



# Transport Access Scheme INFORMATION

PTS012-IGL

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**The Transport Access Scheme assists people who have a permanent and severe disability which prohibits independent access into the community.**

**Permanent means life long – (not able to be corrected by recognised surgery or treatment).**

**Membership of this Scheme is not available to people who have temporary disorders or where their condition is expected to improve in time.**

**Temporary parking permits are available on application from some local Councils.**

## Part 1 – MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT OR THEIR ADVOCATE

### Please Note

1. Personal information will be collected from you for the purpose of assessing your eligibility for assistance under the Transport Access Scheme, and will be used by the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources (DIER) for assessing and managing the application in accordance with operational policy and guidelines governing the Scheme.
2. Failure to provide this information may result in your application not being able to be processed.
3. Your personal information will be used for the primary purpose for which it is collected, and may be disclosed to law enforcement agencies, courts and other organisations authorised to collect and keep it.
4. Your basic personal information may be disclosed to other public sector bodies where necessary for the efficient storage and use of the information.
5. Personal information will be managed in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* and may be accessed by the individual to which it relates on request to DIER. You may be charged a fee for this service.

**Scheme members already eligible for Parking Concessions wishing to receive Taxi Concessions do not need to submit a new application. A photocopy of the current Concession or Health Care Cards listed under “Taxi Concessions” is required to be forwarded.**

**Eligibility for the Transport Access Scheme does not take into account the availability of public transport or the applicant’s proximity to public transport.**

## Part 2 – MUST BE COMPLETED BY A QUALIFIED MEDICAL OR ALLIED HEALTH PRACTITIONER

### Please Note

**A fee may be charged by the medical or allied health practitioner for the purpose of filling in this form.**

### Concessions

#### I. Parking Concessions

An Australian Disability Parking Permit issued through the Transport Access Scheme entitles members throughout Tasmania to park:

- in parking zones designated for people with disabilities – for not longer than any time which may be displayed on the parking sign,
- in an area controlled by a parking sign (including parking meters) indicating a time limit of less than 30 minutes - for a maximum of 30 minutes,
- in an area controlled by a parking sign (including parking meters) indicating a time limit of between 30 minutes and one hour - for a maximum of two hours,
- in an area controlled by a parking sign (including parking meters) indicating a time limit of one hour or longer - for twice the time indicated on the sign.

Concessions apply to on street parking only, but many Municipal Councils have designated vehicle spaces in off street car parks for people with disabilities.

#### Please Note

- Australian Disability Parking Permits are issued to members and are transferable to any vehicle that they travel in, either as the driver or as a passenger.
- Members are not entitled to use their parking permit if they are not leaving the vehicle.
- Parking Concessions only apply if the permit is hung from the vehicle’s rear-view mirror so that the permit number can be clearly seen by parking officers. Parking infringement notices will be issued where permits are detected being used outside of the conditions specified above.

- **The maximum time allowed by a parking meter, or for a parking space for which a voucher vending machine is in operation, must be paid before the additional time allowances conferred by the disability parking permit come into effect.**
- There is a reciprocal arrangement in place where all States and Territories of Australia recognise each other's parking permits issued to people with disabilities. As parking concessions may vary in the other States and Territories, it is advisable that you check with local Councils where you are visiting to find out the concessions available in those Council areas.

## 2. Vehicle Registration/Driver Licensing Concessions

Under these concessions, members are entitled to:

- A reduced driver licence fee,
- An exemption from annual motor tax charges (for one vehicle only) with a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) not exceeding 4.5 tonnes,
- A reduced motor vehicle registration fee,
- An exemption from stamp duty when registering a new vehicle or transferring the registration of a used vehicle (one vehicle only) with a GVM under 3.0 tonnes, and
- A reduced Motor Accident Insurance Board (MAIB) premium on a passenger car, utility or van with a GVM not exceeding 4.5 tonnes.

Vehicle registration concessions only apply to a vehicle registered in the name of:

- A member of the Scheme, or registered jointly with another person,
- In the case of a child under 16 years of age – his or her parents or guardian. When a TAS member turns 16, the vehicle is required to be transferred into their name or joint names in order to continue receiving the concessions. Only the transfer fee is required to be paid for this transaction.

