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School Transport Assistance Scheme

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| Family name | Given name (as shown on card) | Other initials | Male/ Female (M/F) | Year (grade) | Date of birth | Name of the school they attend | Distance to this school |
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5 Government assistance details

Please provide details of the assistance type held by the applicant. Each student's individual reference number must be provided as well as the applicant's card number. If the student has a card in their own name and the parent/guardian has a card that also lists that student, please submit the application under the parent/guardian's concession card.

You MUST supply a photocopy of current documentary evidence with your application (refer section C). If you don't it may delay approval of your assistance.

| Assistance type* | HCC - Health Care Card | PCC - Pensioner Concession |
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| | VA - Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card | CPO - Care and Protection |

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Cardholder certification - Must be signed by the cardholder

I authorise Centrelink to confirm with the Department of Transport and Main Roads the current status of my Commonwealth Benefit and other details as they pertain to my concessional entitlement. This involves electronically matching details I have provided to the Participant with Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) records to confirm whether or not I am currently receiving a Centrelink or DVA benefit.

I understand that this consent, once signed, is effective only for the period I am a customer of the department. I also understand that this consent, which is ongoing, can be revoked any time by giving notice to the department. I understand if I withdraw my consent, I will not be eligible for the assistance provided by the department. A brochure is available from Centrelink that provides more details about the Centrelink Confirmation eServices or on the website www.humanservices.gov.au.

| Signature of cardholder | Date | | |
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6 On what days will the service be used?

(Please tick (√) the days travelled specifying am/pm - actual times are not needed)

| Student's given name (as | First date of travel on this | nday | Tue | sday | Wedr | esday | Thu | rsday | Fri | day | Total number | number | Is more than one service |
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7 Names of other students already receiving, or applying for transport assistance

(including rail travel assistance, bus travel assistance and conveyance allowance) Note: Do not include students listed at question 4.

| Family name | Given name | Other initials | Date of birth | Name of the school they attend | Type of assistance you get for this student or type applied for |
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8 Certification by parent/guardian

Date

I certify that the above information provided is true and correct and I have read and agree to the conditions of travel as listed on the attachment of this application. I understand that I am required to complete a new application within seven days should there be any change in the information contained in this application. It is further understood that the department reserves the right to withdraw travel assistance and recover monies paid, if investigations show the student/s to be ineligible. I understand that persons who intentionally provide false information to obtain a benefit may be liable to a \$6600 fine under Section 149 (3) of the Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994.

In order to assess an applicant's ongoing entitlement to assistance, the department will verify student's personal details with the

| Ensure that the certification at question 5 has also been signed by the cardholder. Privacy statement: The department collects the information on this form as authorised under the Transport Operations (Passanger Transport) Act to assess eligibility or bus subty-net assistance. These details are accossable by authorised department staff and may also be provided to the bus operator, local conveyance construct, the Department of Newtonian Act to assess eligibility or bus subty-net assistance. Transport Act to assess eligibility or bus subty-net assistance and accordance with the Engance of Information (Passanger Transport) Act to assess eligibility or the purpose of Information Privacy Act 2008. Some of the students personal information including name, school and current year over law appear on a bus pass created and sissed at the request and discretion of the relevant bus operator. Please give this completed application form to the operator providing the transport. **Tion B - to be completed by the bus operator** Personal information including name, school and current year over law passager on the purpose of the students personal including name, school and current year over law passager on the personal including name, school and current year over law passager on the proposal passager. **Pares For box complete** Pares For journey travelled Student name Fare for journey travelled TransLink Tou Up Code Notes | By signing the certification | on belov | w, I am aut | | • | | | rmation for that mation betweer | n the department and schools. |
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Section C - What supporting documentation do I need to supply?

NOTE: A copy of supporting documentary evidence must accompany this application. If you do not supply current documentary evidence, processing of this application will be delayed.

If the student has a card in their own name and the parent/guardian has a card that also lists that student, please submit the application under the parent/guardian's concession card.

Health Care Card

You are required to supply your CRN number and the CRN of each dependant you are wanting assistance for. This information is obtained from your Health Care Card (issued by Centrelink).



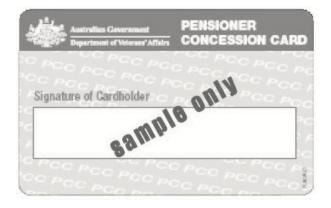


Pensioner Concession Card

You are required to supply your CRN number and the CRN of each dependant you are wanting assistance for. This information is obtained from your Pensioner Concession Card (issued by Centrelink).

Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

You are required to supply your entitlement number and the entitlement number of each dependant you are wanting assistance for. This information is obtained from your Veterans' Affairs Card.



