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Patient Accommodation and Travel Schemes

All States and Territories have patient accommodation and travel schemes (PATs) which reimburse patients having to travel long distances a proportion of out-of-pocket expenses. Since conditions vary, the web sites for each of the State schemes are provided below.

NSW Isolated Patients' Travel and Accommodation Scheme (IPTAAS)

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/living/transport/iptaas.html>

VIC Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme (VPTAS)

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ruralhealth/vptas/index.htm>

QLD Queensland Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS)

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/iptu/html/ptss.asp>

SA Patient Assistance Transport Scheme (PATs)

<http://www.rah.sa.gov.au/country/pats.php>

WA Patients' Assisted Travel Scheme (PATs)

<http://www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au/default.asp?documentid=878>

TAS Tasmania Patient Travel Assistance Program (PTAP)

http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/health_and_wellbeing/ambulance__and__patient_transport/related_topics/ptas

ACT Interstate Patients' Travel Assistance Scheme (IPATS)

<http://www.health.act.gov.au/c/healtha=sendfile&ft=p&fid=1212476108&sid=>

NSW Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme

<http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/ttss>

The NSW Taxi Transport Subsidy Scheme [TTSS]. Introduced in 1981 to assist residents of NSW who are unable to use public transport because of a qualifying severe and permanent disability; subsidises the travel cost of TTSS participants, allowing them to travel by taxi at half fare. The maximum subsidy that can be claimed is \$30.00.

Is not means tested, however, applicants must meet strict eligibility criteria. Receipt of an aged, invalid, blind or any other pension will not automatically qualify an individual for participation in the Scheme. Pre-school aged children, regardless of their disability, are ineligible for the Scheme.

The Mobility Parking Scheme - NSW

The Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) provides parking concessions to people with mobility disabilities. All applications for new or renewal MPS cards must be signed by a medical doctor. Doctors are aware that the fraudulent use of MPS cards disadvantage the people the scheme is designed to help, and will not sign the medical certificate unless you genuinely meet the requirements.

The RTA issues a licence-style card that includes the cardholders photograph, and other security features such as a hologram and a 'ghost' photo image. Proof of identity is required to ensure only eligible people receive a card.

<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/rulesregulations/mobilityparking/>

For State specific Access and information on similar schemes in your Australian state, territory or local government area contact the site below

<http://www.gov.au/>

Centrelink Payments

Centrelink homepage is at www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/home/index.htm

Carer Allowance & Payment

For parents or carers of children or adults who are frail aged, chronically ill, or have a disability and because of that disability need a lot of additional care. [Carer Allowance Fact Sheet](#)

Disability and Carer Payment

[Disability and Carer Payment Rates Factsheet](#) that provides a summary of the qualifications, payment rates and income/assets test for Disability Support Pension, Sickness Allowance, Carer Payment, and Mobility Allowance.

The Financial Information Service

[Financial Information Service Factsheet](#) explains the assistance available.

Bereavement Allowance or Payment

[Bereavement Allowance Payment Rates Factsheet](#) provides a summary of the qualifications, income and assets tests and payment rates for Bereavement Allowance