## 3. Taxi Fare Concessions

Taxi fare concessions entitle eligible members to:

- a 50% fare reduction when travelling in standard taxis, and is available only to persons meeting income and asset criteria for the issue of a Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Card or a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card issued by Centrelink, and holders of a Pensioner Concession Card issued by Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). **The issue of a DVA “Gold Card” is not accepted as eligibility for taxi concessions, it is issued for rebates on medical treatment only and is not income and asset tested,** or
- a 60% fare reduction when travelling in wheelchair-accessible taxis (for wheelchair reliant members of the Scheme only. Applicants who are wheelchair reliant are not required to submit a copy of a pensioner concession or health care card when applying for taxi concessions).

A maximum concession of \$25.00 per journey applies when using standard taxis, and a maximum concession of \$30.00 applies for wheelchair reliant members when using a Wheelchair Accessible Taxi.

### Please Note:

- Permits may be cancelled and taxi vouchers withdrawn if misuse is detected.
- Transport Access Scheme taxi vouchers must not be used if the taxi travel is being fully or partly funded by another Government Department or outside organisation.
- Members of the Transport Access Scheme who are eligible for concession taxi travel may also travel at concession fares in other States and Territories. Interstate taxi subsidy vouchers are green and yellow in colour, and the concessions applicable in Tasmania also apply interstate, ie 50% in a standard taxi and 60% in a wheelchair accessible taxi for wheelchair reliant members. Interstate vouchers issued in Tasmania for use in other States and Territories cannot be used in Tasmania.
- Scheme members intending to travel interstate and who require taxi vouchers need to contact this office at least two weeks before their departure to arrange for the issue and postage of the number of vouchers expected to be used while they are away. Late requests may not be able to be completed before departure.

Members of the Scheme must advise the Passenger Transport Services Branch of any change in their name and address, also of any change in their medical condition which would warrant reassessment of their eligibility, including changing taxi concession vouchers to indicate wheelchair reliance.

The Executor of the Estate or next of kin must notify the Passenger Transport Services Branch of the death of a member of the Scheme, and return their permit card(s) and vouchers for cancellation.



# Transport Access Scheme APPLICATION FORM

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PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION SHEET ATTACHED TO THIS FORM

## PART I – To be completed by the applicant or their advocate

Which concession/s are you applying for? Please indicate

Parking Concessions and/or

Taxi Concessions

Note: To be considered eligible for Taxi Concessions, you will need to attach to this application form:

- a **photocopy of your current** Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Card or Commonwealth Seniors Health Card issued by Centrelink or Pensioner Concession Card issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs, but not including the DVA Gold Card (refer to Section 3 of Information)

If you are also eligible for Vehicle Registration/Driver Licensing Concessions, please indicate in the spaces below, the registration number of a vehicle either registered in your name or jointly with another person for which you wish the concessions to be applied, and your drivers licence number;

Vehicle Registration Number

Drivers Licence Number

## Applicant (person with disability) information

Title (eg, Mr, Mrs, Ms etc)	Family Name	Given Name(s)		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Postal Address		Suburb/Town/Locality	Postcode	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Daytime Telephone Number	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)			
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			

## Declaration:

I certify that the above information is correct. I authorise my doctor or qualified health care practitioner to provide all medical information required in the assessment of my application for membership of the Transport Access Scheme. If this application is approved I acknowledge that misuse of any of the concessions provided may lead to cancellation of membership and could result in legal action being taken by the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources.

Signature .....  
(or signature of applicant's advocate if applicant unable to sign)

Date .....

