



The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP

Member for Vaucluse



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SAVINGS FOR NSW PENSIONERS

Member for Vaucluse Gabrielle Upton MP today announced that for the first-time pensioners are eligible for cash back on their tolls and are now accumulating toll savings that will be delivered into their bank accounts in January.

Ms Upton said, "The toll relief introduced in the recent NSW Budget delivers up to \$750 a year cash back when pensioners spend a minimum of \$375 a year on tolls.

"It is one way the NSW Government is supporting savings for pensioners along with council rate rebates, free glasses, free rego, free driver's licences, nearly \$300 off energy bills and more than \$100 off gas."

In addition, NSW Treasurer Matt Kean said the state has more than 70 discounts and rebates available through the [Savings Finder program](#), with a range of them specifically designed to assist pensioners drive their pension dollar further.

"Our pensioners have worked hard, they've paid their dues and we want to make sure that they're getting all the financial help they are entitled to," Mr Kean said.

The Energy Bill Buster program, announced in the Budget, allows pensioners to swap out 10 years of energy rebates for a free solar system or energy efficient appliances valued at up to \$4000 that will deliver ongoing energy savings of up to \$600 a year.

Here are 10 ways for NSW pensioners to save:

1. **Council rate rebates:** Pensioners are entitled to up to \$250 a year off their council rates. But depending on where you live, you can get an even bigger discount.
2. **Electricity rebate:** The Low Income Household Rebate will shave up to \$285 a year off your electricity bill for households with a retail provider.
3. **Gas rebate:** This rebate will give you a discount of up to \$110 a year.
4. **Water rates:** Eligible pensioners can access a quarterly rebate, shaving hundreds of dollars a year off a typical household bill.
5. **Gold Opal:** Unlimited travel for no more than \$2.50 a day on public transport across Sydney, the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Hunter, Illawarra and Southern Highlands.
6. **Toll relief:** For the first time, pensioners can access toll relief from January thanks to the recent NSW Budget which delivers up to \$750 a year cash back. Pensioners need to spend a minimum of \$375 a year on tolls to be eligible for cash back.

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7. **Travel vouchers:** Pensioners are entitled to four Pensioner Travel Vouchers each calendar year. They can be used for two return or four single trips, giving access to free or discounted travel in economy class on NSW TrainLink Regional services within regional NSW.
8. **Free car rego:** Pensioners in NSW don't pay registration fees or motor vehicle tax on one of their cars. They also receive free driver's licences, free driving tests and concessions on the cost of Mobility Parking Scheme permits.
9. **Free glasses:** You can get yourself one pair of single vision glasses or one pair of bifocal glasses in a two-year period under the NSW Spectacles Program.
10. **Seniors Card:** The NSW Seniors Card is packed with discounts for thousands of retailers and services across the state from groceries to tradespeople and insurance.

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