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PROMPT CARDS

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1. **Never married**
2. **Widowed**
3. **Divorced**
4. **Separated**
5. **Married (in a registered marriage)**

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- 1. Too much work**
- 2. Other work-related reasons**
- 3. Caring for family members**
- 4. Personal or other family reasons**
- 5. Course or qualification-related reasons**
- 6. No time**
- 7. Financial reasons**
- 8. Other**

Examples of work-related training courses:

- **Training seminars**
- **Training workshops**
- **Talks or lecture presentations**
- **Classroom-style presentations**
- **Training conferences** (incl. Tele/video conferencing)
- **Other group training sessions**
- **Audio-visual presentations**
- **Demonstration training sessions** (e.g. Equipment, Health and Safety)
- **Self-paced training courses**

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You may choose more than one answer:

- 1. Too much work**
- 2. Lack of employer support**
- 3. Other work-related reasons**
- 4. Caring for family members**
- 5. Personal or other family reasons**
- 6. Course or qualification-related reasons**
- 7. No time**
- 8. Financial reasons**
- 9. Other**

Examples of motor vehicles you may have access to:

- **Vehicle(s) belonging to you**
(including jointly owned vehicle)
- **Vehicle(s) belonging to another member of this household**
- **Company or government vehicle(s) for personal use**

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1. **Can easily get to the places needed**
2. **Sometimes have difficulty getting to the places needed**
3. **Often have difficulty getting to the places needed**
4. **Can't get to the places needed**

You may choose more than one answer:

- 10. Sight problems not corrected by glasses or contact lenses**
- 11. Hearing problems**
- 12. Speech problems**
- 13. Blackouts, fits or loss of consciousness**
- 14. Difficulty learning or understanding things**
- 15. Limited use of arms or fingers**
- 16. Difficulty gripping things**
- 17. Limited use of legs or feet**
- 18. Any condition that restricts physical activity or physical work**
(e.g. back problems, migraines)
- 19. Any disfigurement or deformity**
- 20. Any mental illness for which help or supervision is required**

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You may choose more than one answer:

- 1. Shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing**
- 2. Chronic or recurring pain**
- 3. A nervous or emotional condition**
- 4. Long term effects as a result of a head injury, stroke or other brain damage**
- 5. Any other long term condition that requires treatment or medication**
- 6. Any other long term condition such as arthritis, asthma, heart disease, Alzheimer's disease, dementia etc.**

Examples of difficulties with various tasks:

Self-care

For example:

- **Bathing / showering**
- **Dressing / undressing**
- **Eating / feeding**
- **Going to toilet**
- **Bladder / bowel control**

Mobility

For example:

- **Moving around away from home**
- **Moving around at home**
- **Getting in or out of a bed or chair**

Communication in own language

For example:

- **Understanding / being understood by strangers, friends or family, including use of sign language / lip reading**

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Examples of difficulties with education:

- **Not attending school / further study due to condition**
- **Need time off school / study**
- **Attend special classes / school**
- **Other related difficulties**

Examples of difficulties with employment:

- **Type of job you can do**
- **Number of hours you can work**
- **Finding suitable work**
- **Needing time off work**
- **Permanently unable to work**

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These are examples of types of services:

- **Doctors**
- **Employment services**
- **Telecommunication services**
- **Centrelink**
- **Banks and other financial institutions**
- **Disability services**
- **Family Assistance Office**
- **Medicare**

You may choose more than one answer:

- 10. Transport / Distance** (e.g. lack of transport or services are too far to get to easily)
- 11. Cost of service**
- 12. Disability restricts access to service**
- 13. No services in your area**
- 14. Inadequate services in your area**
- 15. Lack of support networks**
- 16. Can not trust them**
- 17. Any other reason** (please specify)

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You may choose more than one answer:

1. **Government**
2. **Private**
3. **Non-profit organisation**

You may choose more than one answer:

- 10. Child Support payments**
- 11. Give them money to pay rent / bond / other housing costs (for children 15 and over)**
- 12. Provide or pay for food**
- 13. Provide or pay for clothing**
- 14. Let them borrow your car**
- 15. Drive them places**
- 16. Pay for educational costs or textbooks**
- 17. Give them pocket money or an allowance**
- 18. Give them money to pay bills / meet debt**
- 19. Buy or give them money to buy big cost items such as a car, computer, sound system etc.**
- 20. Other (please specify)**

