



Carefully read the following information before completing the Taxi Subsidy Scheme (TSS) application form.

What is the TSS?

The TSS provides a subsidy for taxi travel at a half rate subsidy to people who completely meet one of the six eligibility categories listed below. The scheme is administered by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR).

The following reasons are NOT grounds for approval:

- Difficulty in accessing bus/train due to availability, timetable, remoteness or terrain
- Financial constraints
- Pension/concession card holder
- Inability to drive
- Intermittent/occasional mobility issues experienced post treatment
- Short term mobility restrictions of five months or less, (for example, following surgery or acute injuries such as fractures).

Eligibility categories are determined by the Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Regulation. An applicant may be eligible to join this scheme if they meet the criteria for one of the following categories–

Category 1	Has a physical disability making the person dependent on a wheelchair for mobility outside the person’s residence.
Category 2	Has a physical disability or other medical condition that restricts the person from walking, unassisted and without a rest, 50m or less, and at least one of the following– i. makes the person permanently dependent on a walking aid; or ii. prevents the person from ascending or descending three steps without assistance; or iii. has resulted in a history of frequent falls; or iv. is a condition that is an advanced cardiovascular, respiratory or neurological disorder; or v. causes severe pain limiting ambulation, verifiable by appropriate clinical investigations; or Has a physical disability or other medical condition requiring– i. the person to ordinarily carry treatment equipment which, when carried, restricts the person from walking, unassisted and without rest, 50m or less; or ii. someone else to ordinarily carry or administer treatment equipment for the person.
Category 3	Has a total loss of vision or severe permanent visual impairment. Note: Blind pension cardholders should only submit Part A with a copy of your blind pension card.
Category 4	Has severe and uncontrollable epilepsy.
Category 5	Has an intellectual disability causing behavioural problems– i. resulting in socially unacceptable behaviour; and ii. requiring the constant assistance of someone else for travel on public transport.
Category 6	Has a severe emotional or behavioural disorder with a level of disorganisation resulting in the need to be always accompanied by another person for travel on public transport.
Categories 1 to 6	Has a clinical condition resulting in a disability mentioned in categories one to six of a temporary nature, and is undergoing medical, surgical or rehabilitative treatment for the disability, requiring the person to have access to taxi travel for a period of at least five months.

Processing of Applications

TMR will register your application form before forwarding it to Queensland Health for an assessment of the clinical information provided. An incomplete application will be returned to the applicant. Applications are usually processed within four weeks of receipt. If further clinical information is required from your health professional the assessment process may take longer.

Approved Applications

When an application is approved, the applicant will be advised in writing by TMR. A TSS smartcard will be posted to the successful applicant within 14 working days of approval. TMR will advise the member eight weeks before membership is due to expire for reapplication. Members of the scheme must inform TMR of any changes to their contact details.

Unsuccessful Applications

An unsuccessful application will be advised in writing by TMR.

How to Apply

Part A - must be completed by the applicant or the applicant's carer or agent (page 3)

- applicant's declaration must be completed, signed and dated by the applicant or the applicant's carer or agent (page 3)
- declaration of the applicant's identity must be completed, signed and dated by the witness (page 4).

Part B - All applicants must ensure the specified Health Professional completes the necessary pages.

Part C - The specified Health Professional must complete all information relevant to the category being applied under.

Proof of Identity

Two colour passport sized photos must be included with your application unless otherwise advised by the the Taxi Subsidy Scheme.

One of your photos must be witnessed. The witness will "certify that this is a true photograph of (insert applicant's full name) the person in my presence." The witness must also complete the Declaration by witness of photograph on page 4.

The witness must be one of the following:

- a health professional
- a Justice of the Peace or Commissioner of Declarations
- a police officer, solicitor, barrister, judge or pharmacist.

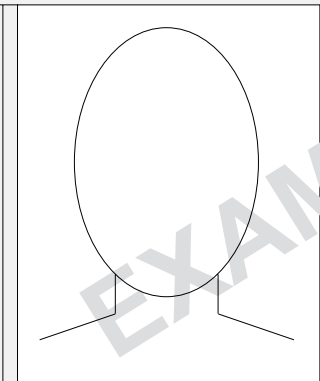
The two photographs must be:

- no more than six months old, in colour and be passport size.

Photos may be obtained from:

- selected chemists
- post offices
- a digital camera
- camera and photo developing stores.

Attach photos with a paperclip only to page 4. Do not staple, pin or glue photograph to the application form.