Care and Protection Order

You are required to supply a copy of the 'Authority to Care For a Child' document issued by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services. No additional supporting documentation will be required.



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The instructions must be read before completing this form. Please remove this page and keep it for your records.

Applying for safety-net assistance

Complete this form if you wish to apply for safety-net bus travel assistance.

Fill in all questions on the form and attach your documentary evidence. If you do not it may delay the processing of your form.

You can log onto www.information.qld.gov.au and click on the image Queensland Atlas to access your lot and registration plan number. Once in the atlas, under the search tab on the left hand side of the screen at point 2 enter your address and click find. The lot and plan number will display at point 3. Alternatively, look at your rates notice or contact your local council to get your lot and plan number.

Return the completed form to your local bus operator. This must be done within seven days of the student starting to travel on the

Parents/quardians will be required to pay the full cost of travel until approval is granted by the Department of Transport and Main Roads. These fares are not refundable. The department will advise successful applicants in writing.

Applications can only be accepted for the current school year.

If the student changes school or address during the year, or if the government assistance you receive changes, you will need to re-apply for assistance within seven days of the change occurring. You must also tell the department if the number of times the student catches the bus each week changes.

Eligibility This is only a brief summary. Contact your nearest office or go to www.tmr.qld.gov.au/schooltransport for full details.

To be eligible for safety-net assistance the student must be listed as a dependant on the applicant's:

- * Health Care Card (issued by Centrelink)
- * Pensioner Concession Card (issued by Centrelink)
- * Department of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card.

Students who have a card issued in their own name, as well as students under a Care and Protection Order issued by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, may also qualify for safety-net assistance.

The following conditions also apply:

- The student must not be in receipt of any other assistance from the School Transport Assistance Scheme.
- Primary school students (years prep-7*) must live 3.2 kilometres or less by the shortest trafficable route from the nearest state primary school or the nearest non-state school of the type attended.
- Secondary school students (years 8-12*) must live 4.8 kilometres or less by the shortest trafficable route from the nearest state secondary school or the nearest non-state school of the type attended.
- Measuring: The distance from your residential property to the school is measured by the shortest trafficable route over roads open for public use. Distances are measured from the vehicle access point of your residential property alignment nearest to the school, to the closest entrance to the school. No measurements are made on private property. In calculating this distance the single journey is used. However, in cases where the distance to and from school varies because of different routes (for example, one way roads), the average distance is taken.
- Students must be enrolled at an approved school.
- School transport assistance is available from only one address. This address must be the principal place of residence of the student's parent or guardian.
- Students from overseas, interstate or on student exchange programs are not eligible to receive travel assistance.
- Students attending TAFE colleges are not eligible to receive transport assistance.
- Students are only eligible to receive assistance on the designated bus service for their area. Students living in an area serviced by a kilometre-based school bus service are not eligible for assistance on fares-based services.
- Travel assistance is not available for travel to alternative addresses or for travel to more than one school facility.
- In assessing eligibility of students, the minimum frequency of travel is 20%, that is, two trips per week.

*Note: Year 7 students attending a Department of Education, Training and Employment approved year 7 secondary pilot school will be treated as secondary students.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment is responsible for transport assistance for students with a disability. Please discuss eligibility requirements and assistance types for these students with the school attended.

Level of assistance

The department will pay a maximum amount for eligible students direct to bus operators. Parents/guardians are responsible for the payment of any excess fares that apply above this amount.

Bus passes

- Where bus companies issue bus passes, the pass must be produced to the driver upon request.
- Passes are not transferable.
- 3. Parents will be required to pay a replacement fee for lost passes.
- 4. Damaged passes will be replaced at a nominal fee provided the damaged pass is produced and identifiable.
- 5. When students cease using the bus service, passes must be returned to the bus company immediately.
- 6. Excess fares are to be paid directly to the transport operator.

Code of Conduct for school bus travel

The department has in place a Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses. The Code applies to all students attending primary and secondary school in Queensland who use buses either to travel to and from school or for other school-related activities such as excursions.

The Code sets out prescribed standards of behaviour and examples of how your child can meet these standards.

A brochure outlining the Code of Conduct and detailing students and parents' responsibilities is available from your local bus operator or nearest departmental office as listed below.

Change of circumstances

A new application form needs to be completed within seven days when a student changes school, address or government assistance.

Parents must notify the bus company and the department within seven days when a student no longer uses a particular service.

The department reserves the right to withdraw travel assistance and recover monies paid if investigations show the student to be ineligible. Persons who intentionally provide false information to obtain a benefit may be liable to a \$6600 fine under Section 149(3) of the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994*.

Departmental offices

Please contact your nearest office for further information on the School Transport Assistance Scheme or log onto www.tmr.qld.gov.au/schooltransport.

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