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- 12. Provide or pay for clothing**
- 13. Let them borrow your car**
- 14. Drive them places**
- 15. Pay for educational costs or textbooks**
- 16. Give them spending money**
- 17. Give them money to pay bills or meet debt**
- 18. Buy or give them money to buy big cost items such as a car, computer, sound system etc.**
- 19. Other (please specify)**

You may choose more than one answer:

- 1. Domestic work, home maintenance or gardening**
- 2. Providing transport or running errands**
- 3. Any unpaid child care**
- 4. Any teaching, coaching or practical advice**
- 5. Providing any emotional support**
- 6. Any other help**

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Examples of types of help:

- **Look after pets or water your garden while away from home**
- **Collect mail or check your house while away from home**
- **Mind a child for a brief period**
- **Help with moving or lifting objects**
- **Help out when you are sick or injured e.g. the flu or sprained ankle**
- **Borrow equipment**

Examples of types of crisis support:

- **Advice on what to do**
- **Emotional support**
- **Help out when you have a serious illness or injury**
- **Help in maintaining family or work responsibilities**
- **Provide emergency money**
- **Provide emergency accommodation**
- **Provide emergency food**

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You may choose more than one answer:

- 1. Friend**
- 2. Neighbour**
- 3. Family member**
- 4. Work colleague**
- 5. Community, charity or religious organisation**
- 6. Local council or other government services**
- 7. Health, legal or financial professional**
- 8. Other**

You may choose more than one answer:

- 1. Serious illness**
- 2. Serious accident**
- 3. Death of a family member or close friend**
- 4. Mental illness**
- 5. Serious disability**

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You may choose more than one answer:

- 10. Divorce or separation**
- 11. Not able to get a job**
- 12. Involuntary loss of job**
- 13. Alcohol or drug related problems**
- 14. Witness to violence**
- 15. Abuse or violent crime**
- 16. Trouble with the police**
- 17. Gambling problem**
- 18. Other (please specify)**

You may choose more than one answer:

- 1. Visited or was visited by friends**
- 2. Went out with or met group of friends - outdoor activities**
- 3. Went out with or met group of friends - indoor activities**
- 4. Spent time in Internet social activity**
- 5. Other informal social activities**

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You may choose more than one answer:

- 1. Fixed telephone**
- 2. Mobile phone for calls**
- 3. Mobile phone for SMS**
- 4. Internet such as email or chat rooms**
- 5. Mail (inc cards) or fax**
- 6. Other form of contact used (please specify)**

- 1. A few times a day**
- 2. Once a day**
- 3. A few times a week**
- 4. Once a week**
- 5. At least once a month**
- 6. At least once a quarter**

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1. 1 to 2

3. 3 to 4

5. 5 or more

- 1. All**
- 2. Most**
- 3. About half**
- 4. Few**
- 5. None**

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You may choose more than one answer:

- 10. State or Territory government department**
- 11. Federal government department**
- 12. Local council**
- 13. Legal system**
- 14. Healthcare**
- 15. Trade union**
- 16. Political party**
- 17. Media**
- 18. University / TAFE / Business college**
- 19. Religious / Spiritual group**
- 20. School related group**
- 21. Big business**
- 22. Small business**

1. **All of the time**
2. **Most of the time**
3. **Some of the time**
4. **A little of the time**
5. **None of the time**

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1. **Strongly agree**
2. **Somewhat agree**
3. **Neither agree nor disagree**
4. **Somewhat disagree**
5. **Strongly disagree**

Examples of a project:

- **Starting a preschool**
- **Keeping a hospital open**
- **Establishing a recreational facility**
- **Keeping a local football team in existence**

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You may choose more than one answer:

- 1. Sport or physical recreation group**
- 2. Arts or heritage group** (e.g. choirs, drama groups, museums, libraries)
- 3. Religious or spiritual group or organisation** (e.g. church, mosque)
- 4. Craft or practical hobby group**
- 5. Adult education, other recreation or special interest group**
- 6. Ethnic / multicultural club**
- 7. Social clubs providing restaurants or bars** (e.g. Leagues Club, RSL)
- 8. Other social groups** (please specify)

You may choose more than one answer:

