



## 411 Seniors Centre Society

*Seniors Staying Connected*

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### Senior Discounts Available in Vancouver and the Lower Mainland

The attached list is a compilation of discounts from a number of sources including existing seniors organizations, personal knowledge of the 411 Seniors volunteers, newspaper articles and internet research. All information is believed to be accurate to February, 2014.

Seniors should always enquire about discounts prior to shopping and recognize that the offers are fluid and may vary from store to store depending on the Manager's policy. In the last few years senior's discounts have been shrinking. Specifically the requirements for age are often going up (usually to 65+ from 60 yrs of age), across the board discounts are being replaced with specific "senior's days", the discounts are only being acknowledged if a senior asks and requirements for loyalty/affiliation cards are growing. For example, CARP (formerly Can. Assoc. Of Retired Persons, now for all ages, membership is \$24.95 a year) lists approximately 100 discounts or deals for it's members on it's website.

Three of the most helpful internet lists of senior discounts and the foundation for this list were:

- The Municipal Pension Retiree Association, (2010), found on the **Richmond Seniors Network** website
- the "Discounts, Low Cost, No Cost" list on the **Seniors Services Society** website (focus on New West but also general services) and
- the "Discount for Seniors" compilation on the **Canadian Senior Years** website.

Seniors should recognize that this list is not all encompassing, many more businesses and organizations also have discounts. Always ask.

The Richmond site also has a list of "money saving tips" at the end of their discount list.

### General Product and Department Stores

Bay, 60+, 15%, First Tuesday of each month

Salvation Army, 10%, 60+, every day

Sears, 55+, 10%, Second Tuesday?

Value Village, 10%, 60+, Tuesdays

Walmart, does not have a specific seniors discount but has numerous on-line coupons

### **Retail/Clothing**

Banana Republic, 60+, 10%, one day a week

Carlton Cards, 60+, 10%, Every day

Laura Secord, 65+, 15%, First Monday

Ming Wo , 60+, 20%, First Monday, regular priced items only

### **Grocery and Food Stores**

Liquor Depot/Barn, 65+, 5%, Tuesdays

M&M Meat Shop, 60+, 5%, Tuesday, 10% if order over \$30

McGavins Bread Basket, 60+, 10%, Wednesdays

Safeway, 10% off or Air Miles, First Tuesday, Customer Appreciation Day, minimum \$35, with Safeway Card

### **Restaurants (discounts may vary from location to location)**

A & W, 60+, discounts on coffee/tea and on food

ABC Country Restaurant, seniors menu section, Sunday brunch special in some locations

The Bay Restaurant, 65+, 10%

Burger King, 55+, seniors coffee

Church's Chicken, 55+, 30%, Tuesdays

Denny's Restaurant, 55+, seniors section on menu

IHOP, 55+, seniors section on menu

KFC, all groups, Tuesday specials

Knight & Day, seniors menu, specials from 4:00 to 9:00 pm

Macdonalds, 60+, discounted seniors coffee and coffee/muffin deals

The Pantry, 65+, seniors menu

Ricky's All-day Grill, 65+, 10%

Subway, 60+, 10%, at Manager's discretion

Taco Bell, 60+, free drink

Wendy's Restaurant, 55+varies by location

White Spot, 65+, ask for seniors menu

### **Hotels/Motels**

Senior discounts vary by age, by % of discount, and by season. Loyalty cards for the hotel chain or membership cards (such as BCAA or CARP) are often needed. Ask when reserving.

Best Western

Sandman Hotels

Choice Hotels (Clarion, Comfort Inn, Quality, Sleep Inn, Econo Lodge, etc.)

Days Inn

Hilton Hotels (Doubletree, Embassy Suites, Hampton Inn, Red Lion, etc.)

Howard Johnson

Marriott Hotels

Radisson Hotels

Travelodge Hotels

Fairmont Hotels

### **Banks and Credit Units**

All financial institutions offer 60+ discounts which vary by product and institution; often must ask.

### **Pharmacies / Health Services**

Costco Pharmacy, has lowest drug and dispensing fees, membership needed

Iris Eyecare, significant discounts for CARP members on frames, lens and laser surgery

Lens Crafters, 30%, CAA members discount

Pearle Vision, 65+, has given CARP discounts in past, has 30% discount for BCAA members

Pharmasave, 65+, varies from store to store, often 10% off on one day a month

Shoppers Drug Mart, 55+, last Thursday, some exclusions, need Optimum Card

Fair Pharmacare, Prov. Government, will subsidize high prescription and medical supply costs for low income citizens, sliding scale, must be registered, restrictions apply

Medical Services Plan, Prov. Government, Premium Assistance program, free coverage for low income citizens with net income below \$22,000, then sliding scale

### **Home Improvement and Building Supplies**

Art Knapps, 60+, 20%, Wednesday, Off regular priced items

Canadian Tire, 65+, 10%, First Wednesday, off regular priced items

Cloverdale Paints, 65+, 15%, Any day, 25% paint, 15% tools and accessories

Home Depot, 65+, Anytime, Manager's discretion

Home Hardware, 65+, 10%, Discounts vary, Manager's discretion, Tuesdays at some locations

Rona, 65+, 10%, Anytime

### **Automotive Care and Supplies**

Bashir's Auto, 60+, 50%, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Car washes

Lordco, 65+, 30%, Anyday, Off regular priced items

ICBC and Canada Direct offer significant seniors discounts for car insurance, (some restrictions), 65+

### **Car Rental Companies**

Thrifty Canada, 55+, 5%

Budget, Hertz, Avis, 25% but must be a CARP member

## **Transportation / Travel**

Airlines: Air Canada and Westjet do not offer seniors discounts however a number of American airlines (American, Delta, United, US Airlines, etc.) offer limited discounts/deals in some markets, on some flights, usually by telephone only; always query before making reservations. Note that CARP members have access to various packages and offers. See their website.

Amtrak, 65+, offers seniors discount though other passes and discounts may offer superior value

Aquabus, 65+, seniors discounts on individual and all passes

BC Ferries, 65+, free passenger fare to March 31 on Mon. to Thurs., 50% discount after that date, on most routes, holidays excluded

Greyhound Canada, 62+, 10%, also have significant discounts when senior travels with other adults or related children, restrictions apply

Park'N Fly, 20% discount for CARP members

Translink, 65+, concession fare of \$1.75, monthly passes, with ID

Provincial Bus Pass program for low-income seniors receiving GIS or other allowances, 65+, one-time-payment of \$45 for year, restrictions apply

VIA Rail, 60+, 15%, seniors discounts, other passes and discounts may offer superior value

Parks Canada, 65+, 12% discount on day and yearly pass

BC Parks, 65+, seniors discount of 50% off summer rate from Labour Day to June 15<sup>th</sup>, restrictions apply

## **Theatres/Culture/Education**

All cinemas (Cineplex Odeon, Landmark, etc.) offer seniors discounts usually of 20% or more

Vancouver Art Gallery, 65+, 30%

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, 65+, discounts varies, also have a 25% CARP discount

UBC Museum of Anthropology, 65+, 13% discount

University of BC, Simon Fraser University, and Capilano University all offer significant seniors discounts, special seniors offerings and continuing ed courses, 55+, of special note is Endless

Pursuits at UBC each June and Elder University at Capilano University

Community Centres, 65+, 30% off for seniors, there is also a limited-access pass for all low income families and individuals with various activities being free or at 50% of cost