Bee on your way, with your Bee Card!

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Register Your Bee Card for Bus Travel Savings

Looking for cheaper bus fares?

Purchase your Bee Card from the Toi Ohomai Info Centre on campus and set up your online account. Once your account is active, the Info Centre team can help you apply for tertiary student fares through Bay of Plenty Regional Council, making it easy to access discounted travel.

The savings can really add up. Happy travelling!

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How to Register and Set Up a Bee Card for Tertiary Students in Tauranga

If you're a tertiary student living or studying in the Bay of Plenty, a Bee Card is an easy way to pay for Bay Hopper bus travel. Registering your card also allows you to have your tertiary student concession added, which gives you a discounted fare on eligible urban bus services.

1. **Get a Bee Card**

   You can get a Bee Card in several ways:

- Toi Ohomai Info Centre
- Ask a bus driver for a Bee Card.
- Get one through a Bay of Plenty Regional Council office.

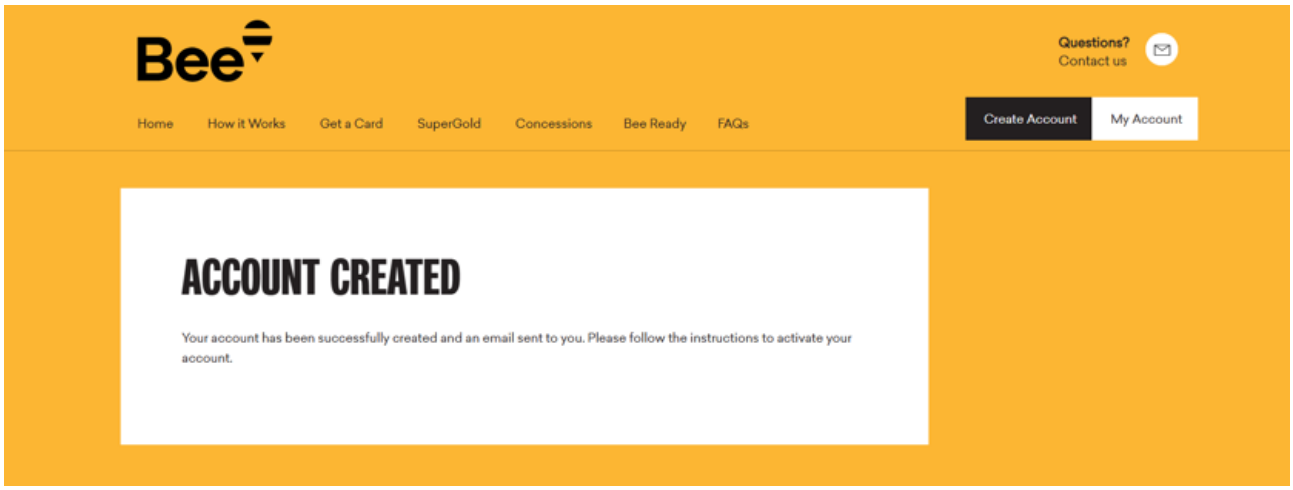
Bee Cards currently cost $5, and a minimum $5 top-up applies in most cases.

2. **Create your Bee Card account**

   Go to the official Bee Card website and select the option to create an account.

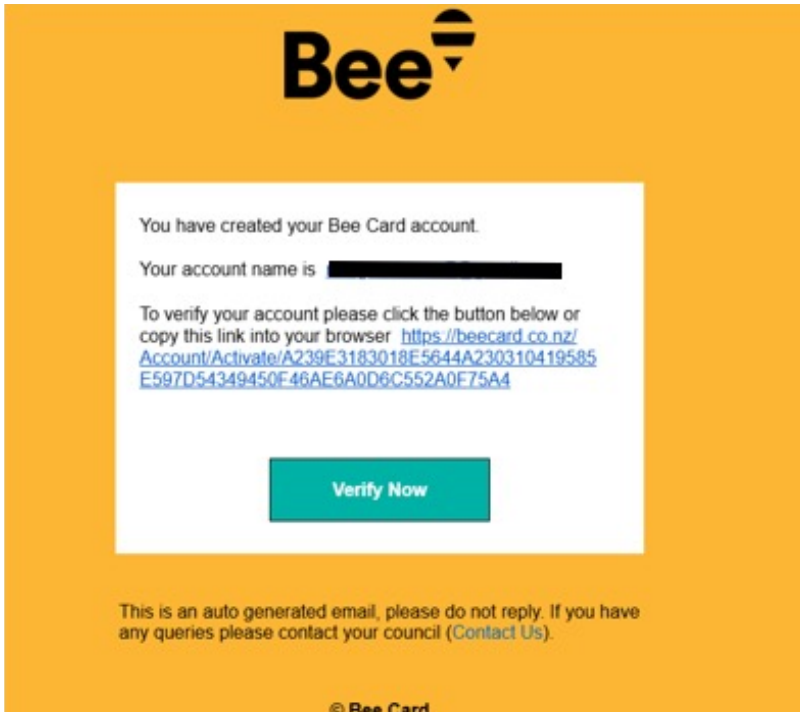
- You will need to provide your personal details, including:
- Your name (First and Last Name)
- Email address
- Mobile phone number
- Date of birth
- New Zealand address
- A password
- Security questions and answers

