



TTARP BENEFITS

A. NATIONAL BENEFITS FOR PERSONS AGE 50+

TTARP negotiated /implemented for its Members a wide variety of discounts for purchases at numerous Commercial, Medical and Retail enterprises. These are being updated on an ongoing basis.

B. NATIONAL BENEFITS FOR PERSONS AGE 60+

The following are TTARP's Recommendations to the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT) and others on behalf of Senior Citizens which are now in effect :-

1. Fee Exemption for the renewal of a Trinidad and Tobago Passport.
2. Fee Exemption for the renewal of a Trinidad and Tobago Driver's Permit.
3. Exemption from Trinidad and Tobago Airport Departure Tax on Airline Tickets
4. Tax Exemption on premium payments for General Insurance Policies (e.g. House and Car)
5. Free PTSC Bus Pass for bus rides in Trinidad and Tobago.
6. Free rides on the Water Taxi between POS and San Fernando.
7. Fee Exemption on certain bank services (e.g. Bank Drafts and bank statements for US Visas)
8. Preferential rates on fixed deposits at Banks and certain Credit Unions.
9. Increased the range of CDAP medications for ailments common to Senior Citizens.
10. Extended Medical Care hours of services at community Centers from 7am to 4pm, to 7am to 7pm, and in certain areas from 7am to 10pm.
11. The Senior Citizen Grant has been increased to \$3,500 (max) per month dependent on a means test for other Retirement Income from NIS and Occupational Pensions which must not exceed \$5,500 per month.
12. Retiring Government employees will now receive an interim pension of three thousand dollars (\$3,000), while their work records are processed, when verified, the retired employee will receive the correct pension and a lump sum for arrears.
13. Removal of semi-annual Life Certificate for NIS Pensioners.
14. Retired Government Pensioners will no longer be required to present themselves as proof of life existence as an online link will be established with the Registrar General's office.
15. Walk-Over constructed to assist senior citizens and others travelling to and from the Tobago Ferry Port and Water Taxi service.

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OTHER

In context of approved GORTT National Budget 2022/2023 the following are some additional improvements which Senior Citizens (and Others) shall enjoy :-

- a) All first-time home owners will qualify for a tax-free allowance of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000).
- b) Employed persons will benefit from a personal tax deduction up to a maximum sum of \$60,000 on combined contributions to approved pension funds, annuity plans, and National Insurance.
- c) Value Added Tax (VAT) has been removed from many basic food items, such as biscuits, cooking oil, canned vegetables, canned meat and fish, cornflakes, curry, juice, sausages, ham, ketchup, pigtail, and bottled water.
- d) Electricity and Water rate rebates to be increased from 25% to 35% for bills LESS THAN Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).
- e) Removal of VAT and Duties on therapy equipment for treatment of vision, hearing and physical disabilities.
- f) Removal of VAT and Import duties on computer equipment which should make these important communication devices cheaper.
- g) All Citizens will have access to Free WIFI internet connections at Transport Hubs, Public Hospitals, Schools and Libraries.
- h) Increase non-taxable Annual Income allowances to \$90,000 for all citizens.
- i) All taxes (including Customs Duty, Online Purchase Tax and Value Added Tax) on individual components in CCTV systems, including cameras and DVRs, are waived with effect from January 1st 2023.
- j) There is a collaboration between the Ministry of Social Development & Family Services, iGovTT and TTConnect to allow senior citizens to submit their Life Declaration Certificate Form by calling the toll free number 800-8826 for an appointment.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

GET \$10 FOR EACH PERSON YOU
RECOMMEND TO JOIN TTARP

(Must be a New Member)

New Member must say who referred them.
Payment can be collected at the office.