

The patient's guide to the PTSS journey

STEP 1

Referral

» The patient needs to fill out the PTSS Patient Registration Form (Form A) to register for PTSS.

Tick when complete

STEP 2

Assessment

The Clinician needs to fill out PTSS Travel Referral Form (Form B) for the patient to apply for travel, accommodation and patient escort subsidies.

» online at www.health.qld.gov.au/ptss or,

» at any Queensland public hospital or health facility in person or via email, fax or post.

» The patient's application is assessed against the PTSS policy to decide eligibility or alternatives to travel. The patient is notified of the outcome of their application, usually within a week.

Tick when complete

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Attendance

» The PTSS Appointment Attendance (Form C) needs to be filled out and signed by the specialist, or a representative, to confirm the patient's attendance at the appointment.

Tick when complete

STEP 3

Booking

» Once the patient has their appointment date they should contact their local hospital or health facility about travel bookings.

Tick when complete

STEP 4

Subsidy payment

» To claim their subsidy payment, the patient needs to submit their signed PTSS Appointment Attendance (Form C), along with any tax invoices from travel and accommodation bookings.

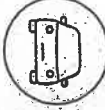
These documents can be submitted:

» online at www.health.qld.gov.au/ptss or

» at any Queensland public hospital or health facility in person, or via email, fax or post.

» Subsidy payment should be received within 30 business days of submitting all necessary and completed paperwork.

Tick when complete



» Note: Patients booking their own travel or accommodation need to keep their tax invoices to claim their subsidy.



For more information on PTSS, including details on the process and contact details for Queensland Health facilities please visit www.health.qld.gov.au/ptss or call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84). *If this number does not connect from your location please call 13 43 25 instead.

What is the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS)?

The Scheme PTSS provides financial support for patients to get specialist medical treatment when the service is not available within 50km of the patient's closest public hospital or public health facility.

Eligible patients can apply for travel and/or accommodation subsidies to help with the costs of getting to and from the closest public hospital or health facility where the specialist medical treatment is available. Patients who need help when travelling can also apply for a patient escort to travel with them.

The PTSS does not cover the full costs of travelling for specialist medical treatment. Any costs incurred in addition to approved subsidies are at the patient's expense.

Am I eligible for PTSS?

Patient must be a Queensland resident, or have no fixed address, and be eligible for Medicare to receive PTSS subsidies.

They must also have a valid referral for an approved PTSS specialty, that is not available within 50km of their nearest public hospital or health facility.

What subsidies are available?

Travel and accommodation subsidies are available for eligible patients and their patient escort. Patients should apply for PTSS as early as possible prior to travel.

Eligible patients can submit one retrospective application for assessment for travel undertaken in the last 12 months. **The approved travel subsidy** is for the most clinically appropriate and cost-effective mode of transport available, and is calculated using the rates on the table to the right.

Mode of transport

Subsidy amount

Commercial—
air, bus, ferry or rail

Fully subsidised payment*

Private car (driving)

A rate of \$0.30 per km, calculated using a predetermined toll-free route between facilities.

* equal to the lowest economy rate (excluding GST)

The accommodation subsidy provides financial support for accommodation costs for as long as the patient is medically required to be away from home and is calculated using the rates below:

Type of accommodation	Subsidy amount *per approved person
Commercial accommodation	Up to \$60 per night
Private accommodation	\$10 per night

Note: Patients and patient escorts must pay for the first four nights of accommodation each financial year unless the patient holds a PTSS eligible concession card or is under 18 years of age.

The accommodation subsidy does not apply to any nights the patient spends in hospital. Patient escorts may still be eligible during this time.

My PTSS ID is:

My local hospital or health facility is:

Their phone number is:

Their email address is:

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Do you need to travel for a specialist medical appointment?

If you are a permanent Queensland resident, and have a referral to a specialist medical service that is not available locally, you may be eligible for financial support as part of the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS).



For more information visit:

www.health.qld.gov.au/ptss
or call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)



User guide – Patient registration (Form A)

Use this step-by-step-guide to register for the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS). The purpose of this form is to register or update patient details in the PTSS system. This form only needs to be completed once, unless updating existing patient details. This form is not an application for PTSS.

Section A

- 1 Please provide the patient's personal details. The preferred name is only required if it differs from the patient's given name.
- 2 Preferred contact person, if different from the patient (e.g. parent, guardian, carer etc).
- 3 Please provide the preferred way for contacting the patient.

