

How do I apply on-line?



To apply for Transport Assistance you need to follow the steps below:

1. Go to **www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au**
2. Click on the 'Parents' section



3. Select the 'How to Apply' section, this will help you apply.
4. Now you're ready to apply

If you don't have access to the Internet at home you may be able to access it at any of the following places:

- x Your local School or Education Support Facility
- x Your local Tele-Centre
- x Your local Library

What do I do if I don't have access to the Internet?

Don't worry, if you are still unable to access the Internet, you can get a copy of the application for Transport Assistance from your child's school or by contacting School Bus Services on 9326 2625. Parents/carers need to be aware that processing hard-copy applications may take longer than on-line applications.

For more information contact:

Email: schoolbus@pta.wa.gov.au

Ph: (08) 9326 2625

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Parent guide to
Transport Assistance for 2014





Introduction: Student Transport Assistance

The Government of Western Australia has been providing transport assistance to Western Australian families for more than 80 years.

The size of our state dictates that many thousands of families live great distances from their local school. School Bus Services (SBS) provides the 'orange' school bus network that relieves the burden on these families by providing free transport to eligible students to and from their nearest appropriate school.

On the same basis, SBS also provides 'orange' buses for students with special needs. This service aims to relieve the pressure on families by providing free transport to and from the nearest appropriate education support facility within metropolitan and regional areas.

Over the past 80 years the 'orange' fleet has grown to more than 850 buses transporting more than 26,000 students a total of more than 150,000km each school day.

In some areas, where it is neither practical nor cost effective to provide a dedicated school bus service, SBS may offer an eligible student's family a Conveyance Allowance. More than 1,200 families currently receive an Allowance as a contribution towards the cost of transporting children to and from school.

Am I eligible?

Before applying for Student Transport Assistance, you need to determine your eligibility.

Mainstream schools

Please answer YES or NO to each of the following questions:

- x Is your child enrolled at the nearest government school (e.g. Busselton Senior High School) or nearest non-government school of a specific religious denomination, (e.g. St Josephs Catholic Primary School) or ethos, (e.g. Montessori or Steiner)?
- x Is your child enrolled in a pre-compulsory, (i.e. kindy) or compulsory education period (i.e. pre-primary through to year 12), including students attending Approved Specialist Programmes or TAFE under a Notice of Arrangement?
- x Will your child regularly attend their school and use the approved 'orange' school bus for a minimum of 6 trips per week?
- x Do you reside more than 4.5km from your child's school?
- x Do you reside outside a designated Public Transport Area, (i.e. Perth and regional metropolitan areas) that has a fare paying public transport system?

Education support facilities and Language Development Centres

Please answer YES or NO to each of the following questions:

- x Is your child enrolled at a government or non-government education support facility within the catchment area defined for your residential address? (Advice on this can be provided from your child's education support facility or by contacting School Bus Services on 9326 2625).
- x Does your child require supervision when using public transport, (i.e. is not able or competent to make their own way to their facility safely)?
- x Will your child attend their facility regularly and use their approved transport service, under normal circumstances?

If you have answered YES to each of these questions, you will be eligible for Transport Assistance. Please read the 'How do I Apply' section in this brochure.

If you have answered NO to any of these questions but still wish to request bus access, you will need to go the website and lodge an application for Transport Assistance as a complimentary passenger. For more detail regarding complimentary travel, visit the 'Parents' page on our website.

