

## Transport

Canberra is one of the great planned cities of the world. Traffic jams, pollution and toll roads are unheard of here - even in 'peak hour'. Most car journeys take around 20 minutes or less, although many people prefer to walk, cycle or catch the bus to get around.

### Driving

If you are planning on driving in Canberra, make sure your national driving license is up to date or apply for an International Driving Permit before you leave your home country. If your national driving license is not in English consider getting a translation.

You will need either of these to drive a vehicle in Canberra for the first three months. After that, you will need to apply for an ACT Drivers Licence. Check whether you are from a country exempt from the practical driving test and the road rules knowledge test.

Some of our road rules, registrations and insurances differ to other states of Australia. You should take the time to familiarise yourself with these rules.

If you have children, you'll also need to be aware of the child restraint rules to ensure you have adequate child seating in your vehicle.

### Owning a car

You can choose to buy a new or used vehicle either through a dealer, private sale or at a vehicle auction.

No matter your purchase method, you will need to transfer the registration of the vehicle into your name within 14 days of purchasing at an Access Canberra shopfront. If moving from interstate you will also need to change your registration.

If you buy a vehicle that weighs up to 4.5 tonnes and is more than six years old, you'll need to have it inspected at the vehicle inspection station in Dickson, or by an authorised examiner in the ACT to ensure you obtain a roadworthy certificate before the registration transfer can be completed.

Vehicle registrations are valid for up to a year and a courtesy reminder will be sent to you four to six weeks before it's due to expire.

### Car insurance

If you have a no-claim bonus certificate or letter of history from your previous car insurer, you will significantly reduce your premiums. Make sure you shop around for the insurance that best suits your needs.

### Taxis and UBER

To catch a taxi in Canberra, use a taxi rank, book over the phone, online or use the local taxi apps available for Android and iPhone. Companies will accept payment by credit cards, Cabcharge vouchers, cash and electronic funds transfer. For wheelchair accessible taxis, you'll need to phone ahead to arrange the service.

### Riding with Uber

Your ride, on demand.

Whether you're headed to work, the airport, or out on the town, Uber connects you with a reliable ride in minutes. One tap and a car comes directly to you. Your driver knows exactly where to go. And payment is completely cashless. See UBER

### ACTION BUSES

Canberra's public transport system, ACTION, is a fast, safe and reliable bus service. Services such

as the Transit Trip Planner, Park and Ride, and Bike 'n' Ride make ACTION a great way of getting around, and MyWay cards provide an easy rechargeable ticketing system as an alternative to cash fares.

Seniors and concession card holders (excluding students) are eligible for free off-peak travel when using their MyWay card.

ACTION also provides school bus services around Canberra.

## Airport

Canberra International Airport is located just 8km from the city. Canberrans and visitors can take public transport from the CBD to the Canberra Airport (and return) with services running approximately every half hour, and better during peak times (weekdays) and every hour (weekends).

Bus route 11 services the Canberra Airport Terminal before continuing to Brindabella Business Park and Fairbairn. Bus route 11A services Canberra Airport via Russell.

To travel just use your MyWay card or pay a cash fare to the driver when boarding.

Airport Bus timetable

## Interstate buses

Bus and coach services operate to and from Canberra to the Snowy Mountains, the South Coast, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane. Most services depart from the Jolimont Centre in the city.

## Railway

Canberra's railway station, located in Kingston, offers direct rail service from Sydney and a combined rail and bus service from Melbourne. The trip from Sydney Central Station to Canberra Railway Station takes approximately four and a half hours. Interstate buses