

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, or may otherwise benefit from, joining 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.

Where can I redeem the voucher?

A list of registered sport and recreation clubs is available at www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/clubs/.

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. Only valid Centrelink Health Care Cards or Centrelink Pensioner Concession Cards are accepted. 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 on referral agents.

When will vouchers be available?

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

	Applications Open	Applications close (or earlier if fully allocated)	Vouchers expire (must be presented to a registered club by)
Round 10	12-Jul-17	27-Sep-17	13-Nov-17
Round 11	24-Jan-18	28-Mar-18	11-May-18

How do I apply for a voucher?

To obtain a voucher:

- visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/
- 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
- 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** referral agents' details.

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.

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/

⁴ If the membership/participation fees are more than \$150, the parent/guardian/carer 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.