

## Transport for older people

If you are looking to hang up the car keys, or just looking for alternative options to reach your destination, there are a number of options that may assist.

### Public transport

Public transport on the Sunshine Coast is an affordable and sustainable way to travel, and with a Seniors *go* card, you will receive 50% discount on bus and train fares.

For more information:

#### TransLink

T: 13 12 30 (anytime)  
[www.translink.com.au](http://www.translink.com.au)

#### Council Link

Operated by Comlink on behalf of Council, [Council Link](#) is an affordable transport service that is available for:

- people aged 60 and over
- people with a disability or mobility impairment (DSP concession card holders)
- carers and minors accompanying eligible people (carers card or companion card holders).

For a fixed fare of only \$2 per person (one-way trip), Council Link services run in designated areas across the region one day per week.

To book a Council Link trip or find out what day your suburb is serviced, call:

#### Comlink

T: 5390 1288 (business hours only)

### Subsidised Taxi Fare programs

The Taxi Subsidy Scheme (TSS) subsidises taxi travel - half of the total fare, up to a maximum of \$25 per trip (up to a maximum fare of \$50), for people with severe disabilities.

Eligibility criteria applies. To find out more:

T: 1300 134 755

[www.qld.gov.au/disability/out-and-about/subsidies-concessions-passes/taxi-subsidy](http://www.qld.gov.au/disability/out-and-about/subsidies-concessions-passes/taxi-subsidy)

## The Queensland Community Support Scheme

The Queensland Community Support Scheme (QCSS) provides support to people who, with a small amount of assistance, can maintain or regain their independence, continue living safely in their homes, and actively participate in their communities.

You may be eligible for the QCSS if you are under 65 years old (or under 50 years old for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people) with:

- a disability (and are not eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme)
- chronic illness, mental health or other condition, or
- circumstances that impact your ability to live independently in the community.

A referral is not required. To apply, contact the **QCSS Access Point**

T: 1800 600 300

E: [QCSSaccesspoint@ozcare.org.au](mailto:QCSSaccesspoint@ozcare.org.au).

## Community Transport

The first step to access government-funded Community Transport is to get assessed through My Aged Care.

You can apply for an assessment online or you can call:

#### My Aged Care

T: 1800 200 422

[www.myagedcare.gov.au](http://www.myagedcare.gov.au)

These services are scheduled in advance, and may be used to:

- Get to medical appointments
- Visit a health professional such as a podiatrist or optometrist
- Shop for food at your local shopping centre
- Attend events or social gatherings

The following providers have been extracted from the My Aged Care website.

**Anglicare Southern Queensland**

T: 1300 610 610

[www.anglicaresq.org.au](http://www.anglicaresq.org.au)

**Blue Care**

T: 1300 258 322

[www.bluecare.org.au](http://www.bluecare.org.au)

**Candice Care**

T: 1800 226 342

[www.candicecare.org.au](http://www.candicecare.org.au)

**Comlink - Sunshine Coast**

T: 1300 785 227

[www.comlink.org.au](http://www.comlink.org.au)

**Glasshouse Country Care**

T: 5494 6948

[www.ghcare.org.au](http://www.ghcare.org.au)

**Home Instead Senior Care**

T: 5443 3562

[www.homeinstead.com.au](http://www.homeinstead.com.au)

**Nambour & District Care (RangeCare)**

T: 5441 4441

[www.ndc.org.au](http://www.ndc.org.au)

**Ozcare**

T: 1800 692 273

[www.ozcare.org.au](http://www.ozcare.org.au)

**Suncare Community Services**

T: 1800 786 227

[www.suncare.org.au](http://www.suncare.org.au)

If you are not eligible for My Aged Care, you can still call these providers and enquire about a fee for service.

## Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme

The Qld Government [Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme](#) provides financial assistance to eligible patients who are required to travel for specialist health services not available locally (within 50 kilometres of the patient's closest public hospital or public health facility).

Patient Registration Forms are available at [www.qld.gov.au/health/services/travel/subsidies](http://www.qld.gov.au/health/services/travel/subsidies), and are to be forwarded to Patient Travel Subsidy Office at Nambour Hospital. For more information:

### Patient Travel Subsidy Office

T: 5470 5957 OR 13 HEALTH

## Medical Appointments

[Queensland Ambulance Service](#) provides non-emergency patient transport for:

- pre-arranged visits to a medical facility for ongoing treatment
- transfer between medical facilities for specialist treatment.

The Queensland Ambulance Service must have at least 24 hours notice for bookings, and eligibility criteria applies.

An authorisation certificate from a doctor is required for non-emergency patient transport.

For details or bookings, contact:

### Queensland Ambulance Service:

T: 13 12 33

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