

PTAS Application Form

Patient Travel Assistance Scheme (PTAS)

The Patient Travel Assistance Scheme (PTAS) helps cover your travel costs if you need to travel long distances to access specialised health care. More information is provided in the attached summary guide. Detailed information about PTAS can be found at www.health.tas.gov.au/ptas.

Section 1: Patient to complete

Section 1 must be completed and signed by the patient or their guardian/carer. Your personal information will only be used to process your PTAS Application and will be managed in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004*.

Patient's contact and personal information

Patient's name				Date of birth	
Residential address					
Suburb				Postcode	
Postal address					
Suburb				Postcode	
Preferred contact method	☐ Home phone	☐ Mobile	☐ Email		
Home phone				Mobile	
Email					
Do you identify as Aboriginal ☐ Torres Strait Islander ☐ or both ☐					

Appointment details (if known)

Please provide a copy of your appointment letter with your application

Concession card copy (if you have one) No ☐ Yes ☐

If yes, please provide a copy of your current concession card with your application.

Payment details (reimbursement is by electronic funds transfer)

Account name					
BSB number (6 digits)					Bank
Account number					

Declaration and consent

- I am not eligible to receive financial assistance for travel expenses from a private health fund or any other scheme, including the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Motor Accidents Insurance Board, or workers compensation.
- I give permission for my doctors to share relevant information with the PTAS Medical Authoriser.
- I understand that I must submit Section 3 of this form within 6 months of the first date of treatment.

	Signature of patient or parent/guardian	Date
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Section 2: Referring medical practitioner to complete

- Section 2 must be completed and signed by the referring medical practitioner.
- The referring medical practitioner must describe the treatment for which the patient is being referred with sufficient detail to enable assessment of PTAS eligibility by the Medical Authoriser (a medical practitioner).



Patient details

Patient name

Date of birth

Phone Number

Address



Referring medical practitioner details (doctor who is referring the patient to a specialist).

For travel outside of Tasmania, the referring doctor must be a Tasmanian specialist.

Name

Address

Telephone

Email



Nominated clinical provider details (clinician whom the patient is travelling to see)

Travel to private clinical services outside of Tasmania is only eligible for PTAS subsidies when the procedure is not available in Tasmania and on referral by a Tasmanian specialist.

Name

Type of
specialist

Address

Telephone

Email

Detailed reason for referral (this information is essential for assessing PTAS eligibility)

Can this procedure be undertaken in Tasmania?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Is this the nearest specialist?

☐ Yes

☐ No *(please provide medical reason)*

Are special travel arrangements needed for medical reasons?

☐ Yes *(please provide details below)* ☐ No

☐ Oxygen ☐ Wheelchair ☐ Other, please specify:



Escort details (if applicable) (Escort must be 18 years of age or older)

Does the patient require assistance by an escort?

☐ Yes *(please provide medical reason below)* ☐ No

Escort name

Date of birth

Mobile phone



Signature of referring
medical practitioner

Date

Office use only

PTAS: ☐ Approved ☐ Not approved

Escort ☐ Approved ☐ Not Approved

Reason / Comments



Signature of **PTAS**
medical authoriser

Date

Print name

Section 3: Approved clinical provider to complete

- Section 3 must be completed and signed by the approved clinical provider or their authorised officer (for example, registrar, intern, nurse unit manager, or clinical technician, who works directly with them).
- 'Dates of services' must be updated and signed at each appointment.
- The patient or their guardian/carer must return a copy of this form to the local PTAS office within 6 months of the date of service.



Patient details

Name	Date of birth
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Clinical provider's details (not name of authorised officer)

Name	
Address:	
Type of specialist	



Description of consultation or procedure undertaken

Dates of stay for medical reasons	From		To	
Dates of inpatient stay (if applicable)	From		To	



Certification by clinical provider or authorised officer

Name			
Position			
Telephone		Email	
 Signature of clinical provider or authorised officer			Date

Dates of services (complete when attending multiple appointments)

Length of stay			Procedure	Clinical provider's signature
Dates			(For example. consultation, pre-admission, surgery, post-op)	
From	To	Appointment time		

Summary guide

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This guide is intended to be read together with the attached PTAS application form.

If you need more information

Visit www.health.tas.gov.au/ptas

Call your local PTAS office:

South	6166 8225
North	6777 6249
North West	6477 7734

What is the Patient Travel Assistance Scheme?