1. **Service clubs** (e.g. Lions, Rotary, Country Women's Association)
2. **Welfare organisations** (e.g. Salvation Army, Lifeline, Meals on Wheels)
3. **Education and training** (e.g. School events, reading help at school, P&C/P&F)
4. **Parenting / children / youth** (e.g. Scouts/Guides, playgroup)
5. **Health promotion and support** (e.g. National Heart Foundation, cancer support group)
6. **Emergency Services** (e.g. fire, flood, search and rescue)
7. **International aid and development** (e.g. Care Australia, Red Cross overseas relief)
8. **Other community support groups**
(please specify)

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You may choose more than one answer:

1. **Trade union, professional / technical association** (e.g. Australian Metal Workers Union, Law Society, Small Business Association)
2. **Political party**
3. **Civic group or organisation** (e.g. Community councils, Neighbourhood Watch)
4. **Environmental or animal welfare group** (e.g. Landcare, Clean Up Australia, RSPCA)
5. **Human and civil rights group** (e.g. Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, Council for Civil Liberties)
6. **Body corporate or tenants' association**
7. **Consumer organisation** (e.g. Australian Consumer's Association, motoring associations)
8. **Other civic or political organisation**
(please specify)

You may choose more than one answer:

- 1. Organised team sport**
- 2. Youth group** (such as guides, scouts, a choir)
- 3. Did some kind of volunteer work**
- 4. Raised money door-to-door or in public place for a cause or organisation**
- 5. Active in student government**
- 6. Active in a religious organisation**

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These are examples of types of organisations:

- **Organised sporting group / team**
- **Youth group** (such as guides, scouts, a choir)
- **A charity organisation or cause**
- **Student government**
- **Religious organisation**
- **School or preschool**
- **Some other kind of volunteer work**

- 1. Arts / Heritage**
- 2. Business / Professional / Union**
- 3. Welfare / Community**
- 4. Education and Training**
- 5. Parenting, children and youth**
- 6. Emergency services**
- 7. Environment / Animal welfare**
- 8. International Aid / Development**
- 9. Health**
- 10. Law / Justice / Political**
- 11. Religious**
- 12. Sport and physical recreation**
- 13. Other recreation or interest**
- 14. Ethnic and Ethnic-Australian groups**
- 15. Other**

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You may choose more than one answer:

- 10. Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander people**
- 11. Aged**
- 12. Children**
- 13. Financially disadvantaged**
- 14. People with disabilities**
- 15. People with chronic / long term illnesses**
- 16. Homeless**
- 17. Ethnic groups**
- 18. Women**
- 19. Drug dependent**
- 20. Youth**
- 21. No specific group / general community**
- 22. Other**

You may choose more than one answer:

- 10. Administration / clerical / recruitment / information management**
- 11. Coaching / refereeing / judging**
- 12. Performing / media production**
- 13. Befriending / supportive listening / counselling / mentoring**
- 14. Fundraising / sales**
- 15. Preparing / serving food**
- 16. Transporting people / goods**
- 17. Repairing / maintenance / gardening**
- 18. Management / committee work / co-ordination**
(includes day to day organising / supervising)
- 19. Personal care / assistance**
- 20. Teaching / instruction / providing information**
- 21. Lobbying / advocacy / policy research**
- 22. Search and rescue / first aid / fire fighting / community safety**
- 23. Protecting the environment**
- 24. Other**

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You may choose more than one answer:

1. **Phone calls**
2. **Postage**
3. **Uniform**
4. **Travel costs**
5. **Meals**
6. **Training**
7. **Other**

- 1. Knew someone involved**
- 2. Someone asked me**
- 3. Self involvement in organisation**
- 4. Saw advertisement / report in media**
- 5. Found out about it myself**
- 6. Other**

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You may choose more than one answer:

- 10. Arts / Heritage organisations**
- 11. Universities**
- 12. Research organisations**
- 13. Schools**
- 14. Hospitals**
- 15. Other health organisations**
- 16. Community / Welfare services**
- 17. International Aid**
- 18. Religious organisations / Churches**
- 19. Environmental / Animal welfare groups**
- 20. Law / Justice / Political**
- 21. Sport and physical recreation clubs**
- 22. Other recreation** (such as craft, hobby, other interest groups)
- 23. Other**

- 1. Very safe**
- 2. Safe**
- 3. Neither safe nor unsafe**
- 4. Unsafe**
- 5. Very unsafe**

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1. **Every day**
2. **Two to six days a week**
3. **One day a week**
4. **One day a fortnight**
5. **One day a month**
6. **Less than one day a month**

You may choose more than one answer:

