

MEDIA RELEASE

Changes in age eligibility for ACT Seniors Cards

From 1 July 2017, the eligibility age for applying for an ACT Seniors Card will increase to 61 years.

This follows an announcement in the 2016-17 ACT Budget, where the eligibility age for the ACT Seniors Card will be gradually increased to 65 years by 1 July 2025.

The change in eligibility age will not impact current Seniors Card holders.

The table below outlines the age increases until 30 June 2025:

Year	Eligibility age
2016	60 years
After 30 June 2017	61 years
After 30 June 2019	62 years
After 30 June 2021	63 years
After 30 June 2023	64 years
After 30 June 2025	65 years

ACT Seniors Card eligibility requirements (as of 1 July 2017):

- **Age 61 years or older**
- **Permanent resident of the ACT**
- **Not in paid employment for more than 20 hours per week**

For further information contact COTA ACT on 6282 3777 or seniorscard@cotaact.org.au.