

Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS)

Information for services that provide termination of pregnancy

The Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS) provides financial assistance to eligible patients who are required to travel for specialist health services not available locally. For the purposes of termination of pregnancy, the procedure will be managed under Schedule 1 of the PTSS Guidelines – Obstetrics and Gynaecology (even if the pathway is through a sexual health clinic).

Ordinarily a subsidy assists with the cost of travel and accommodation to the nearest specialist medical service that is more than 50km from the woman's nearest hospital. However, depending on the woman's circumstances, exceptions to the nearest specialist service may be considered on a case by case basis.

As per the current Guidelines, a referral to a specialist service must be accompanied by results confirming the pregnancy (a positive urine pregnancy test, hCG blood test), estimated gestation and ultrasound results (if available) and attached to the PTSS application.

For further information regarding the eligibility, escorts, travel and accommodation subsidies, application process, subsidy claims funding from alternative sources and administrative process and appeals please refer to the [PTSS guideline \(part A\)](#).

