kids>



Department
of Education

FREE Breakfast Program

Students can get a free and nutritious breakfast in participating schools.
<https://www.vic.gov.au/school-breakfast-clubs-program>



Department
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FREE Feminine Hygiene Products in Government Schools

Every government school student can access free period products at school, given from a vending machine.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/free-period-products-all-government-schools>



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FREE Swimming Lessons

Free curriculum-based swimming lessons delivered by government schools.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/swimming-in-schools>



FREE Dental for ALL Victorian Public-School Students

All Victorian government school students can access free dental care.

<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/smile-squad/information-for-parents-and-carers>



Affordable School Uniforms

Apply through your school for free uniforms and other supplies. For students facing short-term or financial difficulties.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/help-school-costs-and-fees#help-from-state-schools-relief>



Camps, Sports and Excursion Funds (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides payments for eligible families.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



**Victorian
Skills Authority**

Pre-Accredited Training Koorie Access Fee Waiver

First Nations students can apply to waive all their tuition fees. Applies to ACFE funded courses only.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/adult-community-and-further-education-board-2025-training-delivery-guidelines/reporting-and-payment-dates#koorie-access-fee-waiver>

Pre-Accredited Training Fee Concession

Skills First provides discounted funding for students with eligible concession cards.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/check-your-eligibility-for-skills-first-funding#skills-first-fee-concessions>

FAMILY RECREATION



FREE Zoos Victoria Visits

Children under 16 years old can visit the Healesville Sanctuary, Melbourne Zoo and Werribee Open Range Zoo for free.

<https://www.zoo.org.au/kids-visit-free/>



Get Active Victoria Sports Vouchers

Apply for up to \$200 to help cover the cost of getting your kids involved in sport.

<https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>



Recreational Fishing Licence

Eligible concession card holders can get their recreational fishing licence for free.

https://service.vic.gov.au/find-services/outdoor-and-recreation/buy-a-victorian-recreational-fishing-licence?utm_source=vfa&utm_medium=cta&utm_campaign=bob&ga=2.98674071.826809677.1544151098-2011341178.1498704758



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Discounted Recreation Facilities

Eligible cardholders can get discounted entry at the Zoo, NGV, State Gallery, Museum Victoria and more.

<https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/recreation-facilities>

VICTORIAN SAVINGS FINDER

For more, click here:

<https://service.vic.gov.au/find-services/personal/savings-finder/results?noAnswers=true#home>