

Fact Sheet

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We are fortunate in this province to have one of the highest proportions of older persons in Canada – one of every seven people is over the age of 65. We owe a great deal to seniors, and thank them for their part in making Saskatchewan the place we are proud to call home.

As a way of recognizing them for their valuable contributions, the provincial government is offering the Seniors' Gold Plan, available to all Saskatchewan residents 65 years of age and older. We hope these benefits, as a gesture of our appreciation, will help seniors enjoy our gorgeous Saskatchewan summers and travel our province year-round. Additional small benefits of this nature may be added to the plan in the future. These benefits include:

Free provincial park entry

- Saskatchewan seniors will receive a free park entry permit when they enter a provincial park upon providing identification verifying their age and residency.
- Seniors will be required to pay other park fees, such as camping fees and swimming pool fees.
- All people travelling in a passenger vehicle with a senior will also receive free entry to provincial parks.
- Free provincial entry for seniors is available now.
- Seniors from out of province will be required to pay regular park entry fees.

Free angling licences

- Seniors who produce proof of age and Saskatchewan residency are able to obtain a free angling licence from any of the over 1,000 hunting and angling licence vendors across the province.
- Seniors will still need to meet all other fishing regulations, such as possessing an angling licence, honouring catch limits and fishing seasons.
- Seniors from out of province will be required to buy angling licences.
- Seniors who bought an angling licence before the free angling licences became available can get a refund by going to any Saskatchewan Environment office, after a date to be announced. Retail vendors cannot provide a refund.

For additional details on these two benefits, phone Saskatchewan Environment at **1-800-667-5477 (select option 2)**

30% discount on fares from Saskatchewan Transportation Company (STC)

- The Saskatchewan Transportation Company is pleased to offer our province's seniors a significant discount on their travelling costs
- As of June 1, 2006, any Saskatchewan resident aged 65 or more can go to any STC depot and agency and, with proof of age, request a "Way To Go Gold" card. There is no cost to this card, and whenever it is presented at an STC agency or depot, the bearer will be entitled to an automatic 30 per cent discount on regular fares.
- There are no time limits associated to this benefit. The only restrictions are that it cannot be combined with any other discount, and can only be used on routes served by STC.

For additional details on this benefit, phone STC at **(306) 787-6807**.

Free non-driver photo ID from Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI)

- Seniors that do not drive can obtain photo ID for identification purposes free of charge at any motor licence issuer in Saskatchewan, effective June 1, 2006. This is a \$10 saving.
- This benefit is available to all seniors 65 years of age and over.
- Seniors can access this benefit voluntarily; the photo ID is not mandatory for non-drivers.
- Two pieces of identification will be required to obtain the photo ID benefit – one with a signature and the other with a birthdate.
- The photo ID is not required to access any of the other benefits of the Senior's Gold Plan.

For additional details on this benefit, please call **775-6900 in Regina, or toll-free 1-800-667-9868**.