

Long Distance Coach Subsidy

Transport for NSW will meet the cost of Long Distance Coach travel from home to school and return, incurred by students boarding away from home.

Who can apply?

Boarding school students who cannot access regular scheduled services on NSW TrainLink train services and coach network.

Conditions of Travel

- A student may have either a weekend/vacation pass or receive a Long Distance Coach Subsidy reimbursement.
- The student may also be entitled to a School Drive Subsidy (SDS) to get them to or from the nearest Trainlink or Long Distance Coach pick-up/drop-off point.
- Passenger travel for Long Distance Coach must be 40 kilometres or greater.

How to apply?

Step 1. Parents complete the [Long Distance Coach Application](#) form via the Transport.info SSTS Microsite

Step 2. Parents to request endorsement from the school, then digitally submit the application to Transport for NSW using the link on the form.

Step 3. The application is processed by Transport for NSW and goes through a review process to confirm eligibility.

Step 4. Where an application is approved, the student will be registered for Long Distance Coach Subsidy. Applicants will receive an email confirming whether the student is approved for Long Distance Coach Subsidy.

Entitlement is subject to the following conditions:

- No other form of free travel has been approved (i.e. Countrylink weekend/vacation pass). A maximum of two return trips per term can be claimed. However students have the option of making one additional trip in one school term of their choosing.
- The number of journeys cannot be combined from term to term.
- Parents or schools must pay the cost of the coach fares initially, and then request reimbursement from Transport for NSW.

Refund Claim

- Application for refund of coach fares is made by the school principal at the end of each semester.
- [Claim forms](#) are available via Transport.info SSTS Microsite
- Original receipts or passenger's copy of coach tickets must be uploaded with the claim form for any refund to be processed.
- Long Distance Coach Subsidy is paid for up to nine journeys per school year.

Refund Payment

Long Distance Coach Subsidy fare refund payments are made direct to the applicant listed on the [Application Form](#).