Catholic Education Tasmania

Concession Cards information

In order to simplify the application process for fee remission discount, families with a Valid Concession Card can present these for verification with Catholic Education Tasmania in order to receive reduced fees.

The card must list, as dependents, the students for whom the discount is sought. The card holder must be the person legally responsible for paying the school fees i.e. the person who has signed the enrolment form. The card must be current (e.g. not expired) on the first day of term.

Concession Care Cards

Only cards with the following concession codes are subject to an income test that qualifies to be eligible for the reduced fee amount:

- CP/CAR (Carer Payment)
- LI/LIC (Low Income)
- PA (Partner Allowance)
- PP/PPP (Parenting Payment) (partnered)
- FA (Family Allowance)
- FTB (Family Tax Benefit Part A max rate)
- FH/LHS (Farm Household Allowance)
- PPS (Parenting Payment Single)
- JSP/JS (Job Seeker Payment) includes old codes NS/NA/SA/NSA (New Start & Sick Allowance)
- SL/SpB (Special Benefit)
- YA (Youth Allowance)
- WA (Widow Allowance)
- DSP (Disability Support Pension) **single only**
- AU (Austudy)
- AB (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander study)
- DVA PCC (Department of Veterans' affairs)

Health Care Card example

Pension Card example

The following concession codes do not qualify for the reduced fee amount:

- AP (Aged Pension)
- DSP (Disability Support Pension) couple
- SHC (Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card)
- CA (Carer Allowance caring for a child under 16 years)
- EH (Ex-Carer Allowance (Child) Health Care Card)
- CD (Child with Disability)
- FO (Foster Child Health Care Cards)
- MOB (Mobility Allowance)

How much is the reduced fee amount?

For 2026 the maximum amount a family is required to pay per student is $990 per primary student and $2,160 per secondary student with an eligible concession card. This includes all fees and levies, with the exception of any interstate or overseas camps or trips, special subject levies or any other optional activities. A family discount applies to these amounts for 3 or more children at Catholic Education Tasmania.

How to apply?

Eligible parents and carers can apply for the concession by completing the **Concession Card Discount Form** and allowing the school office to sight their concession card. Electronic forms will be accepted via email. Alternatively, the application can be submitted directly to the school office. The fee discount will then be applied to the current year's fees invoices. For families with children at more than one Catholic Education Tasmania school this process must be repeated for each school. The discount arrangement will expire on the expiry date of the card. Parents and carers receiving a discount have a duty to inform the school of any renewal or change in eligibility for the card.

What if a family is still not able to pay the discounted fees and levies?

Families in significant financial hardship are asked to complete the **Application for financial assistance form** and make an appointment with the School Principal / Finance officer who will assess whether the family's financial circumstances meet the criteria for additional support. The process looks at family income, the number of dependents and the family's cost of housing (rental or mortgage). This process requires full disclosure and is treated with sensitivity and confidentiality.

No child will be denied enrolment due to financial difficulty.

What if a family without a means tested concession card is having difficulty in paying fees?

Families without an eligible Concession Card who are experiencing genuine financial hardship in paying fees should speak with their School Principal/ Finance Officer to apply for special consideration. Families will be asked to complete the **Application for financial assistance form** and make an appointment with the School Principal / Finance Officer who will assess whether the family's financial circumstances meet the criteria for additional support. The process looks at family income, the number of dependents and the family's cost of housing (rental or mortgage). This process requires full disclosure and is treated with sensitivity and confidentiality.

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Further information

Please contact the school office