



## The Queensland Health Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS) provides financial assistance to patients, and in some cases their carers, to enable access to specialist medical services that are not available locally.

A subsidy is provided to approved patients and carers (escorts) to assist in the cost of travel and accommodation to the nearest specialist medical service that is more than 50km from the patient's nearest public hospital.

Since January 2013, the PTSS mileage subsidy rate increased from 15 cents to 30 cents per kilometre. The accommodation subsidy rate also doubled from \$30 to \$60 per person per night.

The PTSS is managed through Queensland public hospitals. The hospitals accept, assess, approve and fund all PTSS applications and subsidies.

### Eligibility – Patient

To be eligible for the Queensland Health PTSS, you must be:

- a Queensland resident or a patient with no fixed address
- eligible for Medicare
- accessing a specialist medical service that is:
  - recommended as medically necessary by your doctor
  - listed under Schedule 1 as an essential specialist medical service
  - not available within 50 kilometres of your nearest public hospital
  - the closest service of its kind

### Eligibility – escorts / carers

Transport and accommodation subsidies for friend or family escorts can only be approved if deemed necessary for your medical treatment. This can include assistance with both the demands of treatment and the demands of living away from home.\*

### How to apply

Complete the PTSS application form. The PTSS application form can be obtained from your local hospital or via the Queensland Health website at [www.health.qld.gov.au/ptss/](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/ptss/). Your local general practitioner may also have the PTSS application form.

An application form must be completed and forwarded to the hospital nearest to the patients' place of residence. These hospitals are responsible for all aspects of patient travel, and enquiries regarding the subsidy should be directed to these facilities.



## How do I find out more?

The PTSS patient pamphlet and guide are available for download from the link below:  
[www.health.qld.gov.au/ptss/](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/ptss/)

## What if I need help with PTSS?

For further information and advice about the PTSS, you can contact:

- Cancer Council Queensland Lodge
- Cancer Council Queensland Cancer Support Co-ordinator or Lodge Supervisor
- Cancer Council Queensland Helpline  
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## Cancer Council Queensland Accommodation Lodges

Many cancer patients are well enough to be treated as outpatients. This means they have to find accommodation close to the hospital where they receive treatment. To help meet this need, Cancer Council Queensland has established accommodation support lodges with both self-contained units and studio-style apartments at locations across the state.

The lodges provide comfortable accommodation in pleasant surrounding for regional and rural cancer patients undergoing treatment.

### Brisbane

Charles Wanstall Apex Lodge  
(07) 3250 3555

### South Brisbane

Ellis Lodge  
(07) 3170 0090

### Cairns

Marylyn Mayo Lodge  
(07) 4047 5600

### Townsville

Gluyas Rotary Lodge  
(07) 4796 8400

### Toowoomba

Olive McMahon Lodge  
(07) 4690 5900

### Rockhampton

Central Queensland Cancer Support Centre  
(07) 4932 8600



Olive McMahon Lodge



Ellis Lodge



Marylyn Mayo Lodge