

# AM I ELIGIBLE FOR SAFETY-NET TRAVEL ASSISTANCE?

The following is a brief summary of eligibility and should be used as a guide only. Please refer to the [School Transport Assistance Scheme](#) for full details or contact your nearest Department of Transport and Main Roads office.

Safety-net bus travel assistance is available for financially disadvantaged students who live close to their nearest school. It is available to students travelling on either kilometre-based or fares-based school bus services. To be eligible for safety-net assistance, students must meet the distance criteria, as well as the safety-net eligibility criteria stated below.

## Safety-net eligibility criteria

The student must be listed as a dependant on one of the following cards:

- Health Care card (issued by Centrelink)
- Pensioner Concession card (issued by Centrelink)
- Veteran Affairs Pension Concession card.
- Students who have a card issued in their own name, as well as students under a Care and Protection Order, issued by the Department of Communities (Child Safety), may also qualify for safety-net assistance.

## Distance criteria

- Prep students are entitled to transport assistance in their Prep year
- Primary school students (1 – 7) must live 3.2 km or less, from the nearest state primary school
- Secondary school students (8 – 12) must live 4.8 km or less from the nearest state secondary school
- Non state school students must live less than the required distances from both the nearest state and non-state school of the type attended.

## Students with special needs

Students enrolled in a special school or a special unit within a school will be considered irrespective of distance. Please note that the Department of Education and Training provides transport assistance for students with disabilities. Visit [www.education.qld.gov.au](http://www.education.qld.gov.au) or contact School Administration for more information.

