Community Services Card Application

Who can get a Community Services Card?

Holders of the Community Services Card pay less on prescriptions and some health services.

To be eligible for the Community Services Card, you must have low to middle income.

If you are a New Zealand citizen living overseas, you may be entitled to a card if you get Portable New Zealand Superannuation.

If you are living overseas but do not get Portable New Zealand Superannuation, you do not qualify for a card.

SuperGold Card

A SuperGold Card is sent to you automatically when you get New Zealand Superannuation.

If you have a Community Services Card that hasn't expired yet, or want to apply now, you need to complete this form.

If you qualify for a Community Services Card these details will be printed on the back of your SuperGold Card.

Please tell us ...

Tick (✓) the boxes that apply to you:

☐ I have a spouse/partner (you both need to fill in this application form)

☐ I/we have dependent children

☐ I live with other adults (for example, if you are flatting, boarding, in a hostel or living at home with other family members).

If you are applying for New Zealand Superannuation and have an appointment, please complete this form and take it with you or send this form to: Seniors Support Centre

Ministry of Social Development

PO Box 5054

Wellington 6145
Privacy Statement

The legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development allows us to check the information that you give us in this form. This may happen when you apply for a benefit and at any time after that.

The Privacy Act 1993 requires us to tell you that:

- The information you give us is collected under the authority of the legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development.
- The information will be held by the Ministry of Social Development.
- The information is collected for the purposes of the legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development (including Work and Income, Child, Youth and Family and other service lines of the Ministry), and in particular for:
  - granting benefits and other assistance under the Social Security Act 1964
  - providing employment related services
  - statistical and research purposes
  - providing advice to Government
  - care and protection needs of children
  - providing support and services for you and your family
  - providing education related services.

- Work and Income may contact health providers to verify any health related information you give us.

- Other information that you give us on your skills, aspirations, family circumstances etc., and that is not required to assess your entitlement to a benefit may be used to provide a better service to you by the Ministry of Social Development.

- The information you give us may be compared with information held by Inland Revenue, the Ministry of Justice, the Department of Corrections, the New Zealand Customs Service, the Department of Internal Affairs, the Accident Compensation Corporation, Housing New Zealand Corporation, Ministry of Health and Immigration New Zealand. It may also be compared with social security information (for example, pension or benefit information) held by other governments (including Australia and the Netherlands).

- Under the Tax Administration Act 1994, if you have dependent children, the information you give us may be shared with Inland Revenue for the purpose of administering Working for Families Tax Credits. Inland Revenue may also:
  - use the information for the purposes of child support, student loans and taxation
  - disclose it to the Department of Labour, Statistics New Zealand, the Ministry of Justice, the Accident Compensation Corporation, and the Ministry of Education
  - disclose your personal information to your partner.

- Under the Privacy Act 1993 you have the right to ask to see all information we hold about you, and to ask us to correct that information.

- You are not required to give us information, but if you do not give us all the information we ask for, your application for benefits may be declined.
Please read this before you start

Please complete all questions in pen – if not applicable write N/A. Please initial any changes that you make.

**Personal details**

1. **What is your name?**
   
   First name(s) | Surname or family name
   
   **2. What is your date of birth?**
   
   Day | Month | Year

**Address**

*Q3 note:* If you live in a rural area, a house number could include:
- RAPID number
- fire number
- emergency services number.

*Q5 note:* Mailing address includes:
- postal box (PO Box)
- rural delivery details
- C/O address.

3. **Where do you live?**

   Flat/house no. | Street name
   
   Suburb | City | Country

4. **Are you in a resthome or hospital?**

   [ ] No  [ ] Yes

5. **What is your mailing address (if different from above)?**

   If you live at a rural address please include your rural delivery details here:

6. **How can we contact you?**

   Mobile phone | Home phone | Work phone
   
   Email | Fax

**Dependent children currently in your care**

*Q7 note:* Please give the names of any children that you financially support and are living with you as a member of your family, including:
- stepchildren
- children at boarding school
- adopted children
- grandchildren
- mokopuna.

If you are caring for a child who is not your own you may be able to get other forms of assistance. Please call Work and Income on **0800 559 009** to talk about this.

7. **Do you have dependent children in your care?**

   [ ] No  [ ] Yes  Please provide details below:

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Please attach a separate sheet if necessary.
Partner

Q8 note: A partner is your spouse (husband or wife), your civil union partner, or a person of the same or opposite sex with whom you have a de facto relationship.

8. Do you have a partner?
   - No ▶ Are you: □ Single □ Living apart/ separated □ Divorced
     □ Widowed □ Civil union dissolved
   ▶ Go to Question 12
   - Yes ▶ Are you: □ Married □ In a civil union □ In a relationship
     ▶ Go to Question 9

9. What is your partner's name?

10. What is your partner's date of birth? Day Month Year

11. Do you and your partner live at the same address?
   - Yes ▶ Where does your partner live?
     □ Resthome □ Public Hospital
     □ Private Hospital □ Other ▶ Please provide details below:

Self employment

Q12 note: You must use NZD$ and before tax (gross) amounts.

We may ask you to provide your business accounts.

12. Are you or your partner self employed?
   - No □ Yes ▶ Please provide details below for your latest financial year:
     You Your partner
     Net Profit Before Tax $ $ $ $ Shareholder Salaries $ $ $ $

Employment

13. Are you working?
   - No ▶ Go to Question 16 □ Yes

14. How much is your regular gross wage (before tax)? $ 

15. How often are you paid?
   □ Weekly □ Fortnightly □ Monthly
   □ Casual ▶ Please advise how many weeks per year:
   □ Other ▶ Please advise how often you are paid:

16. Is your partner working?
   - No ▶ Go to Question 19 □ Yes □ Not Applicable ▶ Go to Question 19

17. How much is your partner's regular gross wage (before tax)? $ 

18. How often is your partner paid?
   □ Weekly □ Fortnightly □ Monthly
   □ Casual ▶ Please advise how many weeks per year:
   □ Other ▶ Please advise how often you are paid:
Income details

Q19 note: Examples of income from other sources:
- interest from savings or investments
- dividends from shares
- income from rents (less expenses)
- wages or salary
- accident compensation
- redundancy or termination type payments
- Child Support
- maintenance payments
- boarders (if you have 3 or more)
- any other income, eg from family, overseas payments, trusts
- income from private pensions
- Government Superannuation Fund.

Give gross (before tax) amount.

We may ask you to provide proof of your income.

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Do you or your partner expect to get other income (apart from jobs you have already told us about in this application) in the next 52 weeks?

(Don't include New Zealand Superannuation or Family Tax Credit)

Q22 note: We can only deduct Child Support if you have dependent children living with you.

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Do you or your partner pay a professional to prepare your tax return?

Q21 note: Please provide proof of these payments, eg your payment advice letter from Inland Revenue.

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Are you or your partner receiving paid parental leave payments?

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What is the date of the last payment?

Day   Month   Year
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Declaration

The information that I have given, or that has been given about me in this application is true and complete.

I/we are also aware of and understand the Privacy Act statement contained in this application form.

Client's name (print)  

Client's signature  

Partner's name (print)  

Partner's signature  

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