45-50mm		Witness must endorse photo: I certify this is a true photograph of
		(insert applicant's full name) the person in my presence. (witness' signature) / / (date)
35-40mm		

Mail or scan your completed application form and colour photos (if required) to:

Post: Taxi Subsidy Scheme
Department of Transport and Main Roads
PO Box 13347
BRISBANE QLD 4003

Email: tssu@translink.com.au (Note: photos must be submitted in JPEG format and applications in PDF)

For information about the TSS or the application process contact:

Phone - 1300 134 755

Email - tssu@translink.com.au

TMR's website - <https://www.qld.gov.au/disability/out-and-about/subsidies-concessions-passes/taxi-subsidy>, then click the link to TransLink's website.



Please ensure pages 3 and 4 are completed. Applicant's details (please print clearly)

Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other

First name	Middle name	Family name	Date of birth
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>

Current residential address

Postcode

Postal address (if the same as the residential address, write 'as above')

Postcode

Home number Mobile number

Email address

Do you identify as Aboriginal? No Yes

Do you identify as Torres Strait Islander? No Yes

Do you currently drive a motor vehicle? No Yes

Do you require to be seated in a wheelchair when loaded/unloaded from a taxi? Always Never

Are you a participant of the NDIS? No Yes

What form of transport are you using at present?

Bus Family/friends Own car Taxi Train Other Specify

Have you previously applied for the TSS? No Yes

Applicant's or carer/agent's declaration

I declare that:

- the information provided in this application is complete, true and correct in every detail.

I authorise:

- assessors from Queensland Health or TMR to contact my doctor, health professional or service provider (if required) for further information or clarification relevant to my medical condition
- the release of personal information to other relevant government agencies such as Queensland Health and the National Disability Insurance Agency for verification of the information provided.

I understand:

- there are penalties for providing false or misleading information
- my doctor or other health professional is required to provide information set out in the application to enable assessment of my application to TMR
- I must observe the conditions governing the granting of the subsidy and acknowledgement that misuse of my TSS smartcard will lead to my withdrawal from the scheme and/or legal action or other penalties imposed by TMR under the Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Regulation
- costs associated with the completion of this form and photos are my responsibility.

Applicant's signature Date

If applicant is unable to sign provide carer/agent details below

First name	Middle name	Family name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Current residential address

Postcode

Taxi Subsidy Scheme Application Part A (continued)



Carer/agent details continued...

Attach photos here

Home number

Mobile number

Email address

Agent/Carer's signature

Date

Relationship to applicant

Privacy Statement: TMR collects the information on this form to enable assessors from Queensland Health and TMR to assess your eligibility for TSS membership as authorised by the Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Regulation. As set out in the declaration above, the information you provide may be verified with other relevant government agencies to satisfy the requirements of s 123 of the Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Regulation and s 55 of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013*. Upon approval of your application, your name, membership number, address, photograph and image will be used by TMR's contractor for the sole purpose of providing you with a TSS smartcard. TMR will not disclose your personal information to any other third party without your consent unless required or authorised to do so by law.

Information privacy: Authority to act

In the event that you may not be capable of contacting the TSS personally, please provide details of the person who you give consent to discuss and update your application/membership below:

First name

Family name

Home number

Mobile number

Email address

Declaration by witness of photograph

The witness must be satisfied that the photographs represent the applicant's true identify before completing the below section. Your name and signature will only be used by TMR for the purposes of this application and will not be used or disclosed to a third party without your consent unless required by law.

I declare that I meet the requirements to make this declaration. I am satisfied that the photograph witnessed by myself represents the applicant's true identity

Tick one box: Health Professional Justice of the Peace or Commissioner of Declarations Police Officer Solicitor, Barrister or Judge Pharmacist

Full name of witness (please print)

Signature of witness

Date



To be completed by Health Professional. Please ensure all relevant sections are completed.

Guidelines for health professionals

- Please ensure Part A has been completed by the applicant or their carer/agent
- Advise applicant of requirement for two photographs (one certified)
- If requested, certify one photograph and complete witness declaration on page 4
- Answer all questions 1-9 below
- Select the appropriate eligibility category below
- Complete details for the selected category in Part C as indicated below and attach relevant supporting reports if available to assure accurate and timely assessment
- Stamp or print contact details clearly

Information provided with previous applications is not available for assessment of this application.

1. Diagnosis or diagnoses relevant to this application	Date of onset

2. Please provide a summary of clinical management (for example, medications, physiotherapy, surgery)

3. Is surgery being considered? Please provide approximate date, surgeon's name and medical facility if known.

4. Please provide details of community services currently accessed.

5. Do you consider the applicant has a severe disability? No Yes Unsure

6. Is the applicant's disability expected to: Deteriorate Improve Remain stable

7. Is this the first consultation? No Yes

8. For approximately how long has this applicant been in your care? (for example, five years or two months)

9. Does the applicant's disability require them to be sitting in a wheelchair when loaded/unloaded from a taxi?
Always Never

Indicate **ONE** category for this application - please tick.

Category 1 dependence on a wheelchair Complete page - 6

Category 2 severe ambulatory problems Complete page - 6

Category 3 severe visual impairment Complete page - 7

Note: Blind pension cardholders should only submit Part A with a copy of your blind pension card.