Travelling for specialised health services can be costly if you live a long way from the care you need. The Patient Travel Assistance Scheme (PTAS) may help you with travel costs for transport and accommodation, and for a support person if you need physical assistance while travelling.

Who can receive a PTAS subsidy?

You may be eligible for PTAS financial help if you:

- are a Tasmanian resident
- are receiving an eligible clinical service from an approved clinical provider
- need to travel more than 75 km one-way to the nearest specialised health service OR for patients undergoing treatment such as dialysis, oncology or for haematological malignancy, more than 50 km one-way or where travel is equal to or greater than 150km over a 4 week period to access the nearest appropriate treatment centre for oncology, haematological malignancies or renal dialysis.

What services are eligible?

You can receive a travel subsidy for these services:

- most specialist medical services provided by the Tasmanian public hospital system or covered under Medicare
- some interstate medical services, if the service isn't available in Tasmania
- oncology, haematological malignancy, or dialysis treatment
- lymphoedema treatment in Tasmania referred by an oncologist or general surgeon
- Jack Jumper Allergy Program

- allied health services ordered by a specialist as part of an eligible service treatment plan
- independent midwifery services for women who have a low-risk or uncomplicated pregnancy
- Pre-implantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD) where there is a known genetic disorder in a family and for which PGD is available.
- Referral for termination services not available in Tasmania (Part 2 may be completed by a GP).
- Some dental services (e.g. severe dental trauma or infection, specialist management required due to significant medical co-morbidity).

How do I apply?

Complete the attached application form. You can download another application form from www.health.tas.gov.au/ptas.

About your application

- You must complete a separate application for each service provider you are seeing.
- You must submit your claim within 6 months of your first appointment date.
- If you see the same provider several times a year, Section 2 of your application is valid for 12 months. A copy of Section 1 and 3 must be updated and lodged for each claim.
- Once your application is approved we will contact you about any flight bookings. These bookings can be made by staff.
- If you make your own bookings and claim for reimbursement afterwards, please check if you are eligible for a subsidy before you book.

How much are the subsidies?

The subsidy rates are in the table below.

Patients who **do not** hold an approved concession card must pay:

- the total cost of the first 2 nights' accommodation per journey and
- the first \$82.50 towards the cost of each return journey.

Patient contributions are capped at \$330 per financial year.

Subsidies may not cover all expenses. All patients must pay any difference between the subsidy amount and the actual cost of travel and accommodation.

- Services Australia Health Care Card (HCC)
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card (DVA PCC)

Commonwealth Seniors Health Card is not an approved concession card.

The Concession card must be in the patient's name to be eligible (does not apply to paediatric patients).

Approved concession cards

- Services Australia Pensioner Concession Card (PCC)

Air	Economy fare	Economy fare
Ferry/bus	Best available fare	Best available fare
Private car	\$0.24 per km	Not applicable.
Taxi	Between airport and place of treatment.	For travel between airport and place of treatment only.
Accommodation	Up to \$77.60 per approved person, per night (accommodation subsidies do not apply to inpatients)	Up to \$100 per approved person, per night (accommodation subsidies do not apply to inpatients)

Send your completed application to your local PTAS office:

South

Royal Hobart Hospital
GPO Box 1061
HOBART TAS 7001
☎ 6166 8225
✉ ptasrhh@ths.tas.gov.au

North

Launceston General Hospital
PO Box 1963
LAUNCESTON TAS 7250
☎ 6777 6249
✉ lgh.patient.travel@ths.tas.gov.au

North West

North West Regional Hospital
PO Box 258
BURNIE TAS 7320
☎ 6477 7734
✉ nw.ptas@ths.tas.gov.au

Check that your application form is ready!

- Section 1 has been completed and signed by the patient or their guardian or carer.
- A copy of the patient's concession card is attached (if applicable).
- Section 2 has been completed and signed by the referring medical practitioner.
- Section 3 has been completed and signed by the clinical service provider or an authorised officer.
- Each 'dates of service' entry in Section 3 has been signed by the provider or their authorised officer.
- Receipts or tickets are attached for all travel for the patient and their escort (if approved). (Not required for private car fuel.)
- Tax invoices for accommodation are attached and include names of persons accommodated and costs

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