



CITIZEN MEDICAL TRAVEL TOP-UP POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide Toquaht Nation citizens traveling under the Medical Transportation Benefit (Patient Travel) program with a top-up from the base rates that will better offset the actual costs of travel required to meet medical needs ([FNHA program](#)).

Scope

This policy applies to eligible travel expenses for eligible Toquaht Nation citizens who are travelling to a personal medical appointment or emergency. TN citizens can access the Top-up benefit if they are traveling for:

- medical services covered by MSP or public health,
- health services covered by the FNHA benefits program,
- traditional healers, and
- treatment at a NNADAP or similar facility.

Eligibility

An eligible individual is:

- a registered citizen of the Toquaht Nation, as per the *Toquaht Nation Citizenship Act*, who is at least 18 years of age

OR

- a guardian of a registered Toquaht child under the age of 18. Toquaht may require proof of guardianship.

Approved Expenses

Toquaht Nation will top-up mileage and meal allowance rates according to Appendix A. FNHA Medical Transportation Benefits eligibility and policies apply to this policy.

Claim Process

A Toquaht Nation citizen who is eligible for medical travel support will contact the Toquaht administration and submit their claim for medical transportation (aka Patient Travel). Eligible top-up rates will be automatically applied by Toquaht. No further action is required on behalf of the citizen; however, citizens must complete the following process:

- a. Provide TN with at least 5 business days to process the request.
- b. Provide TN with a “Notification of Appointment” from the health practitioner.
- c. Provide TN with a “Confirmation of Attendance” from the health practitioner.

Failure to complete any of these steps may result in citizens being required to seek reimbursement instead of applying for pre-payment for travel expenses.

Implementation

Adjustments for cost of travel will be made periodically through revisions to Appendix A of this policy.

This policy is implemented as of October 1, 2021.



APPENDIX A

TOQUAHT NATION
Medical Transportation Top-up Rates
Effective April 24, 2025

	ONE WAY			RETURN		
	Paved	Gravel	Amount	Paved	Gravel	Amount
MACOAH to						
Bamfield	168	16	\$118.80	336	32	\$237.60
Black Creek	211	16	\$145.89	422	32	\$291.78
Campbell River	232	16	\$159.12	464	32	\$318.24
Courtenay	187	16	\$130.77	374	32	\$261.54
Ditidaht	88	90	\$128.34	176	180	\$256.68
Duncan	216	16	\$149.04	432	32	\$298.08
Esowista	34	16	\$34.38	68	32	\$68.76
Fair Harbour	388	95	\$321.39	776	190	\$642.78
Gold River	323	16	\$216.45	646	32	\$432.90
Ittattoo	10	26	\$27.36	20	52	\$54.72
Nanaimo	165	16	\$116.91	330	32	\$233.82
Nanaimo (Duke Pt)	181	16	\$126.99	362	32	\$253.98
Parksville	131	16	\$95.49	262	32	\$190.98
Port Alberni	81	16	\$63.99	162	32	\$127.98
Qualicum Beach	126	16	\$92.34	252	32	\$184.68
Tin Wis	42	16	\$39.42	84	32	\$78.84
Tofino	45	16	\$41.31	90	32	\$82.62
Ucluelet	24	16	\$28.08	48	32	\$56.16
Vancouver (via HSB)	189	16	\$132.03	378	32	\$264.06
Vancouver (via Tsawwassen)	219	16	\$150.93	438	32	\$301.86
Victoria	276	16	\$186.84	552	32	\$373.68
Zeballos	194	56	\$167.58	388	112	\$335.16
UCLUELET to:						
Bamfield	191		\$120.33	382		\$240.66
Black Creek	226		\$142.38	452		\$284.76
Campbell River	247		\$155.61	494		\$311.22
Courtenay	202		\$127.26	404		\$254.52
Ditidaht	103	74	\$124.83	206	148	\$249.66
Duncan	231		\$145.53	462		\$291.06
Esowista	26		\$16.38	52		\$32.76

Fair Harbour	403	79	\$317.88	806	158	\$635.76
Gold River	338		\$212.94	676		\$425.88
Ittattoo	14		\$8.82	28		\$17.64
Nanaimo	180		\$113.40	360		\$226.80
Nanaimo (Duke Pt)	196		\$123.48	392		\$246.96
Parksville	146		\$91.98	292		\$183.96
Port Alberni	96		\$60.48	192		\$120.96
Qualicum Beach	141		\$88.83	282		\$177.66
Tin Wis	39		\$24.57	78		\$49.14
Tofino	42		\$26.46	84		\$52.92
Vancouver (via HSB)	204		\$128.52	408		\$257.04
Vancouver (via Tsawwassen)	234		\$147.42	468		\$294.84
Victoria	291		\$183.33	582		\$366.66
Zeballos	403	40	\$286.29	806	80	\$572.58

KILOMETERS

Paved	\$0.63 /km
Gravel	\$0.81 /km

MEALS

Breakfast	\$28.44
Lunch	\$27.40
Dinner	\$57.70
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INCIDENTALS

Commercial	\$17.30
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ACCOMODATION

Private	\$50.00
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Reimbursement aligns with the National Treasury Board rates, except for mileage, which will be reimbursed at the Province of BC rate per kilometer.

Rate table updated and amended April 1, 2025