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# Using public transport

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Follow these guidelines and tips below to ensure a safe and enjoyable journey for everyone on our services.

## Travel tips

- Have your [go card](#), [contactless card or smart device](#) (for travel on trains, trams, ferries and [some bus lines](#)) or valid [paper ticket](#) ready.
- Reminder: services in South East Queensland are currently cashless.
- Arrive at your stop five minutes before the scheduled departure time.
- Use the [MyTranslink app](#) to check arrival times of your service.
- To hail a bus, raise your hand to show that you'd like the bus driver to stop. Make sure you are standing in a visible location so the driver can clearly see you.
- Favourite your service in the [MyTranslink app](#) to receive notifications of service disruptions.
- To get off a bus, press the stop button well before your stop, at least 100 metres, to allow the driver to stop smoothly and safely.
- Treat all public transport staff and other passengers with courtesy and respect (see [Passenger Code of Conduct](#)).
- For lost property, please [contact the operator](#) of the service the item was left on.
- If you're [transferring to another service](#), you can combine your trips into a single fare.

## Transferring between services

With our transfer options, you can combine two or more smaller trips into one overall journey, with one fare.

### go card, contactless card or smart device transfer rules



Use one card or device per customer to tap on and off for each trip. Our system will automatically combine your trips into a single fare.

Payment using contactless card or smart device is accepted on trains, trams and ferries. It is also being progressively rolled out on South East Queensland buses as part of [Smart Ticketing customer trials](#). If you need to transfer to a bus service that is not currently trialling Smart Ticketing, please continue to use your *go card* for now.

Train-to-train transfers only need to be tapped off at the end of the journey.

- One-hour time limit between transfers.
- Maximum of 3 transfers per journey.
- Total journey length must be shorter than 6 hours.
- Final trip must start within 3.5 hours of first trip.

### Paper ticket transfer rules



- Unlimited transfers within 2 hours (3.5 hours if travelling more than 4 zones—SEQ only)
- You must start your final trip before the printed expiry time
- Returning to your initial departure destination is not permitted—you must purchase another paper ticket to do this

Please note, [Gympie](#) and [Sunshine Coast Hinterland](#) are not part of the [South East Queensland](#) fare network. Separate tickets are needed if you are travelling in both regions.

## Travelling with large items

### Prams and strollers



Please be aware of these extra safety measures when travelling with a pram or stroller.

You may need to fold your pram or stroller and store it in the luggage rack if:

- you are travelling during [peak times](#)
- the bus driver advises that there is not enough space on board the bus to safely park the pram
- it is not a wheelchair accessible bus
- the designated wheelchair space is already occupied or it is required throughout the trip.

At all other times, you can travel with the child seated in the pram or stroller.

Please remember to:

- park your pram or stroller in the designated wheelchair space with its brake on, and
- ensure your child is secured in the pram or stroller harness
- hold on to the pram during the journey to prevent tipping or sliding.

Due to workplace health and safety concerns, Translink staff are not required to assist in folding and loading prams or other large objects.

### Bikes and scooters



[Special conditions apply](#) if you want to take your bike or scooter on the bus, train, ferry or tram.

### Surfboards, golf bags and sporting equipment



You can take surfboards, golf bags and other large items on our services that are equipped to do so. You may be refused travel or directed to use off-peak services if you have items which may inconvenience other passengers or pose a safety hazard.

Long surfboards cannot be carried on smaller Sunbus (Sunshine Coast) or Surfside (Gold Coast) buses.

## Luggage and shopping

You can take luggage and shopping bags on our services, provided there is space to do so.

Please use luggage racks or store items under your seat, to minimise disruption to other passengers.

# Travelling with animals and pets

## Guide dogs and assistance animals

Only approved assistance animals can travel with you for free on all our buses, trains, ferries and trams, providing that:

- your dog is accredited in accordance with the *Guide Hearing and Assistance Dog Act (2009)*
- your animal is identified with a Translink Assistance Animal Pass or an interstate assistance animal accreditation.

To apply for a Translink [Assistance Animal Pass](#), you need to show your assistance animal is trained to help alleviate the effect of your disability and meets hygiene behaviour standards appropriate for a public place.

## Pets

Pets are not permitted on any of our bus, train and tram services.

You can bring your dog on Brisbane River ferries and CityCats between 8.30am - 3.30pm and 7pm - 6am weekdays, and all weekend.

Before you take your dog on a ferry or CityCat, please review [our requirements \(150KB, PDF\)](#) and ensure that:

- your dog is on a lead and wearing a muzzle, or in an enclosed carrier
- your dog is under your control and remains outside the ferry cabin
- you carry waste bags and clean up after your dog.

Due to capacity constraints, or other operational reasons, ferry staff may ask you and your dog to wait for another service.

View more information about the [acceptable muzzles and carriers \(1.3MG, PDF\)](#) to travel with your dog on our ferries.

# Hail 'n' ride

There are several services around the network where you can catch the bus without waiting at a bus stop.

Hail 'n' ride locations are usually in rural and regional areas.

Contact your local bus operator for details about hail 'n' ride locations.

## Additional information for Cairns

In addition to the above, in Cairns you cannot hail 'n' ride:

- within Cairns City
- along Sheridan Street or Mulgrave Road, except the following approved hail 'n' ride locations:
  - [Bruce Highway near Toogood Road \(HnR\), Woree](#)
  - [Mulgrave Rd \(Parramatta Pk State School\) \(HnR\), Parramatta Park](#)

## Related links

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