

Caravan Park Defib Subsidy – How to Apply



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What is the Caravan Park Defib Subsidy?

In 2019, the Federal Government in partnership with Caravan Industry Association of Australia, launched a Caravan Park Defibrillator Subsidy Program for Caravan Parks to encourage operators to install these devices to help save the lives of those people experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest. The funding of \$1 million from the government will match dollar to dollar up to \$1000 per unit (excluding GST) purchased by an operator.

Caravan Industry Association of Australia will manage the implementation and the roll out of the program beginning on July 1st, 2019 until June 30th, 2021.

Why Caravan Parks?

Over 430,000 Australians have had a heart attack at some point in their lives with 51 Australians dying each day as a result of heart related issues.

Around the country each year, over 11 million Australians undertake a caravan and camping trip, with over 90% of these trips occurring in regional Australia. According to the Heart Foundation, over 40% of these people are considered a significant risk of a heart attack as they are aged over 55 years, have a low income and are located in regional Australia. This is in addition to the potential for incidents to occur with children around pools and roads.

Research shows that if a person is defibrillated within the first minute of collapse, the victim's chances for survival are close to 90 percent. For every minute that defibrillation is delayed, survival decreases by 7 percent to 10 percent. In regional centres of Australia, average call out time for an ambulance varies between 15 to 30 minutes.

In regional Australia, the caravan park is often centre to the community and one of the few businesses that is accessible 24h a day 7 days a week in the event of required access to a defibrillator. Although there has been an increased supply of defibs into sporting clubs, these venues are only accessible when sports are being played. As such, Caravan Parks can play an important role in supporting a local community's health service.

Across the country there are 1300 caravan parks with 40 sites/cabins or more which represents a footprint to provide a regional network of defibrillators for both community members, park residents and visitors travelling through.

Who is eligible and do I qualify?

Any commercial caravan park or accommodation provider that has caravan and camping style accommodation is eligible to apply for the subsidy. However, operators applying for the subsidy must adhere to several requirements as stipulated by the government:

- Caravan Parks with less than 40 caravan park style sites may access the grant for the purchase of up to one defibrillator unit.
- Caravan Parks with 40 sites or more, may access the subsidy for the purchase of up to two defibrillator units.
- Operators claiming the subsidy for a defibrillator must agree to the following terms on application:
 - If requested, be able to demonstrate that their responsible staff have been or will be trained to use a defibrillator;
 - Accept all responsibility for all liabilities in relation to the defibrillator, including their placement, security, upkeep and maintenance;
 - Agree to fully indemnify the Commonwealth Government and Caravan Industry Association of Australia in relation to the subsidised defibrillators;
 - Agree to the safe disposal of an expired defibrillator.
- A purchase receipt for the invoice must be provided.
- The defibrillator purchased must be on the [Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods List](#) – your supplier can provide guidance regarding this. Caravan Industry Association of Australia is not able to provide guidance regarding suitable AED devices to purchase.

How to apply for the subsidy

The process to apply for the subsidy is completed online:

1. Purchase your preferred defibrillator which is approved on the Register of Therapeutics Goods List.
2. Ensure you have a copy of the receipt with all relevant business details.
3. Complete and submit an [online application form](#) agreeing to all terms, ensuring that you have attached the invoice.
4. Once approved, payment of the subsidy will be made by Caravan Industry Association of Australia within 30 days to your nominated bank account.

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the subsidy, please check see FAQ's below or contact us at info@defibrillatorsaustralia.com.au or defibs@caravanindustry.com.au

Defib Subsidy FAQ

Please find below answers to commonly asked questions regarding the Caravan Park Defibrillator Subsidy Program.

Do I have to be a member or contributor to a state or national caravan and camping association to access the subsidy?

You are not required to be a member of any association to access the subsidy, however we would strongly encourage your business to get involved with your [caravan and camping industry association](#). Initiatives such as this one cannot be achieved without the guidance and financial support of businesses to help develop a sustainable industry.

How long do I have to access the defib subsidy?

The Caravan Park Defibrillator Subsidy Program is a two year program running from the 1st of July 2019 to the 30th of June 2021 unless the grant amount (\$1 million) has been expended before the close date. Please note, applications for the subsidy are on a first come, first-served basis.

Can the subsidy include the purchase of a cabinet for the defib?

If purchased as a bundle, the subsidy will also cover the cost of a cabinet. If there are any additional items in the bundle, please contact defibs@caravanindustry.com.au before you purchase as they may be covered by the subsidy.

If I have already purchased a defib, can I claim the subsidy?

If you have purchased your defib on or after the 1st of July 2019, you are eligible to claim the subsidy. Unfortunately, any defibs purchased before the 1st of July 2019 cannot be claimed.

Can I use any State Association discount offers with the subsidy?

Yes you can – please contact your [State Association](#) to find out what discounts or specials may be applicable.

My defib has been damaged or stolen since claiming the subsidy, can I claim for another purchase?

In the event your purchased defibrillator becomes damaged due to events such as vandalism, fire or flooding, you may apply for an additional subsidy. Please contact defibs@caravanindustry.com.au before purchasing a replacement defib to ensure you qualify for the subsidy.

My business/organisation owns multiple caravan parks, how many subsidies can I access?

Each subsidy relates to the purchase of a defibrillator per caravan park. If your business/organisation owns multiple caravan parks, you can access the subsidisation for each caravan park you own/manage.

Can I use any supplier to purchase my defibrillator?

Your defibrillator can be purchased from any supplier as long as the defibrillator you purchase is located on the [Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods List](#). It is also recommended to check with your relevant [State Association](#) before purchasing a defib, as additional discounts or support may be applicable to members. A current list of suppliers who have expressed an interest in supplying caravan parks can be found [here](#).