Section A (patient or guardian / carer to complete)

Updating existing patient details

Title Given name(s) Family name

Preferred name Date of birth (DD/MM/YY)

Residential address Suburb / Town Postcode

Postal address (if different from residential address) Suburb / Town Postcode

Mobile number (or landline, if mobile not available) Email address

Are you of Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander origin?
 No Yes, Aboriginal Yes, Torres Strait Islander Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Preferred contact person (if different from patient) Relationship

Mobile number (or landline, if mobile not available) Email address

How would you like us to contact you? (You may select more than one option)
 Text message Email Phone Mail

Section B

- 4 This section must be completed. To be eligible for PTSS you must be eligible for a Medicare card.

Section B (patient or guardian / carer to complete)

A Medicare card number is required to be eligible for PTSS.

Medicare card number Expiry date (MM/YY)

Please tick if any of the following apply to you:

	Card number	Expiry date (DD/MM/YY)	Card type (e.g. gold)
<input type="checkbox"/> Department of Veterans Affairs			
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare card			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pensioner concession card			
<input type="checkbox"/> Commonwealth Seniors card			

Section C

- 5 This form needs to be signed by the patient or their guardian/carer.

Section C (patient or guardian / carer to complete)

The information provided is true and accurate at the time of application. I give my permission for Hospital and Health Service staff to obtain information about my / my child's / my ward's medical condition for the purpose of administering my application and providing relevant details to travel / accommodation providers as required. I understand that I must keep copies of receipts / invoices for accommodation and transport, and may be asked to provide these to Health and Hospital Service staff.

Patient (if 18 years or over) or Guardian / Carer (if under 18 years) signature Date (DD/MM/YY)

Guardian / Carer name (if applicable) Contact number

To apply for PTSS please fill out the Travel referral (Form B).
 To confirm your attendance at an appointment please fill out the Appointment attendance (Form C).





Patient registration (Form A)

Section A (patient or guardian / carer to complete)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Updating existing patient details			
Title:	Given name(s):	Family name:	
Preferred name:			Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY):
Residential address:		Suburb / Town:	Postcode:
Postal address (if different from residential address):		Suburb / Town:	Postcode:
Mobile number (or landline, if mobile not available):		Email address:	
Are you of Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander origin? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander			
Preferred contact person (if different from patient):		Relationship:	
Mobile number (or landline, if mobile not available):		Email address:	
How would you like us to contact you? (You may select more than one option) <input type="checkbox"/> Text message <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Mail			

Section B (patient or guardian / carer to complete)			
• A Medicare card number is required to be eligible for PTSS.			
Medicare number:		Expiry date (MM/YY):	
Please tick if any of the following apply to you:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Department of Veterans Affairs	Card number:	Expiry date (DD/MM/YY):	Card type (e.g. gold):
<input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare card	Card number:	Expiry date (DD/MM/YY):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pensioner concession card	Card number:	Expiry date (DD/MM/YY):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commonwealth Seniors card	Card number:	Expiry date (DD/MM/YY):	

Section C (patient or guardian / carer to complete)	
<i>The information provided is true and accurate at the time of application. I give my permission for Hospital and Health Service staff to obtain information about my / my child's / my ward's medical condition for the purpose of administering my application and to disclose relevant information, including a copy of this form, to approved travel / accommodation providers for the purpose of administration of the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS). I understand that I must keep copies of receipts / invoices for accommodation and transport, and may be asked to provide these to Hospital and Health Service staff.</i>	
Patient (if 18 years or over) or Guardian / Carer (if under 18 years) signature:	Date (DD/MM/YYYY):
Guardian / Carer name:	Contact number:

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Identification number:		
Proof of residency sighted / provided (e.g. QLD licence, electricity / gas bill, other acceptable documents)?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Concession card(s) sighted / provided?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Sighted by – staff name:	Signature:	Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

User guide – Travel referral (Form B)

Use this step-by-step-guide to the Travel referral (Form B) to apply for the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS). Parts of this form need to be completed by the clinician referring the patient. Information provided in this form will be used to determine the patient's eligibility for PTSS and their subsidy amount.

Section A

- 1 To update personal details the **Patient registration (Form A)**, needs to be filled out. Please provide the patient's personal details.

