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Australian Discount Shopping Service

The Australian Discount Shopping Service (ADSS) is a service available to Foster Carer Card holders for the purchase of electrical (white or brown) goods, travel, motor vehicles, computers, mowers, power tools, furniture, pools and equipment, cameras and other goods, as well as theme park vouchers, at discounted prices. ADSS offers no-obligation, hassle-free shopping service by negotiating the best possible price for goods to be purchased and arranges home delivery. For more information about ADSS, call 1300 658 787.

Accommodation

Are you planning a Christmas holiday for your family? The Foster Carer Card Scheme offers a wide range of accommodation deals for foster carers and their families at discounted prices. Below are some great accommodation offers to choose from:

- O'Reilly's Rainforest Guesthouse in the Gold Coast hinterland is offering 10 per cent discount on accommodation.
- Tranquillity Park (home of the Big Strawberry) in Capalaba is offering special family rates on accommodation. They also arrange and cater for children's birthday parties.
- Windmill Motel and Reception Centre in Mackay is offering 10 per cent discount on accommodation.
- Tropical Palms Inn on Magnetic Island is offering 10 per cent discount on accommodation.
- Lychee Tree Holiday Units in Port Douglas is offering 10 per cent discount on accommodation.

Take advantage of these great deals with your Foster Carer Card and enjoy your Christmas holiday away with the whole family.

Business Recruitment

The department will be recruiting new businesses to support the Foster Carer Card Scheme during November and December 2005.

Foster carers are welcome to recruit businesses to support the Foster Carer Card Scheme in their community. If you require a business proposal application form, please contact your local child safety service centre or Foster Carer Card officer.

Blue Card



Are some people exempt from the Working with Children Check screening process?

Yes. Exemptions apply for the following people:

- Parents who volunteer their services or conduct activities at the school their child is attending, as long as the child is under 18 years of age.
- Parents who volunteer their services or conduct activities through a church, club or association or are involved in sport and active recreation, where their child is involved in the same or similar activity.

A “parent” is the child’s mother, father or another adult for example “Foster parent” who has parental responsibility for the child. If you do not fit the criteria, you will need to apply for a Blue Card. For more information contact the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian on 3247 5525 or 1800 688 275.

How do I apply for a Foster Carer Card?

If you are a general or relative foster carer and have not received your Foster Carer Card, please contact your child safety service centre or Foster Carer Card officer.

You can obtain an up-to-date Business Directory through the department website on www.childsafety.qld.gov.au or contact your Foster Carer Card officer.

Further Information

For further information about the Foster Carer Card, contact your Foster Carer Card officer on 3224 7565 or freecall 1800 811 732 or by email at fostercarercard@childsafety.qld.gov.au