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# Transport Fact Sheet
Brisbane, QLD

## ROAD NETWORK

Queensland is geographically the 2nd largest state in Australia (as well as being the most decentralized) and as a result has an extensive network of highways connecting the State's major population centres both inland and coastal. The 1700km long Bruce Highway connects Brisbane to Cairns and the population centres in between (include towns and cities where approximately 60% of the states' population lives)

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

A network of transport options connects the attractions and suburbs of Brisbane and regional Queensland. South East Queensland encompasses Brisbane, The Sunshine Coast and The Gold Coast where much of the states population lives.

Translink is the public transit agency for Queensland, and is part of the Department of Transport and Main Roads. Translink was first introduced by the Queensland Government in June 2003 to orchestrate bus, ferry, rail and light rail services. By accessing the Translink website or app you can plan your journeys.

Although you can still access parts of the network by paying for travel with cash, it is best to get the go card for fast, easy and convenient travel in South East Queensland. You can use your go card on all Translink buses, trains (including Airtrain), ferry and tram services in greater Brisbane, Ipswich, Moreton Bay, Redlands, Sunshine Coast, and Gold Coast regions.

Not only is it cheaper to use a go card than purchasing a paper ticket, it is also more convenient, easy to top-up and available for adults, children, concessions and seniors.

The City Cats and Ferries provide a fast and convenient way to travel on the Brisbane River and offer a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the riverside parks and homes as they travel between various suburbs and the central business district.

A bicycle is a great way to get around Brisbane too. Cyclists use kerb side bike lanes and are permitted on most of Brisbane's roads. Helmets are a legal requirement.

Trains to Queensland's regional towns and cities depart from Roma Street Station. There are also regional bus services from the same station.

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## DRIVING IN BRISBANE

Australians drive on the left-hand side of the road. Use of seat belts is compulsory in Australia, with the driver being responsible for ensuring that all passengers are wearing them. Using a hand-held mobile phone is prohibited when driving. It can however be used if mounted in an approved cradle but through voice command only, not touch. Penalties for misuse apply.

The blood alcohol limit is 0.05% throughout Australia and is enforced with random breath tests. Pay attention to speed limits – speed cameras are used across Brisbane and Queensland. Note that there are zero alcohol limits for certain classes of driver including heavy vehicle, bus and probationary/learner drivers. These limits are strictly enforced.

Brisbane has a number of toll roads, bridges and tunnels. Tolls are charged via an electronic system. Linkt is the provider for the payment of the Tolls. Once you own a vehicle it is worth setting up an account with Linkt and installing an electronic tag in your vehicle. When a tag is not used toll payments must be made on-line within 24 hours to avoid penalties.

## RENTING A CAR

There are many car rental companies operating in Australia, rates vary depending on the type of car required and the length of hire time. Some of the popular companies are Budget, Hertz, Thrifty, Avis, Sixt and others.

Alternatively, GoGet is a car-sharing service where a car can be hired for a specific day or amount of time, this might be a suitable alternative when a car is needed for a limited time.

## PURCHASING A CAR

There are various ways to purchase a car in Australia depending on needs. New cars are purchased from preferred brand dealerships and used cars can be purchased from used car dealerships or private individuals.

Before finalizing the deal on a secondhand car, it is highly recommended to have it checked thoroughly with an independent mechanic or automotive center. A pre–purchase inspection of a used car can be arranged and purchased through the RACQ (Royal Automobile Club of Queensland) which will provide a thorough and unbiased report on a car's condition.

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## CAR INSURANCE

Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance is a mandatory pre-requisite for a vehicle to be registered in Queensland. CTP insurance (also known as a green slip) provides compensation for other people injured in an accident when the person driving the vehicle is at fault, and in certain circumstances, regardless of who was at fault.

Comprehensive and third-party car insurance options can be purchased providing additional cover and where appropriate, agreed values. More information about the different insurance plans and pricing can be found on comparison websites that provide quotes from a range of participating insurance providers. Nuss can provide further details on sourcing quotes and information.

## GETTING A QUEENSLAND DRIVERS LICENCE

Currently, a temporary resident is permitted to drive in Queensland with a foreign driver's licence for the term of the temporary visa as long as that licence is in English. If the licence is not in English, it is necessary to obtain an International Driver's Permit (IDP) to use in Australia; note that this MUST be obtained in the country in which the drivers licence was issued so would need to be obtained before traveling to Australia. Most new arrivals do get a Queensland Driver licence once they have a permanent address because it is also a photo ID and is easier to carry around than a passport. Additionally, when leasing a car, some companies insist that you get a local driver's licence. There are certain common eligibility factors that must be met to apply for and obtain a driver's licence. The application and process are completed at Queensland Transport offices located around the city. More information can be found on this site.

Please refer to this site for specific information.



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