Section A - Patient details (patient or referring clinician to complete)

Has the patient's details changed? Yes No

Title Given name(s) Family name Date of birth (DD/MM/YY)

Medicare card number Expiry date (MM/YY) Contact number

Section B

- 2 This section needs to be completed by the clinician referring the patient. All fields need to be completed.
- 3 The medical condition section should also include any special conditions which may impact or influence where the patient receives treatment.

Section B - Referral details (referring clinician to complete with details of treating specialist)

• Travel referral is valid for 12 months (subject to review at any time).

Treating specialist name Specialty

Treatment facility name

Treatment facility address Suburb / Town Postcode

Medical condition (include reason for referral)

Is this the patient's closest specialist? Yes No
If no, provide reason

Interstate Private patient Clinical trial
 Patient has lodged / intends to lodge a third party or Workers Compensation Claim regarding this treatment

Section C

- 4 This section needs to be completed by the clinician referring the patient. Providing more information will help a more informed decision to be made.
- 5 Clinical reason for selected mode of travel is important to complete if the patient's travel is restricted such as mobility, disability, health condition etc.

Section C - Reason for travel (referring clinician to complete)

If available, has telehealth been considered for this appointment? Yes No

Appointment is for: Consultation Treatment / Procedure Review Diagnostic

Appointment type: Admission - New Review Outpatient - New Review

This condition may require ongoing travel for appointments? Yes No

Appointment / Admission: Date (DD/MM/YY) Time (HH:MM)

Clinically recommended mode of travel:
 Private motor vehicle Air Bus Rail Ferry Charter

Weight of patient (kgs) - for charter flights only

Clinical reason for selected mode of travel (based on patient's circumstances):

Patient has wheel chair Patient has oxygen cylinder Patient has a disability
 English is not the patient's first language

Further details on travel requirements:

Section C

- 6 Further details on travel requirements can also be provided in this section such as accessibility requirements, restrictions to travel based on mode or distance, or if the patient requires assistance when travelling.

Further details on travel requirements:

Section D

- 7 This section needs to be completed by the clinician referring the patient. This section should include any further details to support the patient's need for accommodation, including any further accommodation requirements.

Section D - Accommodation (referring clinician to complete)

Is the patient applying for a subsidy for accommodation*?

Yes, private accommodation Yes, commercial accommodation Both No

Additional information (e.g. clinical reason to stay after appointment or discharge date, accommodation preference, etc.)

*As per the eligibility criteria. Approved by Hospital and Health Service.

Section E

- 8 This section needs to be completed by the clinician referring the patient.
- 9 The clinical reason for an escort needs to be completed.

Section E - Patient escort details (referring clinician to complete)

Is the patient applying for a Patient Escort*? Yes No

Patient escort details:

Title	Full name	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY)	Contact number

Clinical reason

Does the patient escort require accommodation?

Yes, same as patient Yes, different to patient No

*As per the eligibility criteria. Approved by Hospital and Health Service.

Section F

- 10 Signature to certify information and acknowledgment of possible sharing of information. Clinician or representative must sign this form as they are providing medical advice relating to the patient.

Section F - Declaration

Referring clinician (or clinicians nominated representative) declaration:

certify that the information provided on this form is correct. I have advised the patient or guardian / carer that Hospital and Health Service staff may contact the referring facility and travel / accommodation providers regarding this referral.

Referring clinician / nominated representative name

Contact number	Facility name	(Clinician stamp)
Signature	Date (DD/MM/YY)	

Section A - Patient details (patient or referring clinician to complete)

Has the patient's details changed? Yes No

Title Given name(s) Family name Date of birth (DD/MM/YY)

Medicare card number -- Expiry date (MM/YY) / Contact number

Section B - Referral details (referring clinician to complete with details of treating specialist)

• Travel referral is valid for 12 months (subject to review at any time).

