

Get in the Game Get Started Vouchers

Funding to help kids participate



Fact Sheet for Parents/Carers/Guardians

What is Get Started Vouchers?

Get Started Vouchers is one of the funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government's *Get in the Game* initiative to support sport and active recreation at the grassroots level.

Get Started Vouchers assists children and young people who can least afford, to join a sport or active recreation club. Eligible children and young people can apply for a voucher¹ valued up to \$150, which can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club that is registered for *Get Started Vouchers*.

Who is eligible?

Eligible applicants are Queensland children and young people aged from 5 to 17 (inclusive) who either:

- hold or whose parent, carer or guardian hold a valid Centrelink [Health Care Card](#)² or [Pensioner Concession Card](#) with the child's name on it; or
- are identified by a registered referral agent³.

What funding is available?

A maximum of \$150 per voucher is available to help pay the cost of sport or recreation membership and/or participation fees⁴.

There is a limit of one voucher per child/young person per calendar year.

When will vouchers be available?

The following table provides round dates for the next two years.

	Applications Open	Vouchers expire (must be presented to a registered club by)
Round 12	25-Jul-18	16-Nov-18
Round 13	Jan-19	May-19
Round 14	Jul-19	Nov-19

¹ Vouchers will be distributed in two rounds each year. Once the allocation for each round is exhausted, the program will close and no further vouchers will be offered for that round.

² Medicare card numbers and Customer Reference Numbers for Centrelink payments (including Family Benefit Part A or B) are not valid. For more information about Centrelink Health Care and Pensioner Concession Cards visit <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/subjects/concession-and-health-care-cards>. Audits of cardholders will be undertaken by the department to verify validity.

³ Refer to the *Get Started Vouchers* Referral Agents Fact Sheet for information

How do I apply for a voucher?

To obtain a voucher:

- visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/apply
- confirm your child's eligibility
- use the online club locator to view the list of registered clubs to find a new club or confirm that the club your child is interested in joining is registered
- contact the club to ask about any specific equipment required for the activity and any additional fees that may not be covered by the voucher
- ensure that you have created an activated your QGrants account visit
- click on the 'apply for a voucher' link on the department's website and enter your details and the eligible child/young person's details, including a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card number **OR** apply using the voucher link supplied by your referral agent.

If you are eligible, a voucher with a unique reference number will be generated. Print the voucher and take it to the registered sport or recreation club the child/young person intends to join (prior to the expiry date) to receive up to \$150 off the club's membership/participation fees⁵.

Where can I redeem the voucher?

A list of registered sport and recreation clubs is available at <https://recreation.npsr.qld.gov.au/club-locator/>.

Need further information?

For further information about *Get Started Vouchers*, telephone 13QGOV, email getstarted@npsr.qld.gov.au or visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/

on referral agents.

⁴ If the membership/participation fees are more than \$150, the parent/carer/guardian is required to pay the difference. If the membership/participation fees are less than \$150, the department will pay the club for the membership/participation fees only. The balance is not redeemable in cash or as payment for individual items to participate in the activity (such as jerseys, boots, etc.)

⁵ You will still be required to complete and comply with the sport or recreation club's membership process.