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Country Age Pension Fuel Card Scheme FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Am I eligible?

The Scheme applies to regional residents in receipt of a Centrelink Age Pension, Carer Payment, Disability Support Pension or a Department of Veterans' Affairs Service Pension, Social Security Age Pension or Income Support Supplement.

I don't have a licence/car, can I still apply for a Fuel Card?

Yes. At your discretion, the Fuel Card may be used to purchase fuel for someone else's vehicle to support your transport needs or to pay for taxi fares therefore you do not have to hold a driver's licence or own a vehicle to qualify for the Fuel Card.

How do I apply?

You must apply using the Country Age Pension Fuel Card application form available at participating post offices.

Will the Fuel Card affect my pension?

There is no impact on your Commonwealth payment. The Commonwealth Government has permanently exempted the Scheme from the social security income test.

How long will it take for the Fuel Card to arrive?

The card may take about four weeks to arrive in the mail.

Where can I use my Fuel Card?

The card can be used at any participating Western Australian Fuel Outlet. Call 1300 666 609 to find out about participating fuel outlets. The listing of participating Fuel Outlets is provided at www.drd.wa.gov.au/fuelcard.

How will I know what Taxi's will accept the card?

Taxis displaying the Cabcharge or Live Payment logo are participating in the Scheme. Please ask the taxi company if they accept Cabcharge or Live Payment when you order a taxi.

I had a card last year – do I need to reapply?

Providing records or your personal details are correct (name, address) and your pension and country residence eligibility is unchanged you will automatically be issued a new card in July each year of the Scheme.

What happens if my card is lost or stolen?

Fuel cards must be kept safe and secure at all times. If a Fuel Card is lost or stolen it must be reported and deactivated immediately by calling 1300 666 609.

How do I find out the balance of my Fuel Card?

Call 1300 666 609 or visit <https://wacap.com.au> to check your balance online.

I have updated my address or personal details with Centrelink, do I still need to update my address or personal details with the Fuel Card scheme?

Yes. A card can only be issued once the home/residential address at Centrelink matches the Fuel Card records. The same applies to other personal details.

How do I change my address or update my personal details?

Call 1300 666 609.

Can I trade the Fuel Card to buy something else?

No. A Fuel Card cannot be transferred, reloaded, sold or exchanged for other benefits.

Why is there a surcharge?

The Reserve Bank of Australia introduced rules in relation to the payment surcharges in the early 2000s. Their Standard emphasises the right of merchants to recover card acceptance costs through a surcharge. Some Fuel Outlets and Taxi Companies choose to exercise their right to apply a surcharge to cover their costs to install and operate on-line technology related to any card payments. Any surcharge imposed on a transaction by a Fuel Outlet or Taxi Company will be added to the cost of your purchase and deducted from your Fuel Card. Card holders should check with each Fuel Outlet to determine whether a surcharge will be applied. The list of participating Fuel Outlets and their contact details is provided at www.drd.wa.gov.au/fuelcard.

Will I get a discount with a fuel discount docket or membership card?

Any discounts offered by Fuel Outlets is at the discretion of each individual fuel company through partnerships they establish with individual organisations such as supermarket chains and insurance organisations. Card holders should check with Fuel Outlets to determine if discount dockets will be honoured with Fuel Card purchases prior to purchasing fuel. The list of participating Fuel Outlets and their contact details is provided at www.drd.wa.gov.au/fuelcard .

**For more details on the Country Age Pension Fuel Card Scheme please call the Information Line on
1300 666 609**