FairPlay vouchers

Questions and answers

What is the FairPlay vouchers program?

FairPlay vouchers is an initiative under the Queensland Government's *Activate! Queensland 2019–2029* strategy to support regular participation in physical activity, by reducing the cost for children and young people from low income families.

Parents, carers or guardians can apply for a voucher valued up to \$150 for eligible children and young people. These vouchers can be used toward the cost of membership, registration and/or participation fees for eligible activities with registered physical activity providers.

What about Get Started Vouchers?

FairPlay vouchers has replaced the Get Started Vouchers program.

When will applications for FairPlay vouchers open?

Applications will be available in two rounds per year from July 2019.

Round 1 of FairPlay vouchers will open for applications on 31 July 2019.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible, the child or young person must be:

- a Queensland resident
- aged between 5 and 17 years (on the day of application).

The child or young person must also:

- hold, or have a parent, carer or guardian who holds a valid Department of Human Services Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card with the child's name on it; or
- be identified for a FairPlay voucher by a registered referral agent.

As part of a limited trial, families with a combined annual income of less than \$55,000, who do not hold either a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, can register an expression of interest for a FairPlay voucher.

There is a limit of 1 voucher per child/young person per calendar year.

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Any child/young person who received a voucher in 2019 in Round 13 of Get Started Vouchers, will be eligible for a FairPlay voucher in Round 2, opening in January 2020.

What does a referral agent do?

Registered referral agents can assist families in genuine financial need to access FairPlay vouchers where:

- the child or parent/carer/guardian does not have a valid Department of Human Services Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card; or
- eligible children and young people with a
 Department of Human Services Health Care Card or
 Pensioner Concession Card require assistance to
 complete the online application.

Who can register as a referral agent?

Referral agents include youth justice case workers, child safety officers and health promotion officers. Referral agents must meet the program eligibility criteria and accept the program terms and conditions to register.

All new referral agents will need to complete an online registration for FairPlay vouchers, which opens in July 2019.

What if I am already a referral agent?

If you have previously been approved as a referral agent, you do not need to re-register under the FairPlay vouchers program. We will contact existing providers with further information about Round 1 of FairPlay vouchers.

Who can register as a physical activity provider?

New physical activity providers will be eligible to apply under FairPlay vouchers, including not-for-profit community organisations offering structured physical activity programs.

All new physical activity providers will need to complete an online registration in July 2019.

What if I am an existing provider?

If your organisation has previously been approved to redeem vouchers, you do not need to re-register for FairPlay vouchers. We will contact existing providers with further information about Round 1 of FairPlay vouchers.

