

Travel for Assessment, Treatment & Rehabilitation

We may be able to help with your travel for assessment, treatment or rehabilitation of your service-related injury or illness.

Costs we can help with

We may be able to help with:

- *actual travelling costs* (usually for travel by private vehicle or scheduled rail, bus or ferry service)
- *out-of-pocket costs* (actual and reasonable costs directly linked to the travel)
- *meal and accommodation costs* (if an overnight stay's needed for the appointment, and can't be avoided by making a different appointment)
- *travel costs of your escort* (if you're not fit or able to travel alone and the escort can give the help needed).

But you can only claim for the travel if:

- *you'd otherwise have to pay for it* (so we won't, for example, cover public transport travel you can use your SuperGold Card for)
- and*
- *we've already told you we'll cover it* (unless it's travel for emergency treatment; this doesn't need pre-approval).

Payment rates

| Type of travel cost | Refund |
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| <i>Rail, bus, ferry</i> | fare paid |
| <i>Private vehicle</i> first 200km in round trip | 62 cents per km |
| <i>Private vehicle</i> after 200km | 27 cents per km (unless we agree to 62 cents) |
| <i>Out-of-pocket costs</i> | assessed case-by-case |
| <i>Meals</i> for period under 24hrs | up to \$35 (dinner) up to \$15 (lunch) up to \$12 (breakfast) |
| <i>Meals</i> for each period of 24hrs | up to \$62 |
| <i>Accommodation</i> | \$80 (one person) \$100 (including for travel escort) |

Claiming for your travel

Evidence

Keep your tickets and receipts, including the appointment receipts, as evidence to attach to your claim.

If you don't have these because of your disability, try to send other evidence you travelled.

Deadline

We must get your claim by the end of the calendar month following your travel.

**For further help or to request other factsheets contact Veterans' Affairs:
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