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| Excess Gas Concession |
| Information for concession card holders |
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# What does this concession apply to?

Domestic mains gas usage and service costs above $2,499.14 in the period from 1 May to 31 October 2024.

# Who can apply for the concession?

A gas account holder whose winter gas costs are above $2,499.14 and who holds one of the following eligible concession cards:

* Pensioner Concession Card
* Health Care Card
* Veterans’ Affairs Gold Card.

# How much is the concession?

17.5 per cent of gas usage and service costs.

The concession is calculated after retailer discounts are deducted.

# How do I apply for the concession?

Your gas retailer will check if you need to apply for the Excess Gas Concession and send you an application form.

You must sign a declaration confirming that the gas used at your address is for domestic purposes, that no commercial business is being conducted at the address, and that the gas is not being used for an illegal purpose.

After you have signed and dated the form, send it to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing at the address listed on the form.

The department will check your eligibility and advise your retailer. Your retailer will calculate the Excess Gas Concession and apply the concession to your next bill.

# My bills are high due to my medical needs – do I need to apply?

If you receive the Life Support Concession or the Medical Cooling Concession you will be automatically eligible to receive the Excess Gas Concession after submitting a completed application form.

# More information

Phone your gas retailer or the Concessions Information Line on 1800 658 521.

# I normally receive the Winter Gas Concession. Is this an additional concession?

No.

The Winter Gas Concession is only given on gas charges up to the limit of $2,499.14 in the period 1 May to 31 October 2024.

The Excess Gas Concession is only given on gas charges over the limit of $2,499.14 in the period 1 May to 31 October. Only around 5 per cent of concession households are expected to reach this limit.

You need to complete an application form for this concession.

# I have been sent an application form for the Excess Gas Concession – why do I have to apply for this concession?

As your gas charges have reached, or are expected to reach, the annual limit of $2,499.14, your gas retailer has sent you an application form for the Excess Gas Concession.

You need to apply for this concession to verify that the gas your household is using is for home-related purposes. This is to make sure that concessions are targeted to those households most in need of assistance.

# I don’t believe my gas costs are that high – what should I do?

Your gas retailer sends out application forms to customers whose gas charges have reached, or are about to reach, the annual limit of $2,499.14.

If you do not believe your usage has reached this limit, please contact your retailer.

# How do I complete the Excess Gas Concession application?

Your details have already been filled in by your retailer, so the form only needs to be signed by the person who is named as the account holder, and by a witness.

If you are the named account holder, you need to sign the form, write your name, and write the date that you are signing. Your witness needs to do the same thing.

If any of your details on the form are incorrect, please contact your retailer and ask them to update your information and send you an updated form. Please do not amend the form.

# Where do I write the date?

Underneath your name, write the date in the boxes marked DD MM YY. This stands for day, month, year, for example, 2 March 2024 is 02 03 24.

# Who can witness my application?

The witness can be anyone over the age of 18, including a family member, partner or housemate.

The witness does not need to be a Justice of the Peace.

# The application form is in my partner’s name but we are both account holders – can I sign?

No. The form needs to be signed by the named account holder. You can sign as the witness.

If the named person no longer lives at the address, contact your gas retailer to update the account details, and ask for an updated form.

# I am no longer with the retailer named on the form – do I still need to complete the form?

Yes. The form relates to the gas used while you were a customer of the named retailer.

Do not change the retailer name on the form.

If you have not done so already, please contact your new retailer and give them your concession details.

# The concession period listed on the form has ended – do I still need to complete the form?

Yes. The form relates to the gas used during the period on the form.

Do not change the dates on the form.

You may have missed out on receiving some of your concessions during the period on the form. When your form is completed and approved, your account will be credited for these concessions.

# Where do I send my form?

Send your form to the address on the bottom of the form:

Excess Energy Concession

Department of Families, Fairness and Housing

PO Box 1030

CLAYTON SOUTH VIC 3169

You can also scan your form and email it the team eec@dffh.vic.gov.au

# I have sent in my application form – what happens next?

Applications take up to four weeks to be processed.

The department will write to you once your form has been approved, or if there are any problems with your form.

Once approved, the department will tell your gas retailer that you are approved to receive the concession, and any missed concessions will be credited to your account.

# How is the concession calculated?

The concession is calculated in the same manner as the Winter Gas Concession.

The concession is calculated as follows:

A = [17.5% x (B – C)] – (D x 0.0593)

Where:

* A is the amount of the concession
* B is the gas charge
* C is the total of any contractor discounts
* D is the number of days in the billing period.

# Definitions

***contractor discounts*** means the sum (excluding GST) of regular discounts, rebates, and other benefits offered or applied by the contractor directly in relation to the gas charges.

# Calculation example

Billing period 1 July – 30 September (92 days)

Gas charge (B) $580.00

Contractor discounts (C) $42.90 cr

[17.5% x (B($580.00) – C($42.90))] - (D(92) x 0.0593) = $88.54

Concession amount is $88.54.

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