

The Formentera Office of Social Welfare (*Conselleria de Benestar Social, CBS*) has begun issuing cards that "make it easier for large and single-parent families to navigate the discounts to which they are entitled", according to Rafael Ramírez, Councillor of Social Welfare.

CBS has registered 140 large and 5 single-parent families on Formentera that can benefit from discounts, and since the new cards started going out a few weeks ago, some thirty families have already received them. Cardholders can use the cards —some generic and for the entire family unit, others personalised and assigned to each member— at an array of locations, even off Formentera. "Till today, every time members of large and single-parent families had to request a service or discount, they had to present a CBS-issued certificate; the card makes the process simpler and, most importantly, more convenient. The cards can be used elsewhere too, like to visit museums off the island", explained Councillor Ramírez.

Various state, regional and local benefits exist for large families that use services such as transport, education, housing, leisure and culture. To educate islanders about the initiative, CBS has put out a round-up of Consell de Formentera services and discounts, like those at nurseries, the school of music and dance, municipal summer camp programme and more.

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