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### GETTING A QLD DRIVER LICENCE

If you do not have a driver's licence and will be in Australia for more than 6 months you can apply for a QLD driver's or learner's licence.

You may be asked in your application to state your reasons for wanting a QLD licence. Details on how to obtain a licence can be found on [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/licensing](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/licensing)

For more information, please call Department of Transport and Main Roads at 13 23 80 or visit [www.tmr.qld.gov.au](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au)

### BUYING A CAR

It's great to buy a car that looks good, but it's even better to buy one that suits your pocket and is reliable. Owning a car can cost an extra \$80 - \$90 per week.

Find out more about buying a car at [www.qld.gov.au/transport/buying](http://www.qld.gov.au/transport/buying)

For casual parking at QUT, go to [www.fmd.qut.edu.au/transport/casual\\_parking.jsp](http://www.fmd.qut.edu.au/transport/casual_parking.jsp)

to find out more.

### HIRING A CAR

There are many things to consider and to take note of when you are hiring a car. Do your research about prices, the amount of cover, excess insurance and so on.

Make sure you read the terms and conditions before you commit to any agreements.

It might be worth paying a little bit more to reduce excess payments in case something happens during your hire period.

### INSURANCE

**Compulsory Third Party (CTP) Insurance** is paid as part of your annual registration fee. CTP insurance protects you against any claims that could arise because of death or injury to another person, caused by the negligence of anyone driving your car. CTP does **NOT** cover damage to vehicles or property.

**Full Car/Comprehensive** insurance gives you the greatest protection but costs the most.

**Third Party Liability Insurance** covers any damage caused to someone else's property, but does not cover the repair bill to your own car. This is the cheapest form of voluntary insurance you can buy and is good for older cars. Fire and theft cover is optional with this policy.

### MOTORING INFO & ADVICE

For information and advice about:

- general motoring
- purchasing new or used vehicles
- travel
- insurance

please visit [www.racq.com.au](http://www.racq.com.au)

# Transportation

## Public Transportation

### TRANSLINK

TransLink now provides one single public transport network covering south-east Queensland from Noosa on the Sunshine Coast to Coolangatta on the Gold Coast and west to Helidon. Just one ticket will take you wherever you want to go on buses, trains and City Cats.



#### Ticket types

**Go Card:** Simply **touch on** when you get on and **touch off** when you get off. Your fare is automatically deducted from your card balance. Please visit [www.translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/go-card](http://www.translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/go-card) for more information.

**Single:** One-way ticket to reach your destination, includes transfers between any transport modes within 2 hours. Normally more expensive than the Go Card.

#### Fares

Bus, train and ferry fares are dependent on the number of zones travelled. Please visit [translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/fares/fare-zones](http://translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/fares/fare-zones) for more information.

Some convenient places to buy Go Cards are: GP Campus shop, KG newsagency, newsagents in the city and suburbs, 7 Elevens and on [gocard.translink.com.au/webtix/](http://gocard.translink.com.au/webtix/)

### STUDENT CONCESSIONS

Full-time undergraduate & postgraduate students are entitled to student concession – half price on BCC buses, ferries, and suburban trains.

**To find out more about how to apply for your student concession, please go to:**

<https://qutvirtual4.qut.edu.au/group/student/campuses-and-transport/public-transport/concession-fares>

### BUSES

With Brisbane city zones, most buses operate from 5.30am to 11.00pm, Monday to Friday with extra services during peak hours (6:00am - 8:30am and 3.30pm - 7:00pm).

There are reduced services on weekends and public holidays, except for Friday and Saturday nights.

**NightLink:** On Friday and Saturdays, extra buses and trains operate hourly between midnight and 5am. For more info, go to: [translink.com.au/travel-information/network-information/late-night-services](http://translink.com.au/travel-information/network-information/late-night-services)

#### Buses to QUT Kelvin Grove Campus:

- 333, 330, 340 (from Culture Centre and King George Square)
- 66 Express from UQ Lakes, via Southbank Cultural Centre to QUT Kelvin Grove Campus

#### Note that bus routes may change over time.

Please visit [www.translink.com.au](http://www.translink.com.au) for the most updated routes, times, and best options for getting to your destination.

#### FREE City Loop

The Loop is a free Council bus services that circles Brisbane's Central Business District. It runs every 10 minutes from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. Look for the red bus and the red bus stops. For more information and the Free Loop timetable, visit [translink.com.au](http://translink.com.au) and then search "Free Loop"

#### Inter-campus shuttle bus (391)

This is the free QUT shuttle-bus between GP and KG campuses that run every 10 mins during semester and every 15 mins at other times.

**You will need to show your student ID to the driver.** The bus departs along Alice St, Gardens Point, and Musk Avenue, Kelvin Grove (one situated at the intersection with Victoria Park Road, and the other at the intersection with Carraway Street). 391 timetables are available from [qut.edu.au/about/services-and-facilities/all-services/shuttle-bus](http://qut.edu.au/about/services-and-facilities/all-services/shuttle-bus)

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### FERRIES

The Brisbane City Council also operates three types of ferry services: the City Cat, the Cross River Ferry and the free City Hopper.

**The City Cat** is a high speed ferry running the length of the city river boundary, from St Lucia (University of Queensland) to Bretts Wharf, Hamilton.

**The Cross River Ferries** run back and forth across the inner city part of the river connecting the areas between North Quay and Mowbray Park (see Ferry Sector map). Both City Cats and Cross River Ferries stop at the QUT Gardens Point pontoon (400 metres from Gardens Point campus).

