

Free Travel Scheme

Everyone aged 66 and over, legally resident and living permanently in the State, is entitled to the Free Travel Scheme.

If you have cancer and are receiving certain social welfare payments or if you care for someone with cancer and are in receipt of Carer's Allowance, you may qualify for the Free Travel Scheme.

If you qualify for free travel, you are issued with a card that you must carry with you when using public transport.

Can my spouse or partner accompany me for free?

If you qualify for the Free Travel Scheme and you are married, in a civil partnership or living together with another person (cohabiting), you are entitled to a Free Travel Card, which allows your partner to accompany you free of charge when travelling (this does not apply to people under 66 who are getting Carer's Allowance).

If you are unable to travel alone, you may get a [Free Travel Companion Card](#). This allows you to be accompanied by any person over 16 years of age, free of charge. To qualify for a Free Travel Companion Card, you must satisfy certain conditions.

Who can apply?

You may be entitled to free travel if you are legally and permanently living in the State and:

- You are aged 66 or over

OR

- You receive one of the following payments:
 - Disability Allowance
 - Blind Pension
 - Carer's Allowance
 - Invalidity Pension

How do I apply?

You must register for a Public Services Card (PSC) in order to obtain a Free Travel Pass. This includes a process known as 'SAFE registration' to establish and verify your identity.

If you don't yet have a Public Services Card, you can make an appointment to get one either by visiting www.MyWelfare.ie or by calling into your local [Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Office](#).

We won't give up until cancer does



If you are entitled to free travel, your new Public Services Card will also be your Free Travel Card.

The information above is an overview of the Free Travel Scheme

For detailed information, applicants are advised to:

- Visit [Citizens Information](#) online
- Call Citizens Information on 0761 07 4000 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 8pm
- Visit your local [Citizens Information](#) office
- Call our Cancer Support Line on Freephone 1800 200 700 – Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm
- Contact your Medical Social Worker