

# Eligibility Categories

To be eligible for the Scheme an applicant must:

- ❖ be a permanent resident of Australia
- ❖ normally reside in NSW
- ❖ not be a member of a similar Scheme in another Australian State or Territory
- ❖ be over school age (preschool aged children, regardless of disability, are ineligible for inclusion in the Scheme)
- ❖ have a severe and permanent disability in one of the following categories:

- **Ambulatory / Mobility**

Unable to walk or stand. Mobile only in a wheelchair due to a physical disability; or

Mobile outside of home only with a wheelchair due to a physical disability; or

Severe and permanent ambulatory problem that cannot functionally be improved which limits walking to a distance of 20 metres or less without rest and also:

- (a) necessitates permanent use of a walking aid for all mobility; or
- (b) necessitates the constant assistance of another person for all mobility; or
- (c) unable to independently ascend or descend three or more consecutive steps of 350mm height.

- **Vision**

- (a) Total loss of vision in both eyes or severe permanent impairment of 6/60 or less in each eye; or
- (b) Field of vision reduced to 10° or less all round; or
- (c) total loss of lower half field of vision which cannot functionally be improved by corrective lenses or other treatment; or
- (d) Homonymous hemianopsia with significant mobility limitations.

- **Epilepsy**

Severe and uncontrollable epilepsy.

- **Intellectual**

Severe permanent intellectual disabilities which render the person incapable of travelling on public transport without the constant assistance of another person.

Severe cognitive or memory impairment such that the applicant:

- (a) is unable to be aware of or communicate destination; or
- (b) is unable to manage the payment of fares; or
- (c) exhibits socially unacceptable behaviour.

- **Speech and/or Hearing, or Functional**

Severe and permanent communication difficulties necessitating the constant assistance of another person to use public transport.

Total and permanent functional loss of both upper limbs which renders the person incapable of travelling on public transport without the constant assistance of another person.

**Transport for NSW reserves the right to decline your application if you have previously been suspended or removed from the NSW Scheme or a similar scheme in another State or Territory.**