Treating specialist name Specialty

Treatment facility name

Treatment facility address Suburb / Town Postcode

Medical condition (include reason for referral)

Is this the patient's closest specialist? Yes No

If no, provide reason

- Interstate Private patient Clinical trial
 Patient has lodged / intends to lodge a third party or Workers Compensation Claim regarding this treatment

Section C - Reason for travel (referring clinician to complete)

If available, has telehealth been considered for this appointment? Yes No

Appointment is for: Consultation Treatment / Procedure Review Diagnostic

Appointment type: Admission - New Review Outpatient - New Review

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Appointment / Admission: Date (DD/MM/YY) Time (HH:MM)

Clinically recommended mode of travel:

- Private motor vehicle Air Bus Rail Ferry Charter

Weight of patient (kgs) - for charter flights only

Clinical reason for selected mode of travel (based on patient's circumstances):

Patient has wheel chair Patient has oxygen cylinder Patient has a disability

English is not the patient's first language

Further details on travel requirements:

Section D - Accommodation (referring clinician to complete)

Is the patient applying for a subsidy for accommodation*?

- Yes, private accommodation Yes, commercial accommodation Both No

Additional information (e.g. clinical reason to stay after appointment or discharge date, accommodation preference, etc.)

*As per the eligibility criteria. Approved by Hospital and Health Service.

Section E - Patient escort details (referring clinician to complete)Is the patient applying for a Patient Escort*? Yes No**Patient escort details:**

Title Full name Date of birth (DD/MM/YY) Contact number

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Clinical reason

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Does the patient escort require accommodation?

 Yes, same as patient Yes, different to patient No**As per the eligibility criteria. Approved by Hospital and Health Service.***Section F - Declaration****Referring clinician (or clinicians nominated representative) declaration:***I certify that the information provided on this form is correct. I have advised the patient or guardian / carer that Hospital and Health Service staff may contact the referring facility and travel / accommodation providers regarding this referral.*

Referring clinician / nominated representative name

	(Clinician stamp)
Contact number	Facility name
Signature	Date (DD/MM/YY)

Hospital and Health Service use only - Approval

Identification number

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Subsidy approved for travel to: Place of referral Other

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Mode of travel approved: Private motor vehicle Air Bus Train Ferry OtherPatient escort approved: Yes NoAccommodation approved: Yes No Private accommodation Number of nights approved: Patient Patient escort Commercial accommodation Number of nights approved: Patient Patient escort HHS to book Transport Accommodation Other Has it been determined if a telehealth alternative exists for this patient? Yes No

If no, provide reason

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Hospital and Health Service approval:

Approver name Signature Date (DD/MM/YY)

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Approver name Signature Date (DD/MM/YY)

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Special consideration - provide reason

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Application not approved - provide reason

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User guide – Appointment attendance (Form C)

Use this step-by-step-guide to the Appointment attendance (Form C) to certify the patient attended their specialist appointment. This form also confirms how long the patient was medically required to be away from home.

Section A

- 1 Please provide the patient's personal details
To update personal details the Patient registration (Form A), needs to be filled out.

Section A - Patient details (patient, NHS or specialist to complete)

Title	Given name(s)	Family name	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY)	
Home hospital			Contact number	
Patient escort details:				
Title	Full name	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY)	Contact number	

Section B

- 2 Either part A or part B needs to be completed.
The patient can provide evidence for Part A and submit with this form.
or
The treating clinician needs to complete and sign part B.
- 3 Requires a signature from the specialist, representative or someone from the treating facility to certify the information provided in the form.

Section B - Evidence (specialist to complete)

Part A: Please attach evidence of appointment attendance
 Medicare receipt HICAPS receipt Discharge summary

Part B: Please attach evidence of appointment attendance

Appointment / Admission	Date (DD/MM/YY)	Date (DD/MM/YY)	Discharge	Date (DD/MM/YY)

Complete details or provide stamp:

Specialist name

Speciality Contact name (if not specialist)

Treatment facility name

Contact number Email

(Clinician stamp)

I certify that the patient received specialist medical treatment as stated above.

Signature Date (DD/MM/YY)

Name (if not specialist) Position (if not specialist)

To register or update a patient's personal details please use the Patient registration (Form A).
To apply for PTSS please fill out the Travel referral (Form B).



Section C

- 4** The date the patient is medically approved to travel home.
Please provide reasons for the patient's requirement to travel after their discharge date (e.g. follow up appointments, admittance as an inpatient or not medically fit for travel).

Section C - Return travel (if travel not booked, specialist or treating MHS to complete)
 Date ready to travel home (DD/MM/YY) Morning Afternoon If not the same day as discharge, provide reason
 Recommended return mode of transport: Private motor vehicle Air Bus Rail Ferry
 If air, is a commercial flight medical clearance required? Yes No

Section D

- 5** To be completed by the treating clinician.
6 Please provide details of future appointments, if known.
More space for future appointments is provided on the back of this form.

