

Information & Resources



Summary of Patient Assisted Travel Schemes Across the States and Territories

	Travel reimbursement scheme	Basic eligibility requirements	Travel subsidy	Accommodation subsidy per approved person (patient & approved escort)	Key additional conditions
<u>ACT</u>	Interstate Patient Travel Assistance Scheme (IPTAS). Tel: 02 6244 3172	Current referral for a specialist medical service not available in the ACT.	Private vehicle rebates of receipts up to specified amount depending on state (Sydney \$99, Melbourne \$220, Adelaide \$410, Brisbane \$451). The costs of the least expensive form of public transport up to specified amount depending on the destination state. (COACH: Sydney \$74, Melbourne \$132, Adelaide \$239, Brisbane \$317; RAIL: Sydney \$101, Melbourne \$190, Adelaide \$212, Brisbane \$212) Economy air fare where additional criteria are met.	Private accommodation subsidy of \$11 per night per person. Commercial accommodation subsidy of \$36 per night per person.	Nil
<u>NSW</u>	Isolated Patients Travel and Accommodation Assistance Scheme (IPTAAS) Tel: 02 6058 4511	More than 100 kilometres one way to the nearest medical specialist.	Private vehicle - \$0.15 per kilometre. Economy public transport fare. Economy air fare where medically endorsed.	Private accommodation subsidy of \$30 per week after the first week of private accommodation for pensioners or health care card holders. Commercial accommodation subsidy of \$33 per night for a single room or \$46 per night for a double room.	Non pensioners and those without a health card must contribute \$40 of travel benefit.

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<u>NT</u>	Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) Katherine Tel: 08 8973 9206 Darwin Tel: 08 8922 8135 Alice Springs: 08 8951 7846 Barkly Tel: 08 8962 4262 East Arnhem Tel: 08 8987 0540	More than 200 kilometres one way to the nearest medical specialist.	Private vehicle \$0.15 per kilometre. Lowest available fare for bus and air travel. Ground transport reimbursement of \$40 for an interstate trip.	Private accommodation subsidy of \$10 per night per person. Commercial accommodation subsidy of \$35 per night per person.	Nil
<u>QLD</u>	Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS) Tel: 07 32364833	Nearest medical specialist is more than 50 kilometres from the local public hospital.	Private vehicle \$0.15 per kilometre. Cheapest form of public transport. Economy airfare where medically endorsed.	Private accommodation subsidy of \$10 per person per night. Commercial accommodation subsidy of \$30 per night per person.	Non pensioners and those without health care cards must contribute the first 4 night's accommodation per financial year.
<u>SA</u>	Patient Assistant Transport Scheme (PATS) Tel: 18001881115	More than 100 kilometres one way to the nearest specialist.	Private vehicle \$0.16 per kilometre. Economy rail or coach fare. Economy air fare where medically endorsed.	Commercial accommodation subsidy only of \$30 per night per person.	Claimants must contribute \$30 of the travel benefit amount. Non pensioners and those without health care cards must meet the costs of first night of accommodation.
<u>Tas</u>	Patient Travel Assistance Scheme (PTAS) Royal Hobart Hospital Tel:03 6222 8225 Launceston General Hospital Tel:03 6348 7249 North West Regional Hospital Tel:03 6430 3673	More than 75kms one way to medical specialist treatment or lymphoedema treatment. More than 50kms one way to the nearest oncology centre.	Private vehicle \$0.19 per kilometre. Economy bus ticket. Economy air or ferry ticket for interstate travel.	Commercial accommodation subsidy only of \$46 per night per person within Tasmania and \$64 per night per person for interstate.	Pensioners or health care card holders must contribute \$15 to the travel benefit amount (capped at \$120 per year). Non pensioners and those without a health care card must contribute \$75 to the travel benefit amount (capped at \$300 per year).

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<u>Vic</u>	Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme (VPTAS) Tel: 03 9616 7777	More than 100 kilometres away to the nearest medical specialist OR Travel on average 500 kilometres per week for a minimum of 5 consecutive weeks (for ongoing cancer treatments)	Private vehicle \$0.17 per kilometre. Economy public transport fare. Economy air fare only if the journey exceeds 350 kilometres one way.	Commercial accommodation subsidy only of \$35 per night per person.	Non pensioners and those without a health care card must contribute the first \$100 to the travel benefit each treatment year.
<u>WA</u>	Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) Tel: 1300 135 030	More than 100 kilometres away to access eligible specialist medical treatment. Claimants travelling between 70 – 100 kilometres one way from medical specialist services are eligible for a flat subsidy of \$20 per return trip.	Private vehicle \$0.17 per kilometre. Economy rail or coach fare. Economy air fare when nearest medical specialist is more than 16 hours away by road. Economy air fare (where possible) for patients undergoing cancer treatments for journeys more than 4 hours/350 kilometres by road.	Private accommodation subsidy of \$20 per night per person. Commercial accommodation subsidy of \$60 per night for the patient and \$15 per night for an escort.	No accommodation subsidy for those residing 70 -100 kilometres away from medical specialists.

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