



# Budget October 2022-23

This information is accurate as of 25 October 2022.

## Lifting the Income Threshold for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

This measure will increase the income limits for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (CSHC).

This will give older Australians access to cheaper health care and other discounts.

The income limit will increase from:

- \$61,284 to \$90,000 for a single person
- \$98,054 to \$144,000 for couples
- \$122,568 to \$180,000 for couples separated by illness, respite care, or prison.

Services Australia will develop a new online claim form for the card. It will allow older Australians to make a combined claim with their partner.

This measure will benefit about 45,000 older Australians who are not getting a pension.

This measure is led by the Department of Social Services. To deliver the measure, Services Australia has been allocated \$4.3 million in 2022-23 and \$9.3 million over 4 years until 2025-26.

You can read more about the [Commonwealth Seniors Health Card](#).

This measure is subject to the passage of legislation.

### Who does this measure affect?

This affects Australian residents who are Age Pension age or older and who meet the CSHC eligibility rules.

### When will this start and finish?

This will start 7 days after legislation is passed and receives royal assent. This measure will be ongoing.