



**Household Expenditure Survey  
and  
Survey of Income and Housing:  
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**Prompt Cards**

11. Real Estate Agent

12. State or Territory Housing Authority

Person **not** in the same household

13. Parent / Other relative not in the same household

14. Other unrelated person not in the same household

Caravan Park

15. Manager of caravan park / Owner of caravan park

Employer

16. Employer - Defence Housing Authority

17. Employer - Government

18. Other Employer

Other

19. Housing co-operative / Community / Church group

20. Other (please specify)

You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Water rates
2. General council rates
3. Combined water and general council rates

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You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Combined water and general council rates
2. Water and sewerage rates
3. General council rates
4. Body corporate
5. Land tax

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You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Combined building and contents insurance
2. Building insurance  
(Separate from Body Corporate)
3. Contents insurance
4. Personal belongings insurance

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Person living in the same household

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You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Mains gas
2. LPG / bottled gas
3. Electricity
4. Heating oil
5. Firewood

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## Examples of Household Contents:

- **Bedroom**  
(e.g. bed, dressing table, quilts, blankets, clothes, jewellery, perfume)
- **Dining Room**  
(e.g. dining table, chairs, display units)
- **Lounge Room**  
(e.g. coffee table, lounge suite, TV, VCR, Set Top Box, game console / games, DVD player / recorder, stereo units, videos / DVDs/ CDs)
- **Kitchen**  
(e.g. toaster, food processor, microwave, refrigerator, freezer, dishwasher, crockery, cutlery)
- **Study**  
(e.g. home computer, fax, printer, desk, chair, computer games)
- **Laundry**  
(e.g. washing machine, dryer)
- **Outdoor Furniture and Tools**  
(e.g. table, chairs, portable BBQ, lawn mower, hoses)
- **Fittings**  
(e.g. carpet, curtains, rugs, mirrors, vases, clocks)
- **Other**  
(e.g. vacuum cleaners, sewing machines, aquarium, plants, toys, musical instruments, linen, collectables, and luggage)

You may choose more than one of the following:

1. **Extensions or additions**  
(e.g. additional rooms, granny flats)
2. **Internal renovations**  
(e.g. remodelling kitchens or bathrooms; moving walls, windows or doors; built-in heating or cooling systems)
3. **Insulation**  
(e.g. batt/foil/fill insulation, double glazing)
4. **In-ground swimming pools**  
(e.g. pools, spa pools)
5. **Above-ground swimming pools**  
(e.g. rigid, semi-rigid pools)
6. **Other outside buildings**  
(e.g. garages, pergolas, tool sheds)
7. **Landscape contractors**  
(e.g. fees paid to contractors / subcontractors)
8. **Other outside improvements**  
(e.g. fences, fixed BBQs, driveways, paths or paving)

Examples of properties other than this dwelling:

- Rental properties
- Second homes
- Holiday homes
- Vacant land
- Commercial properties
- Farms

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## Examples of payments:

- **Household Bills**  
(e.g. rent, gas, electricity, heating, firewood)
- **Repairs and Maintenance**  
(e.g. repainting, reroofing, electrical work, plumbing)
- **Alterations and Additions**  
(e.g. extensions, internal renovations, insulation, swimming pools)
- **Insurance**  
(e.g. contents, building)
- **Rates and Taxes**  
(e.g. land tax, council rates, water and sewerage, body corporate fees)

You may choose more than one of the following:

11. Rent to someone outside this household
12. Mains gas
13. Bottled / LP gas
14. Electricity
15. Heating oil
16. Firewood
17. Water and sewerage rates
18. General council rates
19. Combined water and general council rates
20. Water consumption bills
21. Body corporate fees
22. Land tax

You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Repainting
2. Reroofing
3. Electrical work
4. Plumbing
5. Other types of repairs or maintenance

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2. Building insurance  
(separate from Body Corporate)
3. Contents insurance
4. Other insurance

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You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Carpet cleaning

Repairs and maintenance on:

2. Soft furnishings  
(e.g. curtains, blinds, cushions, pictures)
3. Computers and audio visual equipment  
(e.g. TVs, VCRs, DVD players/recorders)
4. Other household appliances  
(e.g. irons, heaters, washing machines)
5. Household tools  
(e.g. mowers, chainsaws, including tool sharpening)
6. Other household items  
(e.g. furniture, kitchenware)