You should see the below once your account has been created:



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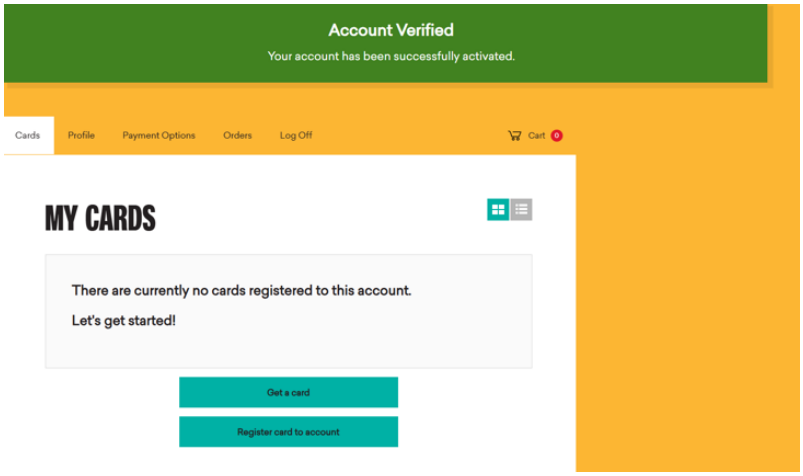
YOU WILL BE SENT A VERIFICATION EMAIL AFTER CREATING YOUR ACCOUNT, YOU NEED TO FOLLOW THE VERIFICATION LINK TO COMPETE YOUR ACCOUNT SET UP:

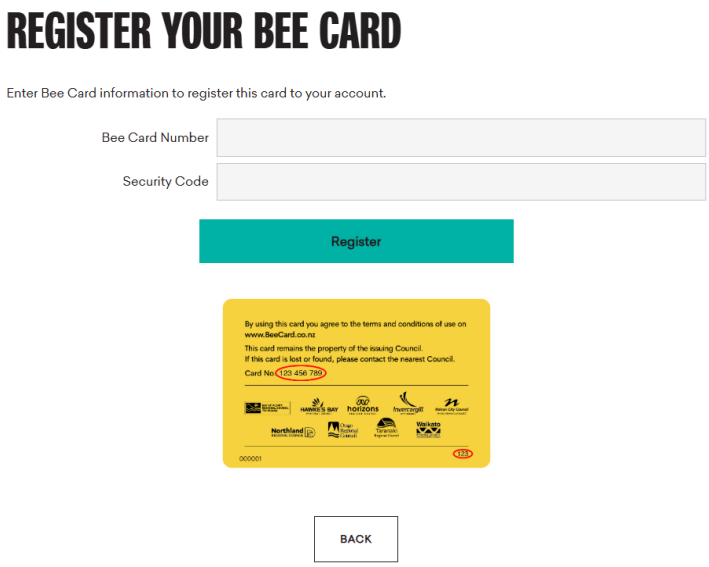


Having an online account allows you to manage your Bee Card, top it up and access other card features.

3. Register your Bee Card

Once you have created and verified your account, log in and register your physical Bee Card.





To do this you will need the card number printed on your Bee Card.

If you received your card from a bus driver, it may not be immediately available to register because the card needs to finish processing at the bus depot first.

Bee Card login:

Log in to your Bee Card account.

Why should you register it?

Registering your Bee Card is especially important for students because:

- Your card can be linked to your online account.
- You can top up your card online.
- You can add your tertiary student concession.
- You can check your card and transaction information.

  If your registered card is lost, stolen or damaged, its balance can be transferred to a replacement card.

4. Add your tertiary student concession

This is the important step for tertiary students.

Registering your Bee Card does not automatically make you eligible for the tertiary discount. You need to have the tertiary concession loaded onto your registered Bee Card.

Baybus states that the tertiary concession is available to tertiary students with a valid student ID. Your student ID must be from a New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) registered education provider.

Once you have your Bee Card and online account, you can have your tertiary concession added by:

- Taking your Bee Card and valid student ID to a Toi Ohomai Info Centre (Tauranga or Rotorua).
- Visiting a Bay of Plenty Regional Council office.

Make sure you have your current tertiary student ID available as proof of eligibility.

For students who use the bus regularly, keeping a small balance on the card can help avoid problems when travelling to or from campus.

5. Where to get help

Toi Ohomai Info Centre – Tauranga or Rotorua.

Quick student checklist

	Get a Bee Card
	Create a Bee Card online account
	Register your Bee Card
	Verify your account via email sent by Bee Card
	Have your valid tertiary student ID ready
	Apply to have the tertiary concession loaded
	Check that the concession is active
	Top up your Bee Card
	Tag on when boarding
	Tag off when leaving the bus