



Helpful Resources in the ACT region

FINANCIAL & SUPPORT SERVICES		
Rise Above	6297 1261	https://riseabovecbr.org.au/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Region Cancer Relief provides financial assistance and support to cancer patients and family residing with them within the ACT, Queanbeyan and surrounds. • A charitable organisation, the group relies on fundraising, community partners, the generosity of businesses and the local community, to meet the needs of the increasing number of families that require our assistance. • Provision of the financial assistance specifically addresses the cancer patient's medical prognosis/treatment program. • Each case is treated on its merits at the time of application. 		
Centrelink	132 71	
Services Australia	132 71	
Every Australian is entitled by law to a range of potential benefits and payments. Having cancer can make you eligible for more benefits.		
https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/breast-cancer?context=23021		
https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/centrelink		
https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/special-benefit		
Access Canberra	1800 422 737	
https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/s/article/parking-permits-tab-overview		
Community Services #1	1800 960 938	https://communityservices1.org/
Belconnen Community Services	6264 0200	www.bsact.com.au
Southside Community Services	6124 4700	www.communityservices1.org
Care Inc	(02) 6257 1788	www.carefcs.org
A not-for-profit organisation that provides resources and support for financial counsellors, and links Australians to financial counsellors in their state or territory. Financial counsellors are qualified professionals who provide free information, advice and advocacy to people in financial difficulty. Financial counsellors are available in each state and territory		

Cancer Council ACT	13 11 20	https://actcancer.org/support/
<p>The Cancer Council has identified some common costs associated with cancer and the importance of informed financial consent.</p> <p>If you or someone you care about has been diagnosed with cancer you may have many questions or concerns. Cancer Council ACT can help to answer many of these questions and assist with your concerns as well as linking you to relevant services in the ACT area.</p>		
<p>https://www.cancercouncil.com.au/cancer-information/legal-work-and-financial-issues/cancer-care-and-your-rights/health-care-in-australia/paying-for-treatment/</p>		
<p>www.cancercouncil.com.au/cancer-information/legal-work-and-financial-issues/finances/finding-other-income/centrelink-benefits/</p>		
<p>https://www.cancer.org.au/support-and-services/practical-and-financial-assistance</p>		
<p>https://actcancer.org/support/practical-support/legal-and-financial-planning-advice/</p>		
Cancer Hub	1800 431 312	
<p>https://cancerhub.org.au/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwt_qgBhDFARIsABcDjOejks9pqKlImxoHLVhrb5csqLEhpxPUW8ppi2iHt4cyjDViH5_BBfKMaAqigEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds</p>		
<p>Cancer Hub is a collaboration between Canteen, Camp Quality and Redkite to help families impacted by cancer more easily access the different practical and emotional support services they need.</p>		
Central Health Intake	(02) 5124 9977 / (02) 5124 2415	
<p>https://www.canberrahealthservices.act.gov.au/services-and-clinics/services/central-health-intake-chi</p>		
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<p>The purpose of this system is to provide information on what services you may or may not be eligible for.</p>		
Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA)	1800 500 258	
<p>Breast cancer brings about a range of practical issues that need attention. From how you manage your finances, through to employment and what to do about childcare, there's a lot to think about and organise during an already difficult time.</p>		
Cancer Institute NSW	13 72 58	
<p>There will be times when cancer patients need help with money issues. Those who are working may also have questions about their employment rights. It helps to know your options and who to contact.</p>		
<p>https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/general-cancer-information/cancer-support/finding-support/money-legal-and-work-issues</p>		
Cancer Australia Locked Bag 3, Strawberry Hills NSW	1800 624 973 (02) 9357 9400	
<p>The <i>Supporting people with cancer</i> Grant initiative is an annual grants program that aims to support people affected by cancer through the provision of grants to community organisations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.</p>		
<p>https://www.canceraustralia.gov.au/research-data/grants-and-funding/supporting-people-cancer-grants</p>		