You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Accountants
2. Tax agents
3. Private rubbish removal
4. Pest control
5. Removalists

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You may choose more than one of the following:

11. Computers, Laptops and Tablets  
(e.g. iPads, disc drives, modems, routers, hard drives)
12. Game consoles
13. Televisions
14. Set top boxes
15. Media Players and Recorders  
(e.g. DVD and Blu-ray players, HDD recorders, TiVo, Personal Video Recorders)
16. Video cameras  
(e.g. Go-pros, video and digital video cameras)
17. Cameras (other than video cameras)  
(e.g. compact, SLRs)
18. Other video equipment (e.g. projectors)
19. CD players
20. iPods, MP3 and Portable players
21. Home entertainment systems

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22. Amplifiers and tuner amplifiers

23. Speakers

(e.g. iPod docking stations, in-wall speakers, soundbars)

24. Integrated sound systems

(e.g. all-in-one systems, mini or midi systems)

25. Other sound equipment

(e.g. tape/cassette player, record player, equaliser)

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You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Stoves / Ovens / Microwave ovens
2. Fridges / Freezers
3. Washing machines
4. Air conditioners (not built-in)
5. Dishwashers
6. Clothes dryers
7. Other large household appliances

You may choose more than one of the following:

11. Lounges / Sofas / Couches
12. Coffee tables
13. Wall units / Entertainment units
14. Bookcases
15. Dining tables / Dining chairs
16. Sideboards
17. Beds / Mattresses
18. Wardrobes / Chests of drawers
19. Dressing tables / Bedside tables
20. Outdoor / garden furniture
21. Works of art  
(e.g. paintings, carvings, sculptures)
22. Other furniture

You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Carpet
2. Rugs or matting
3. Floor tiles  
(excluding vinyl tiles)
4. Lino or vinyl
5. Other flooring

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### Examples of audio-visual equipment and personal computers

- Televisions
- VCRs
- DVD players/recorders
- Video cameras
- Mobile phones
- Stereos
- Computer hardware or software
- Printers
- Scanners
- Portable players (e.g. iPod, mp3, mp4)

## Examples of other household appliances

- Dishwashers
- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Stoves
- Microwave ovens
- Washing machines
- Clothes dryers
- Heaters
- Air conditioners

You may choose more than one of the following:

## Travel packages

11. Travel packages including airfare
12. Other travel packages

## Fares

13. Air fares
14. Rail fares
15. Bus fares
16. Other holiday fare (e.g. ferry or ship fares)

## Vehicle costs

17. Petrol costs (including LPG)
18. Car hire (excluding package tours)

## Accommodation

19. Hotel / motel accommodation
20. Holiday flats / houses
21. Caravan park fees / van hire
22. Other accommodation charges (e.g. guest house, youth hostel, campervan hire charges or tent hire fees)

You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Travel packages including airfare
2. Other travel packages
3. Air fares
4. Other holiday travel (e.g. ferry or ship fares)
5. Hotel / motel accommodation
6. Other accommodation charges  
(e.g. guest house, youth hostel or tent site)

## Examples of vehicles:

- Car / Utility / Van / Truck
- Motorcycle
- Caravan
- Trailer
- Boat
- Bicycle
- Aircraft (e.g. airplanes, helicopters, microlights, gliders)
- Other type of vehicle (e.g. tractors, jet skis)

1. Boat
2. Trailer
3. Caravan
4. Motorcycle
5. Car / Utility / Van / Truck
6. Other type of vehicle

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You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Combined compulsory third party insurance and registration  
(including transfer fee and stamp duty)
2. Compulsory third party insurance
3. Registration  
(including transfer fee and stamp duty)
4. Transfer fee only
5. Comprehensive insurance
6. Third party property insurance

1. Car / Utility / Van / Truck
2. Motorcycle
3. Caravan
4. Trailer
5. Boat
6. Bicycle
7. Other type of vehicle

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### Examples of education payments:

- General education fees  
(not HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP payments)
- Tuition fees
- Voluntary contributions
- Donations  
(e.g. School building funds)
- Enrolment, booking or placement fees
- Faculty association fees
- Sport union fees
- Examination fees
- Boarding fees
- Book, library, stationery, art and craft fees
- Subscription for student associations
- Subscription for parent associations

