



PATS fuel subsidy increase FAQs

What is the new fuel subsidy rate?

The PATS fuel subsidy is now 40 cents per kilometre.

There is no change to how the subsidy is calculated. It will still be calculated using the most direct or common route from your permanent residential town center to the commercial business district of the treatment centre you are travelling to.

When is the fuel subsidy increasing?

All fuel subsidy claims processed from 1 July 2025 will have the new rate of 40 cents per kilometre applied.

Is the process to lodge a PATS claim still the same?

Yes.

Go to [PATS processes explained](#).

Is the eligibility criteria still the same to claim PATS?

Yes.

Go to [PATS eligibility](#).

Has the accommodation subsidy also changed?

No. The accommodation subsidy remains the same.

Go to [PATS subsidies](#).

Has the subsidy for cancer and renal patients travelling more than 70km but less than 100km changed?

No. This subsidy remains the same.

Go to [PATS subsidies](#).

I have already submitted my claim, what rate will it be processed at?

If your local PATS office processes your claim before 1 July 2025, it will be processed at the rate of 26 cents per kilometre.

If your local PATS office processes your claim on or after 1 July 2025, it will be processed at the rate of 40 cents per kilometre.

I do not meet the PATS distance threshold for air travel, however I would prefer to fly. Am I still eligible for a PATS travel subsidy?

Yes. PATS recipients who do not meet the distance threshold or eligibility for air travel are eligible for a PATS mileage subsidy.

Recipients will be required to book and pay for their own flights in these situations and then will be reimbursed for their out-of-pocket costs up to the equivalent of the relevant fuel subsidy, not exceeding out of pocket expenses.

If you have any queries, please contact your [local PATS office](#) or PATS Area Office on 08 9781 2016 for assistance.