Community Assisted Transport Service (CATS)

Transport Assistance for Shire of Chittering Residents to attend medical, specialist or allied health appointments.

To book a CATS driver

(subject to availability)

call 9576 4600

or email:

chatter@chittering.wa.gov.au



Clients Eligibility

Shire of Chittering residents who have no other viable travel alternatives to get to their scheduled appointment.

The Service is available to all local residents who need to travel to and from the Wheatbelt region or Perth Metropolitan area for;

- Medical and specialist appointments outside the Shire of Chittering
- Allied health appointments or services not available locally in Chittering

Clients Responsibilities

- Must be able to get in and out of a sedan vehicle
- Be medically stable or have a carer with them if they are unstable
- Be accompanied by a guardian if client is under the age of 18
- Organise pick up and drop off location with the Shire representative
- Be able to manage themselves at their scheduled appointment
- Pay for any costs incurred on their journey, for example, vehicle parking or their own food and drink
- If additional seating like wheelchair or baby seat are required ,the client must supply and in the case of a baby seat, install this themselves.

Fees

Clients fees are payable to the Shire of Chittering prior to their day of travel, you can check current fees are charges on our website.

Requirement for Accommodation

The client is responsible for making and paying for their own accommodation, if an overnight stay is required. A PATS subsidy may be available to cover some costs if the client is eligible.

Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) eligibility

(Government of WA Country Health Service, 2018-2021)

If a client lives in Western Australia and has been referred by a clinician to a specialist medical service that is not available locally, they may be eligible for PATS subsidy to cover travel, accommodation or escort expenses.

Clients located in Bindoon and the southern areas of the Shire may be eligible for a subsidy where they are travelling 70-100km *(one way)* to access specialist medical treatment for cancer or renal dialysis ONLY.

Those residents who live in our most northern point of the Shire, may be eligible for further subsidies if they need to travel more than 100km (one way) to access the nearest eligible medical specialist service.

Clients may be eligible for PATS if they:

- Are a permanent resident of a WA Country Health Service region (Wheatbelt)
- Are eligible and have a Medicare card
- Referred to a specialist medical service not available locally or via telehealth
- The referral is for an eligible specialist medical service.

N.B. Clients are responsible for contacting PATS directly.

https://wacountry.health.wa.gov.au/Our-patients/Patient-Assisted-Travel-Scheme-PATS/Get-started

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