



# Section 1 – Referring Doctor

PATS Application Form

Claim Number (Office use only)

This form can be completed online at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/pats](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/pats)

Referring doctors are required to authorise questions three to six. Patient/claimant must not complete this section. Please print using black or blue pen.

Patient Family Name

Date of birth

PATS Client Number

Patient Given Names

Medicare Number

Individual Ref. No.

Residential Address

## 1. Insert Referring doctor's details

Title  Mr  Mrs  Ms  Dr

Family name and initial

Provider number

Or stamp below

Practice location

Phone

Email

## 2. Type of Specialist referred to

Name of Specialist

## 3. Is the nominated Specialist the nearest type of Specialist to the patient's usual residence?

Yes  No

If no, please provide a medical reason as to why the patient must travel past their nearest specialist by selecting one of the clinical criteria overleaf.

## 4. Does the patient require an escort during travel?

If yes, please provide a medical reason as to why the escort is required to travel with the patient by selecting one of the clinical criteria overleaf.

Yes  No

## 5. Does the medical condition of the patient warrant air travel?

If yes, please provide a medical reason as to why air travel is required by selecting one of the clinical criteria overleaf.

Forward Travel?

Yes  No

Return Travel?

Yes  No

## 6. Certification by referring doctor

*I certify that the information provided in this section is correct and has been completed by me (or my representative).*

Signature of referring doctor

Date



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## Introduction

The Patient Assistance Transport Scheme (PATS) is a subsidy program that provides money to pay for some travel, escort and accommodation costs when people from rural and remote South Australia travel over 100 kilometres each way to see a specialist. More information, including Guidelines for Assessment and brochure, is available at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/pats](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/pats)

## How to apply?

You can make an application online via a dedicated web portal at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/PATS](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/PATS). Applying online makes it easier for your patient to apply for subsidy. Paper-based application forms can still be submitted via your local PATS office or via Australia Post.

The application form is available in four sections:

**Section 1 for Local Doctors**

**Section 2 for Specialists**

**Section 3 for Patients**

**Section 4 for Block Treatment (Specialist and Patient)**

To receive a PATS subsidy through Country Health SA Local Health Network by paper, you should complete Section 1 if confirmation of the nearest specialist eligibility is required or for referrals for radiology services. After visiting a specialist, who should complete section 2, your patient should then complete and send the relevant sections of the application to the nearest PATS office.

## Clinical criteria for escorts and travel

Referring doctors are to include one of the medical reasons listed below for air travel and/or escort travel and accommodation subsidy requests.

- > For escorts (travel and accommodation), the criteria includes: Impairment, active role of carer, child, necessary assistance, as an alternative to air travel.
- > For air travel (patient and escort), the criteria includes: Active clinical management, pain management, clinical urgency or restricted mobility.
- > For further information on these criteria – please refer to the PATS Guideline's for Assessment – available at [sahealth.sa.gov.au/PATS](http://sahealth.sa.gov.au/PATS)

## Important information

- > PATS travel assistance is intended for patients where specialist services are not available locally, through visiting specialists, or by using telehealth.
- > Emotional support or support person are not sufficient grounds for endorsement of an escort.
- > Patients will only be subsidised when they travel past a nearest specialist due to: the time-frame to be seen locally is clinically unacceptable, the patient's clinical risks cannot be managed in country health facilities or the patient cannot be treated in South Australia.
- > Air travel will be subsidised if it is the most economical form of travel.

## Collection of personal information

The Country Health SA Local Health Network (CHSALHN) respects your privacy. Your personal information will be collected, stored, and used for the purposes of administering the Patient Assistance Transport Scheme. Information will not be disclosed unless permitted or required under the *Health Care Act 2008 (SA)* or *Mental Health Act 2009 (SA)*. You may gain access to your personal information stored by the CHSALHN by contacting the Freedom of Information Officer.

## Please send your completed application forms to: PATS C/O

Area Health Service	FAX	Postal Address
Adelaide	(08) 8226 5580	PO Box 3017, Rundle Mall, ADELAIDE SA 5000
Mount Gambier & Districts Health Service	(08) 8721 1555	PO Box 267, MOUNT GAMBIER SA 5290
Port Augusta Hospital & Regional Health Services	(08) 8668 7643	Hospital Road, PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700
Port Lincoln Health & Hospital Services	(08) 8683 2060	PO Box 630, PORT LINCOLN SA 5606
Riverland Regional Health Services	(08) 8580 2498	Maddern Street, BERRI SA 5343
Whyalla Hospital & Health Services	(08) 8648 8529	PO Box 267, WHYALLA SA 5600

## For more information

Visit: [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/pats](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/pats)  
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