You may choose more than one of the following:

Primary schools:

1. Government
2. Catholic
3. Other Non-government

Secondary schools:

4. Government
5. Catholic
6. Other Non-government

Other:

7. Universities and other higher education institutions
8. TAFEs
9. Other institutions  
(e.g. private business colleges)

You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Private health insurance  
(e.g. medical benefit funds, hospital benefit funds,  
dental benefit funds, MBF, HCF, Medibank Private)
2. Ambulance insurance only

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1. General practitioners
2. Specialists
3. Hospitals
4. Nursing homes
5. Dentists or dental specialists
6. Opticians or optometrists
7. Physiotherapists
8. Chiropractors
9. Any other health professionals

You may choose more than one of the following:

11. Pensioner Concession Card  
(Issued by Department of Human Services)



12. Pensioner Concession Card  
(Issued by Dept. Veterans' Affairs)



13. Health Care Card



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14. Commonwealth Seniors Health Card  
(Issued by Department of Human Services)



15. Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (issued by Dept. of Veterans' Affairs)



16. Veterans' Affairs Gold Card  
(For All Conditions)



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## 17. Veterans Affairs White Card (For Specific Conditions)



## 18. Veterans' Affairs Orange Card (Pharmaceutical Benefits)



## 19. Safety Net Concession Card 20. Safety Net Entitlement Card

**2012**  
**PBS Safety Net concession card**

You must present this card to receive your medicines at the concession rate (see over) through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme or the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS/RPBS).

**Cardholder's details**

Family name \_\_\_\_\_  
 First given name \_\_\_\_\_ CH  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Remove label and fix to Prescription Record Form (PRF)

**Other family members**

Family name	First given name	Relationship code
		SP = Spouse/De facto partner DC = Dependent child under 16 DS = Dependent full-time student under 25

Cross out any empty lines

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**2012**  
**PBS Safety Net entitlement card**

You must present this card to receive your medicines for free (see over) through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme or the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS/RPBS).

**Cardholder's details**

Family name \_\_\_\_\_  
 First given name \_\_\_\_\_ CH  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

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## Examples of **personal / household** loans and mortgages

Loan purpose:

- To buy or build this property (including alterations and additions)
- To buy or build other property (including alterations and additions)
- Holiday homes and vacant land
- Personal use
- Hire purchase
- Holidays
- Motor vehicles
- Another purpose

Main purpose of loan:

1. To buy or build this property
2. To buy or build other property
3. For alterations and additions to this property
4. For alterations and additions to other property
5. To buy motor vehicles
6. For a holiday
7. For another purpose

Examples of credit cards and charge accounts:

- VISA card
- MasterCard
- American Express
- Diner's Club
- Store account cards (e.g. Myer, BP)

Note: Exclude debit cards including VISA debit and MasterCard debit cards.

## Examples of financial institution fees:

- Account keeping charges
- Membership fees
- Service charges  
(e.g. bank cheques, EFTPOS)
- Minimum balance charges
- Cheque discredit fees
- Bill paying service fees
- Other bank and financial institution fees and charges

You may choose more than one of the following:

11. Mains gas
12. Electricity
13. Telephones
14. Rent
15. Vehicle insurance
16. Building insurance
17. Contents insurance
18. Combined building / contents insurance
19. Health insurance
20. Personal accident, sickness or income protection insurance
21. Life insurance
22. Superannuation
23. HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP
24. Housing loan and mortgage
25. Personal loan

You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Superannuation
2. Motor vehicle
3. Computer
4. Child care
5. Telephone
6. Housing (rent / mortgage)
7. Household / personal bills
8. Other (please specify)

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You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Fuel and oil
2. Registration
3. Insurance
4. Tyres
5. Regular vehicle servicing
6. Other items

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You may choose more than one of the following:

Non-cash Benefits

11. Superannuation (any employer contributions over and above the minimum compulsory contributions)
12. Motor Vehicle and / or associated running costs (i.e. petrol, petrol/fuel card, mileage allowance)
13. Computer
14. Child care
15. Telephone and / or contribution to private telephone calls
16. Housing rent free or at less than normal market rent
17. Car park
18. Shares
19. Low interest loans
20. Other (please specify)