Category 4 uncontrollable epilepsy Complete page - 8

Category 5 severe intellectual impairment Complete page - 9

Category 6 severe psychiatric or behavioural disorder Complete pages - 10-11



Categories 1 and 2 - Severe Mobility Impairment

Categories 1 and 2 must be completed by a General Practitioner, Registered Nurse, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist or Specialist

Symptoms limiting mobility

Form with horizontal lines for listing symptoms limiting mobility.

Note: To assist assessment, please attach copies of existing reports which support the severity of the above symptoms. These may include X-Ray, CT scan, Spirometry, Echo, ACAT, My Aged Care Support Plan, Physio mobility assessment with or without a Timed Up and Go score, OT or specialist reports.

Please list reports below and attach to the application form.

Form with horizontal lines for listing reports to be attached to the application form.

Is the applicant able to stand independently from sitting? No [] Yes []

Can the applicant ascend and descend three steps independently (using a hand rail)? No [] Yes []

Does the applicant use a mobility aid? No [] Yes [] Where is the aid used? Indoors [] Outdoors []

What is the frequency of use? Always [] Occasionally []

Describe the type of mobility used (for example, scooter, wheelchair, crutches, walker, single point stick, quad stick)

Form with horizontal line for describing the type of mobility used.

How far can the applicant walk before needing to rest due to the severity of symptoms?

Independently without aid [] m With mobility aid [] m

Does the applicant require assistance from another person for all mobility? No [] Yes [] Please specify

Form with horizontal line for specifying assistance requirements.

Does the applicant's disability require them to be sitting in a wheelchair when loaded/unloaded from a taxi? Always [] Never []

Does the applicant have severe intellectual impairment/dementia?

No [] Yes [] Please complete category 5 (page 9)

Applicant's General Practitioner's details (if not completing this form)

Name []

Telephone number []

Health Professional's details (Please tick your health profession and provide your details)

General Practitioner [] Occupational Therapist []

Registered Nurse [] Physiotherapist []

Specialist [] Specialty []

Name []

Telephone number []

Email address []

Fax number [] AHPRA number []

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Signature [] Date []

Address or stamp []



Category 3 - Visual Impairment

Category 3(i) must be completed by the applicant or carer/agent if you receive a Disability Support Pension (Blind).

Please tick which concession card you receive and attach a copy of your current concession card to this form.

- Centrelink Blind Concession Card (blind)
Veterans' Affairs Concession Card (blind)
Aged Pension (Blind)

Category 3(ii) must be completed by the Ophthalmologist or Optometrist if the applicant does not receive a Disability Support Pension (Blind).

Please attach the most recent report from the Ophthalmologist or Optometrist.

Visual acuity (without glasses)

(R)6/ (L)6/

Date of last assessment

/ /

Visual acuity (with glasses)

(R)6/ (L)6/

Have visual fields been tested? No Yes

Please detail

Does the severity of visual impairment approximate the requirement for a Disability Support Pension (Blind)?

No Yes Please provide details below

- visual acuity <6/60 both eyes on the Snellen Scale after correction by suitable lenses
field of vision constricted to 10 degrees or less of arc around central fixation in the better eye irrespective of corrected visual acuity.

Has the applicant been reviewed in the last 12 months?

No Yes Date

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Where did the last consultation take place? (for example, hospital OPD, private practice, private rooms)

Does the applicant have severe mobility impairment?

No Yes Please complete category 2 (page 6)

Does the applicant's disability require them to travel in a wheelchair when using taxis?

Always Never

Health Professional's details (Please tick your health profession and provide your details)

Ophthalmologist Optometrist

Name

Telephone number

Email address

Fax number

AHPRA number

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Signature

Date

/ /

Address or stamp



Category 4 - Epilepsy

Applications must be completed by a General Practitioner or Medical Specialist

Epilepsy

Type/description of seizure

[Text input box]

Please provide a copy of the most recent Neurologist's report.

How many seizures has the applicant had in the last three months?

[Text input box] Date of last seizure [/ /]

Is there loss of consciousness? No [] Yes []

Is there altered or impaired consciousness?

No [] Yes []

Please provide details

[Text input box]

Has the applicant been reviewed by a specialist in the last 12 months? No [] Yes []

Last review date [/ /]

Specialist's name

[Text input box]

Specialty Telephone number

[Text input box] [Text input box]

Where did the last consultation take place with this specialist? (for example, hospital OPD, private practice clinic, private rooms)

[Text input box]

Does the applicant's disability require them to travel in a wheelchair when using taxis?

