

Dental Schemes

National

Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS)

CDBS is a dental benefits program by the Australian Government for eligible children that provides up to \$1,026 in benefits for basic dental services in either a public or private setting.

For children to be eligible for CDBS they must be:

- 0-17 years of age on 01 January in the calendar year
- eligible for Medicare
- getting an eligible payment, or have a parent getting a payment, from Centrelink at least once a year, including Family Tax Benefit Part A.

[Who can get the Child Dental Benefits Schedule](#)

Victoria

Dental Health Services Victoria (DHSV) provides quality public oral healthcare for Victorians. These services are provided through the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne and through community health agencies throughout Victoria, from whom DHSV purchases dental services for public patients.

[Accessing public dental care](#)

[Victoria's public dental care fees](#)

Victorian General Dental Scheme (VGDS)

VGDS is a public dental scheme intended to provide both basic preventative and restorative oral health care benefits to eligible Victorians. It was established with the view of making it easier for Victorians to access affordable dental services.

When your local community dental practice can not give you primary care, you may be issued a voucher to visit a private dentist. You'll be charged the same amount as if you were visiting a community dental clinic. However, the voucher may not cover certain dental services. In this case, you may have treatment at a private clinic, but the cost will be entirely your responsibility.

New South Wales

All children (under 18 years of age) who are NSW residents are eligible for public dental services in NSW. Adult NSW residents must be eligible for Medicare and be listed on one of the following Australian Government concession cards:

- Health Care Card
- Pensioner Concession Card

- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

[Information on general public dental options](#)

Oral Health Fee For Service Scheme (OHFFS)

In addition to services provided in public dental clinics, vouchers may be offered to eligible patients under the Oral Health Fee For Service Scheme (OHFFSS). Dental vouchers are issued in emergency cases or when the public dental service cannot provide the required treatment. The type of voucher issued is dependent on the dental needs of the patient and the resources available to the public dental service.

[NSW Oral Health Fee For Service Scheme](#)

Queensland

For adults and their dependants to be eligible for free public dental care they must be a Queensland resident and, where applicable, receive benefits from any of the following concession cards:

- Pensioner Concession Card issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs
- Pensioner Concession Card issued by Centrelink
- Health Care Card
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card
- [Queensland Seniors Card](#)

For children to be eligible for free public dental care they must:

- be a Queensland resident or attend a Queensland school; and,
- be eligible for Medicare; and,
- meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - be aged four years or older and have not completed Year 10; or,
 - be eligible for the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule; or,
 - hold, or be listed as a dependent on, a valid Centrelink concession card

Public dental care for children may be provided on-site at schools through fixed or mobile dental clinics or at larger community dental clinics by teams including dentists, oral health therapists, dental therapists and dental assistants.

[Queensland public dental services](#)

Western Australia

General dental care is provided in Western Australia at public dental clinics.

You are eligible if you are a Western Australian with a current health care card or pension concession card. Children aged 0 to 4 whose name appears on their parent's health care or pension concession card, are also eligible to attend a general dental clinic for care. Children and teenagers aged 5 to 16 attending school are eligible for the free School Dental Service.

Dental treatment provided at a public dental clinic is subsidised by the Western Australian Government up to a maximum of 75% of the cost of the treatment. The level of dental subsidy entitlements is based upon the income received from Centrelink.

[General dental service | Dental Health Services, Government of Western Australia](#)

South Australia

All adults (18 years or older) who live in South Australia and hold a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card can attend a SA Dental Clinic.

Adelaide Family Dental

These clinics take all patients eligible for government-funded dental including;

- Department of Veteran Affairs
- Child Dental Benefits Schedule government schema (CDBS)

South Australia Government Dental Schemes

- Emergency Dental Scheme (EDS)
- General Dental Scheme (GDS)
- Pensioner Denture Scheme (PDS) Metropolitan Dentists

[Adelaide SA Dentist | Government Funded Dental](#)

[Who can attend | SA Dental](#) (Children)

[Who can attend | SA Dental](#) (Adults)

Tasmania

Children are entitled to the national Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS).

Adults must hold a current Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card, or they will have to book at a private dentist.

[Dental health service for adults](#)

[Dental health service for babies, children and teens](#)

Australian Capital Territory

Children are entitled to the national Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS).

Dental services are accessible at Community Health Centres. Eligible adults can have their teeth checked and treated with little or no cost.

[Dental | Canberra Health Services](#) (adult)

[Dental | Canberra Health Services](#) (children)

Northern Territory Dental

You can get free public dental services in the Northern Territory if you meet the eligibility criteria.

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