McGrath Foundation		(02) 8962 6100
Provides links to a number of other services that support breast cancer across the country including Wigs and Men's Health support. The foundation also provides an enduring commitment: to ensure every family experiencing breast cancer has the support of a Breast Care Nurse – for free.		
https://www.patients.org.au/patient-support/help-line/		
https://www.mcgrathfoundation.com.au/get-support/other-breast-care-services/		
The National Debt Helpline	1800 007 007	https://ndh.org.au/
Professional, free financial counsellors that offer independent and confidential services. A not-for-profit service that helps people tackle their debt problems. Professional financial counsellors are available, and offer free, independent and confidential services.		
Australian Patient's Association		(03) 9274 0788
Located in Melbourne, The Australian Patients Association undertakes various campaigns to raise awareness of issues affecting patients and to lobby corporations, organisations and government to improve the patient experience and the Australian healthcare system. Has developed a guide for patients about doctors fees		
MoneySmart		https://moneysmart.gov.au/dealing-with-illness
Cancer Australia		
Established to benefit all Australians affected by cancer, and their families and carers.		
www.canceraustralia.gov.au/impacted-cancer/cancer-support-organisations		
https://www.canceraustralia.gov.au/cancer-types/breast-cancer/overview		

<https://goodshep.org.au/nils-provider-finder/>

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and require emergency relief, please call Salvos Phone Assistance Line on ACT: (02) 8775 7987

What can NILS be used for?

Loans are available for **essential goods and services** including the categories below:

- Household Essentials like whitegoods and furniture
- Car Repairs and Registration
- Assistance devices
- Medical & Dental expenses
- Technology like a phone or laptop
- Bond and moving expenses
- Education expenses

What can't NILS be used for?

- NILS cannot be used for rent, utility bills, food, clothing, debt and purchasing a car.
- NILS it is not a cash loan. We pay directly to supplier/company.

PLEASE NOTE:

Our loan process can take up to **2-3 weeks** *but* sometimes we have a surge of loan enquiries, and it may take extra time to process applications.

If this timing is not suitable other NILS loan provider might be able to process your loan faster than us.

Please check other NILS loan provider in your area on.

To apply, please complete the Application Form and submit with the supporting documents.

<https://salvosnils.snapforms.com.au/form/salvos-nils-application-form>

Minimum Supporting Documents to upload to application:

- Bank Statements (3 months up to date)
- Centrelink Statement (most recent)
- Rental Ledger (from realtor/landlord) if not shown on your bank/Centrelink statements
- Electricity/Gas Bills (most recent) if not shown on your bank/Centrelink statements
- 100 points of ID
- Quote (from supplier/company)

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Sickness Benefit		Centrelink 132 717
Medicare		132 011
Superannuation & Income Protection		Contact your superannuation fund
Tax issues		Contact the Tax Office
Defence Force		Contact the Department of Defence or Veterans Affairs
Cancer Institute NSW		https://www.cancer.nsw.gov.au/ The Institute has identified some common costs associated with cancer and the importance of informed financial consent.
Can Refer		6101 2207 https://www.canrefer.org.au/cancer-types/breast-cancer/cooma-nsw
Department of Health		Explains private health insurance out-of-pocket-costs in detail https://www.health.gov.au/topics/private-health-insurance
Cancer.org.au		https://www.cancer.org.au/support-and-services/practical-and-financial-assistance/what-will-i-have-to-pay-for-treatment
Cancer Council's Pro Bono Program		Can help people with legal issues, financial planning, small business accounting, workplace (HR or recruitment) advice. https://www.cancer.org.au/support-and-services/practical-and-financial-assistance/pro-bono-program
Radiation Oncology		A medical speciality that involves the controlled use of radiation to treat cancer either for cure, or to reduce pain and other symptoms caused by cancer. As part of their Targeting Cancer initiative, the Faculty of Radiation Oncology have developed a factsheet about the costs associated with radiation therapy. https://www.ranzcr.com/our-professions/faculty-of-radiation-oncology
Breast Cancer Network Australia		1800 500 258 https://www.bcna.org.au/health-wellbeing/financial-and-practical-support/
Canteen	6101 2207	www.canteen.org.au
Cancer Council ACT	13 11 20	www.actcancer.org