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SENIORS COST OF LIVING SCHEME

Lauren Moss

Minister for Seniors

Media Release

Seniors urged to register for cost of living schemes

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Senior Territorians will again benefit from cost of living support programs provided by the Territory Labor Government.

More than 15,000 seniors across the Territory could be eligible for the NT Seniors Recognition Scheme, which provides spending cards pre-loaded with \$500. The cards will be distributed from 1 July 2023.

Residents of the NT who are 65 years or older, Australian citizens, permanent residents or eligible visa holders, can join or renew their registration with the program.

Funds loaded to the cards can be used at a growing number and variety of businesses, allowing flexibility for eligible seniors to choose how they can benefit. While it provides invaluable financial support for older Territorians, the scheme also injects more than \$7.2 million into the Northern Territory's economy.

The 2023 NT Seniors Recognition Scheme coincides with registration for the Northern Territory Concession Scheme, which also provides cost of living support to around 18,000 eligible Territorians.

Registration and renewal for both schemes are now open until 1 May 2023, and can be made online or through a NT Government Service Centre.

For more information about the scheme, visit a Territory Families, Housing and Communities service centre, call 1800 777 704, or visit online at:

<https://ntconcessions.nt.gov.au/renew/>.

Quotes from Minister for Seniors, Lauren Moss:

“Seniors play an extremely important role at all levels across our community.

“As well as providing vital cost of living assistance, this scheme is also recognition of the significant contribution elder Territorians make.

“The broad acceptance of the card allows recipients to purchase a wide range of goods and services including white goods, vet bills, motor rego, airfares and much more.

“Combined with the NT concession scheme, the Territory Labor Government is providing more than \$32 million dollars in direct cost of living support to eligible Territorians.”

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