11. Newstart Allowance
12. Service Pension (DVA)  
(exclude superannuation, e.g. Defence Force Retirement & Death Benefits Scheme (DFRDB))
13. Disability Support Pension (Centrelink)  
(exclude Disability Pension, Dept. Veterans' Affairs)
14. Wife Pension (Centrelink)
15. Sickness Allowance
16. Widow Allowance (Centrelink)
17. Special Benefit
18. Partner Allowance
19. Carer Payment  
(exclude Carer Allowance)

You may choose more than one of the following:

1. War Widow(er)'s Pension (DVA)  
(including income support supplement DVA)
2. Disability Pension (DVA)
3. Parenting Payment
4. Carer Allowance (Child Disability Allowance and  
Domiciliary Nursing Benefit)
5. Youth Allowance
6. Austudy / ABSTUDY
7. Overseas Government Pensions / Benefits

You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Baby Bonus
2. Schoolkids Bonus
3. Utilities Allowance
4. Pension Supplement
5. Seniors Supplement
6. Carer Supplement
7. Any other government payment  
(e.g. Pensioner Education Supplement, Double Orphan Pension, Rehabilitation Allowance, Foster Carer Allowance, Asbestos Pension, Jail Allowance and Refugee Pension)

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3. Disability Pension (DVA)
4. Parenting Payment
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Double Orphan Pension,  
Rehabilitation Allowance,  
Foster Carer Allowance,  
Asbestos Pension,  
Jail Allowance,  
Refugee Pension)

You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Bank accounts  
(including everyday accounts, savings accounts, cheque accounts, term deposit accounts, etc.)
2. Offset accounts
3. Debentures and / or bonds
4. Shares
5. Public Unit Trusts  
(such as cash management trusts, property trusts, equity trusts, managed funds etc.)
6. Loans to persons not in this household
7. Any other financial investments  
(excluding superannuation)

You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Child support / maintenance
2. Workers' compensation
3. Accident / sickness insurance  
(e.g. Income protection)

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You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Married or moved in with a new spouse / partner
2. Separated from a spouse / partner
3. Widowed

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You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Preschool / Kindergarten
2. Government Primary School
3. Catholic Primary School
4. Other non-Government Primary School
5. Government Secondary School
6. Catholic Secondary School
7. Other non-Government Secondary School

1. Spend more money than we get
2. Just break even most weeks
3. Able to save money most weeks

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1. Better than two years ago
2. The same as two years ago
3. Worse than two years ago

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You may choose more than one of the following:

1. A holiday away from home for at least one week a year
2. A night out once a fortnight
3. Friends or family over for a meal once a month
4. A special meal once a week
5. Buy new and not second hand clothes, most of the time
6. Spend time on leisure or hobby activities

You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Own savings
2. Loan from bank, building society or credit union
3. Loan from finance company (high interest loan)
4. Loan on credit card
5. Loan from family or friends
6. Loan from welfare or community organisation
7. Sell something
8. Other sources

You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Could not pay electricity, gas or telephone bills on time
2. Could not pay for car registration or insurance on time
3. Pawned or sold something
4. Went without meals
5. Unable to heat my home
6. Sought assistance from welfare / community organisations
7. Sought financial help from friends or family

You may choose more than one of the following:

1. A before or after school care program
2. A long day care centre
3. Family day care
4. An occasional care centre
5. Vacation care
6. Any other formal child care service  
(excluding Preschool / Kinder)

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You may choose more than one of the following:

11. Prefer to look after child
12. Child too young / old
13. Transport / distance
14. Cost / too expensive
15. Booked out / no places
16. Time / days available not suitable
17. Child's preference
18. Child has special needs (illness / disability)
19. Not flexible enough / not available at short notice
20. Other child care reason (please specify)

You may choose more than one of the following:

1. Shortness of breath
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.

You may choose more than one of the following:

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

1. Self-care

For example:

- bathing/showering
- dressing/undressing
- eating/feeding
- going to the toilet
- bladder/bowel control

2. Mobility

For example:

- moving around away from home
- moving around at home
- getting in or out of a bed or chair

3. Communication in own language

For example:

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

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

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- Type of job could do
- Number of hours that can be worked
- Finding suitable work
- Needing time off work
- Permanently unable to work

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