

Get in the Game Get Started Vouchers

Funding to help kids participate



Fact Sheet for Referral Agents

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 receive one voucher¹ valued up to \$150 per calendar year, which can be redeemed at a *Get Started Vouchers* registered sport or recreation club.

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 holds 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 agent.

Children and young people who require financial assistance to join a club but do not have access to a suitable card may be eligible for the program if they are recommended by a registered referral agent.

When will the program open?

The following round dates are 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 The funding 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. Only valid Centrelink Health Care Cards or Centrelink Pensioner Concession Cards are accepted. For more information 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.

What are the referral criteria?

Referral agents assist with identifying children and young people who would not be able to participate in sport/active recreation without financial support.

Referral agents may refer a child when the following criteria are met:

- referral agent must have known the child/young person in their professional capacity for a period of 3 months or longer
- child/young person cannot be an immediate family member
- child/young person cannot be referred to a club where the referral agent is involved as a member or employee
- referral agent must be able to justify the reasons why the child/young person has been referred.

How can I register as a referral agent?

To register as a referral agent:

- visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/refer/
- complete the online registration form
- you will be contacted by the department to confirm your registration or request further information.

There is no closing date for registrations (registrations can be made at any time until the program closes).

Children and young people who hold, or whose parent, carer or guardian holds, a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card should apply using their registered card when the round is open.

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/