Section D - Ongoing treatments (specialist to complete)
 Has the patient's treatment been completed? Yes No
 If no, can future appointments be provided via Telehealth? Yes No
 Can ongoing treatment be provided at the patient's local hospital? Yes No
Details of next appointment (if further appointments are required - continue in section E, page 2):

Date (approximate / TBA)	Appointment details (name / location)	Patient escort requested	Admission type	Appointment type	Speciality
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Review <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation	

 Clinically recommended mode of travel: Private motor vehicle Air Bus Rail Ferry
 Clinical reason for selected mode of travel:
 Clinical recommendation for escort:

Section E

- 7** This section will notify the patient's home facility of future appointments and possible PTSS requirements.
It is to be filled in and signed by the specialist or a representative.

Section E - Additional appointment details (clinician / clinician's nominated representative to complete)

Admission		Admission type	Accommodation required	Patient escort required	Clinician declaration	
Date	Time (AM/PM)				Signature	Date
		<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

To register or update a patient's personal details please use the Patient registration (Form A).
 To apply for PTSS please fill out the Travel referral (Form B).



Appointment attendance (Form C)

Section A - Patient details (patient, HHS or specialist to complete)

Title	Given name(s)	Family name	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Home hospital			Contact number
<input type="text"/>			<input type="text"/>

Patient escort details:

Title	Full name	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY)	Contact number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Section B - Evidence (specialist to complete)

Part A: Please attach evidence of appointment attendance

Medicare receipt HICAPS receipt Discharge summary

Part B: Please attach evidence of appointment attendance

	Date (DD/MM/YY)	Date (DD/MM/YY)		Date (DD/MM/YY)
Appointment / Admission	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Discharge	<input type="text"/>

Complete details or provide stamp:

Specialist name	(Clinician stamp)			
Speciality				Contact name (if not specialist)
<input type="text"/>				<input type="text"/>
Treatment facility name				<input type="text"/>
Contact number				Email
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>			

I certify that the patient received specialist medical treatment as stated above.

Signature	Date (DD/MM/YY)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Name (if not specialist)	Position (if not specialist)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Section C - Return travel (if travel not booked; specialist or treating HHS to complete)

Date ready to travel home (DD/MM/YY)	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	If not the same day as discharge, provide reason
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>

Recommended return mode of transport: Private motor vehicle Air Bus Rail Ferry

If air, is a commercial flight medical clearance required? Yes No

Section D - Ongoing treatments (specialist to complete)

Has the patient's treatment been completed? Yes No
 If no, can future appointments be provided via Telehealth? Yes No
 Can ongoing treatment be provided at the patient's local hospital? Yes No

Details of next appointment (if further appointments are required - continue in section E, page 2):

Date (approximate / TBA)	Appointment details (name / location)	Patient escort requested	Admission type	Appointment type	Speciality
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient	<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment <input type="checkbox"/> Review <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation	<input type="text"/>

Clinically recommended mode of travel: Private motor vehicle Air Bus Rail Ferry

Clinical reason for selected mode of travel:

Clinical recommendation for escort:

Hospital and Health Service use only Identification number

Section E - Additional appointment details (clinician / clinician's nominated representative to complete)

**Electronic Funds Transfer
Payment Request**



**Queensland
Government**

Vendor Number:

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Name:									
ABN (Business) or Date of Birth (Patient):									
Address:									
Suburb/Postcode:									
PO Box		Suburb				Postcode			
Telephone (home)					Telephone (mobile)				

Bank details

BSB Number:					-				
Bank Account Number:									
Bank Account Holder's Name:									
Email Address for payment advice:									

I authorise all future payments to be deposited directly into the above bank account. I will advise of any changes to the above bank details.

Businesses: For your protection, please support your bank details by supplying one of the following.
Company letterhead with bank details or a copy of an invoice/bank deposit slip or Official Company Stamp.

		Witnessed by:	
_____ (Signature)		_____ (Signature)	
Name:	_____	Name:	_____
Date:	____ / ____ / ____	Date:	____ / ____ / ____

Please forward this completed request to your HHS/DoH contact:

