

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 on a first come, first served basis. 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.