

Seniors Given Extra Time to Spend Voucher Money

Seniors who have qualified for the NT Seniors Recognition Scheme and received vouchers - and have not used these vouchers - have been given until December 2020 to spend this money.

COTA NT CEO Sue Shearer advised, "COTA NT contacted Territory Families regarding the vouchers as seniors were advised to stay home and not travel during the COVID-19 pandemic. This resulted in a number of Territory seniors who had unspent vouchers under the NT Seniors Recognition Scheme. Vouchers worth up to \$500. We felt that under the circumstances seniors who had not used their vouchers should be given more time to use them."

"An added benefit to this decision will be that during these difficult times, especially for the tourism industry, additional money will be available for seniors to travel and explore the Territory until December 2020."

Territory seniors will be receiving a new pre-paid debit card in July 2020. However, voucher money cannot be added to their new card. The voucher money is separate and remains so.

"This is a win for Territory seniors," added Ms Shearer, "Rather than lose their unspent funds, through no fault of their own, they now have more time to enjoy the Territory's wonderful sights."

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Further Information:

- www.cotant.org.au
- NTG Concessions Scheme - <https://ntconcessions.nt.gov.au/>

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