Always [] Never []

Health Professional's details (Please tick your health profession and provide your details)

General Practitioner [] Medical Specialist []

Name

[Text input box]

Telephone number

[Text input box]

Email address

[Text input box]

Fax number AHPRA number

[Text input box] [Text input box]

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Signature

Date

[Text input box]

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Address or stamp

[Text input box]

Note: Initial approval under Category 4 is available for 12 months. After this time, further application will be required.



Category 5 - Severe Intellectual Impairment (including dementia)

Category 5 must be completed by a Medical Practitioner, Registered Nurse, Physiotherapist or Occupational Therapist

Can the applicant travel independently on public transport? No Yes

Please complete questions A to J below.

A. Degree of disability

Mild Moderate Severe Profound

Note: Please attach copies of existing reports which support the severity of this condition IE MMSE Score, RUDAS, ACFI PAS, ACAT/ My Aged Care Support Plan, Geriatrician/Paediatrician/Physician/ Neurologist/Psychiatrist Report confirming ASD level (as per DSM-5 Criteria), NDIS support plan.

B. Mobility

Independent? No Yes

Please describe

C. Behaviour

Please describe

D. Is the applicant at risk when using public transport? No Yes

Please describe

E. Safety of others

Does the applicant's behaviour put the safety of others at risk? No Yes

Please describe

F. Activities of daily living

Independent Requires supervision Requires assistance

Please describe

G. Education/Employment

Please comment on skills (for example, literacy, numeracy, money handling)

Workplace/school attended (current or previous)

H. Has an Individual Education Plan or an Education Adjustment Profile been completed?

No Yes

Ascertainment level (if available)

I. Does the Department of Education, Training and Employment provide school transport for this applicant? No Yes

J. Does the applicant receive Disability Services Queensland funding/lifestyle package/supported accommodation? No Yes

Please describe

K. Does the applicant's disability require them to travel in a wheelchair when using taxis?

Always Never

Health Professional's details (Please tick your health profession and provide your details)

Medical Practitioner Occupational Therapist

Registered Nurse Physiotherapist

Name

Telephone number

Email address

Fax number

AHPRA number

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Signature

Date

Address or stamp



Category 6 A - Severe Psychiatric Disorder

Applications must be completed by a Psychiatrist

Severe Emotional Disorder with gross disorganisation restricting independent management of daily activities

Can the applicant travel independently on public transport? No [] Yes []

Please confirm the diagnosis and comment on the severity of the disability (for example, level of disorganisation, challenging behaviour, assistance required).

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A. Degree of disability

Mild [] Moderate [] Severe [] Profound []

Note: Please attach relevant information to the application i.e. Life Skills Profile, K10, recent psychiatrist report) and provide name and contact details of Paediatrician, Physician, Geriatrician and so on.

B. Mobility

Independent? No [] Yes []

Please describe

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C. Behaviour

Please describe

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D. Is the applicant at risk when using public transport? No [] Yes []

Please describe

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E. Safety of others

Does the applicant's behaviour put the safety of others at risk? No [] Yes []

Please describe

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F. Activities of daily living

Independent [] Requires supervision [] Requires assistance []

Please describe

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G. Education/Employment

Please comment on skills (for example, literacy, numeracy, money handling)

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Workplace/school attended (current or previous)

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H. Does the applicant receive Disability Services Queensland funding/lifestyle package/supported accommodation? No [] Yes []

I. Does the applicant's disability require them to travel in a wheelchair when using taxis? Always [] Never []

Psychiatrist details (please print)

Name

[]

Telephone number

[]

Email address

[]

Fax number

[]

AHPRA number

[]

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Signature

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Date

[] / [] / []

Address or stamp

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Category 6 B - Organic Brain Syndrome
Severe behaviour disorder restricting independent management of daily activities

Must be completed by a Medical Practitioner

Can the applicant travel independently on public transport? No Yes

Please describe disability

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A. Degree of disability

Mild Moderate Severe Profound

Note: Please attach relevant information to the application i.e. Life Skills Profile, K10, Paediatrician/Physician/Neurologist/Psychiatrist Report confirming ASD level (as per DSM- 5 Criteria), NDIS support plan.

B. Mobility

Independent? No Yes

Please describe

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C. Behaviour

Please describe

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D. Is the applicant at risk when using public transport? No Yes

Please describe

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E. Safety of others

Does the applicant's behaviour put the safety of others at risk? No Yes

Please describe

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F. Activities of daily living

Independent Requires supervision Requires assistance

Please describe

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G. Education/Employment

Please comment on skills (for example, literacy, numeracy, money handling)

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Workplace/school attended (current or previous)

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H. Does the applicant receive Disability Services Queensland funding/lifestyle package/supported accommodation? No Yes

I. Does the applicant's disability require them to travel in a wheelchair when using taxis?

Always Never

Medical Practitioner details (please print)

Name

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Telephone number

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Email address

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Fax number

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AHPRA number

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Signature

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Date

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Address or stamp

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