- 1. Work / business**
- 2. Education / study**
- 3. Volunteer / community groups**
- 4. Personal / private**
- 5. Other**

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You may choose more than one answer:

Electronic lodgement of:

- 10. Tax returns**
- 11. Applications or claims for benefits**
- 12. Applications for permits etc.**
- 13. Bill payments**
e.g. rates and car registration

Information or services relating to:

- 14. Taxation**
- 15. Pensions or other benefits**
- 16. Employment / unemployment**
- 17. Community safety education**

- 18. Other**

You may choose more than one answer:

Could not:

- 10. Pay electricity, gas or telephone bills on time**
- 11. Pay mortgage or rent payments on time**
- 12. Pay for car registration or insurance on time**
- 13. Make minimum payment on credit card**
- 14. Pawned or sold something because you needed cash**
- 15. Went without meals**
- 16. Were unable to heat your home**
- 17. Sought financial assistance from friends or family**
- 18. Sought assistance from welfare or community organisations**

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1. **Once**
2. **Twice**
3. **3 - 5 times**
4. **6 - 9 times**
5. **10 - 19 times**
6. **20 times or more**
7. **Don't know**

You may choose more than one answer:

- 1. Christmas period**
- 2. Start of school year**
- 3. End of financial year**
- 4. Other**
- 5. No particular period**

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You may choose more than one answer:

- 10. Reduced home loan payments**
- 11. Drew on accumulated savings or term deposits**
- 12. Increased the balance owing on credit cards by \$1,000 or more**
- 13. Entered into a loan agreement with family or friends**
- 14. Took out a personal loan**
- 15. Sold household goods or jewellery**
- 16. Sold shares, stocks or bonds**
- 17. Sold other assets**
- 18. Other source**

You may choose more than one answer:

- 1. Profit or loss from own unincorporated business or share in a partnership**
- 2. Profit or loss from rental property**
- 3. Dividends or interest**

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You may choose more than one answer:

1. **Wages or salary** (including from own incorporated business)
2. **Government pension or allowance** (include Family Tax Benefit if received as a payment from Centrelink)
3. **Child Support or maintenance**
4. **Superannuation, Annuity or allocated pension**
5. **Workers' Compensation**
6. **Any other regular source** (excluding profit or loss from business, rent or investment)

- 1. Australian Age Pension**
- 2. Newstart Allowance**
- 3. Mature Age Allowance**
- 4. Service Pension (DVA)**
(exclude superannuation e.g. DFRDB)
- 5. Disability Support Pension (Centrelink)**
- 6. Wife Pension**
- 7. Carer Payment**
- 8. Sickness Allowance**
- 9. Widow Allowance (Widow B Pension)**
(Centrelink)
- 10. Special Benefit**
- 11. Partner Allowance**

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You may choose more than one answer:

1. **War Widow's Pension (DVA)**
2. **Disability Pension (DVA)**
3. **Carer Allowance (Child Disability Allowance)**
(Centrelink)
4. **Overseas pensions / benefits**
5. **Family Tax Benefit**
6. **Parenting Payment**
7. **Youth Allowance**
8. **Other (please specify)**

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6. **Child Support or maintenance**
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8. **Workers' Compensation**
9. **Other**

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7. **Superannuation, Annuity or allocated pension**
8. **Workers' Compensation**
9. **Other**

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1. Real estate agent
2. State or Territory Housing Authority
3. Person not in the same household - Parent / Other relative
4. Person not in the same household - Other person
5. Person in the same household - Parent / Other relative
6. Person in the same household - Other person
7. Owner / Manager of caravan park
8. Employer - Defence Housing Authority
9. Employer - Government
10. Employer - Other
11. Housing co-operative / Community / Church Group
12. Other

You may choose more than one answer:

- 1. Over \$1,000 cash or deposited in banks, credit unions or other financial institutions**
- 2. Own incorporated business**
- 3. Shares, stocks and bonds**
- 4. Other buildings or land**

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1. **Less than \$10,000**
2. **\$10,000 - \$49,999**
3. **\$50,000 or more**

You may choose more than one answer:

- 1. Credit cards or store cards not paid off by due date**
- 2. Car loans or personal loans**
- 3. Interest free purchases**
- 4. Hire purchase agreements**
- 5. Other (please specify)**

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1. **Less than \$5,000**
2. **\$5,000 - \$9,999**
3. **\$10,000 - \$49,999**
4. **\$50,000 or more**