## Advocate Details (if applicable)

Title (eg, Mr, Mrs, Ms etc)	Family Name	Given Name(s)		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
Postal Address		Suburb/Town/Locality	Postcode	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

**Part 2 – To be completed by a qualified medical or allied health practitioner**

Please tick the section/s below that apply to the applicant; complete the relevant section/s including the diagnosis; and sign the declaration at the back of this form. If the applicant has a permanent disability which affects their mobility and is not included in the categories listed below, a separate report can be attached indicating the diagnosis and expected duration of the disability. The degree to which the applicant’s mobility is affected, ie wheelchair reliance etc should also be indicated.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Section A	Permanent and severe loss of spinal function
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section B	Permanent and severe loss of function in lower limbs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section C	Permanent and severe loss of function in upper limbs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section D	Permanent and severe loss of cardiac or respiratory function
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section E	Permanent and severe visual impairment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section F	Permanent and severe intellectual/neurological impairment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Section G	Permanent and severe psychiatric impairment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	Other impairment as indicated in attached report

**Section A – Loss of Spinal Function**

1. What is the diagnosis of the spinal impairment? .....
2. Is the spinal impairment permanent? Yes  No
3. Does the applicant have a reduction in personal mobility whereby he/she cannot manage steps or uneven ground without the use of a complex walking aid (a complex walking aid does not refer to a walking or quad stick) or cannot walk a distance of 50 metres without having to rest due to pain? Yes  No
4. Is the applicant totally dependent on others for mobility? Yes  No
5. Is the applicant totally reliant on the use of a wheelchair for mobility? Yes  No

**Section B – Loss of Lower Limb Function**

1. What is the diagnosis of the lower limb(s) impairment?.....
2. Is the mobility problem due to a loss of function in both limbs or one limb? One  Two
3. Is the lower limb(s) impairment permanent? Yes  No
4. Does the applicant have a reduction in personal mobility whereby he/she cannot manage steps or uneven ground without the use of a complex walking aid (a complex walking aid does not refer to a walking or quad stick) or cannot walk a distance of 50 metres without having to rest due to pain? Yes  No
5. Is the applicant totally dependent on others for mobility? Yes  No
6. Is the applicant totally reliant on the use of a wheelchair for mobility? Yes  No

**Section C – Loss of Upper Limb Function**

1. What is the diagnosis of the upper limb(s) impairment?.....

2. Is the mobility problem due to a loss of function in both limbs or one limb? One  Two
3. Is the upper limb(s) impairment permanent? Yes  No
4. With the loss of upper limb(s) function on grip strength does the applicant frequently need assistance in travelling from home to their destination? Yes  No
5. Is the applicant totally dependent on others for mobility? Yes  No

### Section D – Loss of Cardiac and/or Respiratory Function

1. What is the diagnosis of the cardiac/respiratory problem? .....
2. Is the cardiac/respiratory impairment permanent? Yes  No
3. Does the applicant have a reduction in personal mobility whereby he/she has a major difficulty with steps and inclines or cannot walk a distance of 50 metres without resting? Yes  No
4. Is the applicant totally dependent on others for mobility? Yes  No
5. Is the applicant totally reliant on the use of a wheelchair for mobility? Yes  No

### Section E – Loss of Visual Function

1. What is the diagnosis of the visual impairment? .....
2. Is the loss of mobility due to a loss of visual function? Yes  No
3. Is the loss of visual function permanent? Yes  No
4. With the loss of visual function on mobility does the applicant frequently need assistance in travelling from home to their destination? Yes  No
5. Is the applicant totally dependent on others for mobility? Yes  No

### Section F – Loss of Neurological/Intellectual Function

1. What is the diagnosis of the neurological/intellectual impairment?.....
2. Is the neurological/intellectual impairment permanent? Yes  No
3. Does the applicant have a reduction in personal mobility whereby he/she frequently needs assistance in travelling from home to their destination? Yes  No
4. Is the applicant totally dependent on others for mobility? Yes  No
5. Is the applicant totally reliant on the use of a wheelchair for mobility? Yes  No

### Section G – Psychiatric Impairment

1. What is the diagnosis of the psychiatric impairment? .....
2. Is this impairment a formally diagnosed illness? Yes  No
3. Is the psychiatric impairment permanent? Yes  No
4. Does the applicant have a reduction in personal mobility whereby he/she frequently needs assistance in travelling from home to their destination? Yes  No
5. Is the applicant totally dependent on others for mobility? Yes  No

