



DISABILITIES RESOURCE CENTRE

Travel Assistance

Eligibility

You must:

- be required to attend a scheduled GP or other primary care service closest to the client's place of residence OR be required to attend a scheduled specialist service
- be unable to access suitable public transport because of a lack of disability or illness
- be a holder of a current Community Services Card
- be travelling a minimum of **80 kms return** (Kawerau to Whakatane trips are no longer eligible)

What Could I Get?

Travel assistance to specialist appointments is available in the form of petrol vouchers for those who are eligible. Examples of appointments that are covered by the scheme are noted below:

Travel Assistance covers:	Travel Assistance does not cover:
GP	Mammography (Breast screening)
Cancer Centre, Oncology	Cervical screening
Radiology	ACC related
Renal Unit	Disability related (MOH funded)
Gynecology	Respite
Physiotherapy	Counselling
Hospital Day Stay, Hospital Surgical	
Outpatients Clinics	

This service is for one-off appointments and cannot be used regularly. If you need to take regular trips to out-of-town specialist appointments, we can help you apply for the National Travel Assistance Scheme.

Where To From Here?

You must provide us with a signed letter from the referring professional or an appointment card, as well as your Community Services Card. We will take copies of these, help you to fill out a quick form and provide you with your vouchers.

For more information, please ring DRC reception on 07 307 1447 or 0800 227 363.

Do you travel to see a specialist often?

See: National Travel Assistance Scheme Fact Sheet

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