

## Patient Travel Assistance Scheme



### **Need to travel for specialised health care? We can help with your travel costs.**

Travelling for specialised health services can be costly for Tasmanians who live a long way from the services they need. The Patient Travel Assistance Scheme (PTAS) is here to help.

We cover some of the travel and accommodation costs when you need to travel long distances for specialised health care.



### **What is the Patient Travel Assistance Scheme?**

The Patient Travel Assistance Scheme (PTAS) provides subsidies to help you cover travel costs if you need to travel long distances for specialised health care.

PTAS provides financial help in three ways:

1. Travel assistance
2. Accommodation assistance
3. Assistance if you need someone to travel with you.



## Who can receive help?

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 more than 50 km one-way to the nearest cancer or dialysis centre.



## What is an eligible clinical service?

You can receive a travel subsidy for these services:

- most specialist medical services provided in Tasmanian public hospitals or covered under Medicare
- some public interstate medical services, if the service isn't available in Tasmania
- cancer or dialysis treatment
- Jack Jumper Allergy Program
- allied health services, including lymphoedema treatment, that a specialist has ordered as part of an eligible treatment plan
- independent midwifery services for women who have a low-risk or uncomplicated pregnancy.



## What if I need to go outside of Tasmania?

If the service you need isn't available here in Tasmania, PTAS may help pay for you to go to a public service interstate.



## What if I need someone to travel with me?

If you need someone to actively support you during travel or while you receive treatment, you can apply for a subsidy to help with their transport and accommodation costs too.



## Can I choose my own specialised service?

Yes, you can choose your preferred service but PTAS subsidies are only paid to the nearest eligible service.



## How do I apply?

Ask for an application form at your local clinic or [download an application form](http://www.health.tas.gov.au/ptas) (www.health.tas.gov.au/ptas)

## More information

[Learn more about PTAS online](http://www.health.tas.gov.au/ptas) (www.health.tas.gov.au/ptas)

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