

Cost of living support in WA

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Where is
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The WA State Government Cost of Living Measures for 2026-27 include:

FUEL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT

- \$100 for all WA Driver's License holders.
- Can be claimed through the Service WA app
- Money will be deposited into your nominated bank account

Download Service WA app from Apple App Store or Google Play Store

Note: you will need to set up your digital ID via myID app to access services

WA RENT RELIEF UNTIL JUNE 2027

- for tenants in rental stress or at risk of eviction
- up to \$5000 to support rent for up to 3 months
- access through Emergency Relief Food Access Service (1800 979 777)

Eligibility - private tenants in WA that meet eligibility criteria

Visit: www.warentrelief.org.au/

WA STUDENT ASSISTANCE PAYMENT

- \$150 for each primary and kindergarten student
- \$250 for each secondary student
- Can be claimed through the Service WA app

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REDUCED PUBLIC TRANSPORT COSTS

- Free transport on Sundays for everyone on Transperth bus, train and ferry services
- All fares capped at \$2.80 per trip using autoload SmartRider
- Free public transport for school-aged students travelling to and from school

Apply for Student SmartRider:

<https://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/smartrider/types-of-smartrider/student-smartrider>

CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS - SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

- **KidSport vouchers** up to \$300 for eligible children 5-18 to participate in community sport
Apply: kidsport.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/
- 10% increase in **Energy Assistance Payment, Dependent Child Rebate** and **Air Conditioning Allowance** – available for concession card holders, calculated by your energy provider (Synergy or Horizon).
- **Clothing Allowance** for concession card holders with children enrolled in secondary school, apply through your school.

RESIDENTIAL BATTERY SCHEME

- One-off rebates for households to purchase batteries
- No interest loans for eligible households
- **Eligibility:** for synergy or horizon power account holders

Find out how to apply:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/energy-policy-wa/wa-residential-battery-scheme>

HARDSHIP UTILITY GRANT SCHEME (HUGS)

- assists WA utility customers experiencing financial hardship and unable to pay their utility bills.

Apply through your utility provider:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/service/community-services/grants-and-subsidies/hardship-utility-grant-scheme>

SENIORS REBATES

- rebates on local government rates and water for seniors who own and occupy their own home
- must have pensioner concession or seniors card

Register with Water Corporation:

<https://www.watercorporation.com.au/bill-and-account/apply-for-a-concession>

- notify your local government

FREE TAFE COURSES

- Free TAFE Courses continue to be available in 2026-27
- low-fee courses available for jobseekers, young people and concession card holders
- Access through TAFE or training providers.

For more cost of living measures and free and low-cost support available in Cockburn, Fremantle and Melville, visit whereisthedoor.org.au