**The City Hopper** is free and travels along the Brisbane River. For more information, visit: [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au) and search 'City Cat & ferry services'

### TRAINS

Queensland Railways (QR) operates a suburban rail service which runs from approximately 6am – 11pm daily (reduced service on weekends and public holidays but on Friday and Saturday nights there is an hourly service from 1am to 5am). For train timetable & fare information telephone on 13 12 30 or go to [www.translink.com.au](http://www.translink.com.au)

Use your Go card to pay for your train ride. If you do not have a Go card, you must buy your ticket before getting on the train. There are penalties for travelling without a ticket or for using an incorrect ticket. Tickets can be purchased from the ticket office at the station or from a Ticket Vending Machine on the station. Ticket Vending Machines take coins, notes and cards and issue change.

### TAXI & UBER

There are numerous taxi ranks around the city and around the shopping centres in the suburbs, and you can also download the Uber app and order an Uber driver to pick you up anywhere you are. Hiring a taxi or uber are usually more expensive compared to other forms of public transport. Taxi and uber rates vary according to the days and time you're calling a taxi. To find out more, visit [www.taxifare.com.au/rates/australia](http://www.taxifare.com.au/rates/australia) or <https://www.uber.com/en-AU/>

You can book a taxi by phone, online, or download an App. You can book an Uber only via the Uber App. Fare estimation is available to help plan your trip for both ubers and taxis.

It is not required to tip the driver.

#### Brisbane Taxi Services

<b>Black &amp; White</b>	133 222
<b>Yellow Cab</b>	131 924
<b>Maxi Taxi (Yellow Cab)</b> (up to 10 passengers)	136 294

#### NightLink Flatfare Taxis (Friday & Saturday nights only)

The NightLink Taxis operate from 12am until around 5am on Friday and Saturday nights. They leave from the Valley and the Brisbane CBD.

The location of the taxi ranks and fares for NightLink taxis can be found at: [translink.com.au/travel-information/network-information/late-night-services](http://translink.com.au/travel-information/network-information/late-night-services)

Download the FlatFare taxi information PDF from the link above for more information, including exact operation hours.

### ZONES & CALCULATING YOUR FARE

To find out how to calculate your fare for public transport, please go to: [translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/fares-and-zones/zones](http://translink.com.au/tickets-and-fares/fares-and-zones/zones)

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### CYCLING

Cycling is a healthy, cheap and environmentally friendly alternative mode of transport. As the Brisbane City Council (BCC) recognises the benefits of recreational and commuter cycling, there are several methods to cycle around Brisbane.

**CityCycle:** The Council has a bicycle hire scheme (CityCycle) available to residents and visitors over the age of 17. CityCycle bicycle stations are found in Brisbane City, Fortitude Valley, New Farm, Newstead, Kangaroo Point, South Brisbane and West End.

For more information, please go to:  
[www.citycycle.com.au](http://www.citycycle.com.au)

To fully integrate cyclists into existing travel patterns bikes can be taken on the Council's ferries, high-speed CityCat and trains.

**Cycling to QUT:** QUT has bicycle compounds with student card swipe access.

For more information, please go to:  
[www.fmd.qut.edu.au/transport/cycling.jsp](http://www.fmd.qut.edu.au/transport/cycling.jsp)

#### Bikeway maps

The best way to find your way around Brisbane's bikeways is to get your hands on a copy of the *Brisbane Bicycle Maps* booklet. The booklet is available from Brisbane City Council (BCC) libraries, Customers Service Centres and ward offices.

The booklet contains maps of completed bikeways across Brisbane, as well as examples of signs you'll see on your travels around the bikeways. There are also some great tips on bike maintenance and a list of phone numbers if you want to know more - Call BCC on (07) 3403 8888.

Safety information and bike maps are available from:  
[www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/sports-and-leisure/cycling](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/sports-and-leisure/cycling)  
and  
[www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Cycling/Cycling-resources.aspx](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Cycling/Cycling-resources.aspx)

### DRIVERS LICENCE

If you hold a valid driver licence issued under the law of another country ('foreign drivers licence'), then you **are allowed** to drive any class of motor vehicle authorised on that licence in Queensland.

You must have the licence with you at all times when driving and immediately show the licence to a police officer when asked to do so. You must not drive in Queensland when:

- your licence is no longer a valid licence, or
- your authority to drive in Queensland on that licence has been suspended, or
- your authority to drive in Queensland on your drivers licence has been withdrawn

If your licence is in a language other than English you should carry an official English translation of your licence while driving. (see "Obtaining Official Translation").

You MUST familiarise yourself with the Qld road rules before attempting to drive in Qld. You can purchase a copy of "Your Keys to Driving in Qld" from any Qld Transport office or your local Newspaper Newsagent.

It is available online for free.

Your authority to drive in Queensland on your foreign driver licence will be withdrawn 3 months after you become an Australian citizen or 3 months after you get a visa that allows you to stay in Australia indefinitely. You will need to get a Queensland driver licence to continue driving in Queensland.

[www.qld.gov.au/transport/licensing/driver-licensing/overseas/driving/index.html](http://www.qld.gov.au/transport/licensing/driver-licensing/overseas/driving/index.html)

#### Obtaining Official Translation

National Accreditation Authority of Translators and Interpreters (NAATI). A private organisation that deals directly with the Translator (From \$25), Please visit [www.naati.com.au](http://www.naati.com.au)