

6. CASUAL AND CONCESSION CARDS POOLS AND FITNESS CASUAL ADMISSIONS

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Council’s approval to alter the description of the beneficiaries, senior citizens, people with disabilities, unemployed, students and community service card holder concessions for our casual pool entry and casual weights and fitness entry.

During the Annual Plan process we excluded students from the concession for pool and weights/fitness membership on the basis that a significant number of the students joining the Council facilities are not full time students and have part-time or fulltime employment. Those students who do not have sufficient income are eligible to apply for a community service card that would enable them to obtain the appropriate discount.

ISSUE FOR CONSIDERATION

In implementing the above change at the facilities we have now created an anomaly in that any student providing a student identification (ID) card can receive a discount for casual use but not for a membership.

The issue that we are trying to correct is that the concession that the Council is providing is to support people, who are on a limited income or no income, to access the Council facilities. The issuing of a student ID card is not based on any criteria relating to income or disability.

To ensure that this concession is not abused the following description/definition is now proposed:

NZ Super Card – to cover senior citizens receiving Government superannuation.

Community Services Card – will cover beneficiaries, unemployed or students who have left school who are eligible for this card due to income restraints.

KiwiAble Leisure Card – CCC card available for people with disabilities.

Secondary School Student over 15 – New category – Pools only

Secondary school students who are able to provide current school identification will be eligible for child rates, ie \$2.00 for pool entry. This is no change from the interpretation of our fees schedule at present but clearly defines accessibility.

CONCLUSION

We do not anticipate any significant additional income from this proposal. However, it will clarify for our facilities customer services staff the eligibility for concessions. Indications are that staff at facilities would have difficulty explaining the anomaly with the non-availability of a student ID membership when casual concessions apply. This change, however, will impact on overseas students using our facilities who do not qualify for a Community Services Card but have been using their student ID cards for entry. Based on the purpose of the concession we do not consider that they should be receiving a discounted entry to our facilities.

NATURAL + PEOPLE + ECONOMIC STEP ASSESSMENT

#	CONDITION:	Meets condition ✓✓0*	HOW IT HELPS MEET CONDITION:
The Natural Step			
N1	Reduce non-renewable resource use	0	
N2	Eliminate emission of harmful substances	0	
N3	Protect and restore biodiversity and ecosystems	0	
N4	People needs met fairly and efficiently	NA	NA - See People Step + Economic Step

#	CONDITION:	Meets condition ✓✓0*	HOW IT HELPS MEET CONDITION:
The People Step			
P1	Basic needs met	✓✓	Relates to Concessions for people with disabilities or on a low income.
P2	Full potential developed	0	N/A
P3	Social capital enhanced	✓✓	Clarifies the situation for users
P4	Culture and identity protected	✓✓	No change to existing circumstances
P5	Governance and participatory democracy strengthened	0	N/A
The Economic Step			
E1	Effective and efficient use of all resources	0	N/A
E2	Job rich local economy	0	N/A
E3	Financial sustainability	✓	No change to pools operating cost

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the description in the Leisure Unit's Fees and Charges Schedule for Concessions be changed to:

NZ Supercard, Community Services Card, KiwiAble Leisure Card.
 2. That an additional category be added to the casual pools admissions as follows:

Secondary School Student over 15 with School ID – admission price \$2.00
 3. That these changes be advertised and implemented forthwith.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.