

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 Queensland Government's funding initiatives to support sport and active recreation at the grassroots level.

To achieve this, Get Started Vouchers are granted to encourage families and carers to have their children or young people join a sport or active recreation club. Eligible children and young people can apply for a voucher¹ valued up to \$150 to assist the cost of joining a registered sporting club or recreation provider.

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 the respective round opening dates for 2019:

	Applications open	Vouchers expire (must be presented to a registered club by)
Round 13	6-Feb-19	15-May-19
Round 14	17-Jul-19	13-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 to verify validity.

³ For information refer to the *Get Started Vouchers* Referral Agents [Fact Sheet](#).

How do I apply for a voucher?

If you have a QGrants account from a previous application, go to the 'Quick links' on the department's website and click the '[Log in and apply for a voucher](#)' link.

If this is your first time applying:

1. Visit the department website at:
<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/apply>
2. Watch the 'Get Started Vouchers – How to apply' video via the website
3. Confirm your child's eligibility
4. Use the online club locator to confirm that the club your child is interested in joining is registered
5. Contact the club to ask about any additional fees or equipment that may not be covered by the voucher
6. Create and activate your individual QGrants account at: [QGrants](#)
7. In 'Quick links' on the department's website click the '[Log in and apply for a voucher](#)' link and enter the required details, including a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card number **OR** apply using the 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 date⁵.

Where can I redeem the voucher?

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

Need further information?

For further information telephone 13QGOV, e-mail: getstarted@npsr.qld.gov.au, or visit <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted>

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.