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Who is eligible for a Foster Carer Card?

The recent changes in foster and kinship care legislation as meant the current eligibility criteria for *Foster Carer Card* have also changed, according to the legislation.

Approved foster and kinship carers throughout Queensland are eligible for the *Foster Carer Card*. For families with two carers, each carer will be issued with a card. The *Foster Carer Card* is to be used by carers and not by the children and young people in their care.

How do I get a Foster Carer Card?

You will automatically receive a *Foster Carer Card* when you are approved as a foster or kinship carer. If you think you are eligible for a *Foster Carer Card* and have not received one, contact your Child Safety Officer.

Conditions of use

- The *Foster Carer Card* is non-transferable and cannot be used by any other person.
- The confidentiality of the identity of children and young people in care must be maintained. If a child or young person is present when the card is used, you must be careful not to disclose the identity of the child or young person.
- You must sign the signature block on the *Foster Carer Card* before use.
- You are required to return the *Foster Carer Card* to your Child Safety Officer if you cease to be a carer.
- The *Foster Carer Card* remains the property of the Department of Child Safety.
- If your card is lost or stolen, or you change your address or name, please advise your Child Safety Officer as soon as possible.

For more information visit www.childsafety.qld.gov.au

Or contact the Department of Child Safety on 1800 810 or 3224 8045.

Which businesses accept the Foster Carer Card?

Business that accept the *Foster Carer Card* and information about the range of discounts that are available are listed on the Department of Child Safety website www.childsafety.qld.gov.au/fostercarercard/business. You can also obtain this information from your Child Safety Officer.



Business recruitment

In the previous month the *Foster Carer Card* scheme had been campaigning with Seniors Card Unit business partners. The outcomes of interest from businesses have been remarkable.

Below are some of these businesses that have joined the scheme.

- Tyrepower Marketing - five per cent off products and services excluding advertised specials throughout their 50 business outlets Queensland statewide.
- Western Suburbs Cleaning Services - Mt Ommaney – 10 per cent off full range of cleaning services.
- Redback Services Pty Ltd - Mt Louisa – five per cent off on three or more rooms of carpet cleaning.
- The College of Health and Fitness - North Lakes – 10 per cent off the cost of courses.
- Pat Murphy Electrical - Caloundra – 10 per cent off to all Foster Carer Cardholders.

The Department of Child Safety and *Foster Carer Card* scheme have put in place a service agreement with the **Department of Emergency Services** to provide First Aid Training to all *Foster Carer Card* holders. To enrol and register for the first aid training, call **1300 369 003** and receive 10 per cent off, conditions apply.

Please take advantage of the *Foster Carer Card* scheme and receive special discounts from participating businesses that support the scheme.

You can obtain an up-to-date business directory through the Child Safety Service Centres and the *Foster Carer Card* website www.childsafety.qld.gov.au/fostercarercard/business or contact the *Foster Carer Card* Officer.

The Australian Discount Shopping Service

The Australian Discount Shopping Service (ADSS) is a service available to Queensland *Foster Carer Card* holders when purchasing any electrical goods or major items at discount prices. ADSS also supplies theme park discount vouchers. ADSS offers a no-obligation shopping service that is available to all *Foster Carer Card* holders. ADSS will act on your behalf to negotiate the best possible price for a wide range of goods and services. ADSS will also usually have the goods delivered to your door. For more information about ADSS call them now on 1300 658 787.

Contact details

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