

The Senior Citizen Transport Service helps individuals to live at home for as long as possible and with the least amount of strain. The transport service employs specially designed vehicles to accommodate wheelchair users. Kópavogur Council has approved all regulations regarding the execution of senior citizens transport services (see www.kopavogur.is).

Who can apply?

The Senior Citizens Transport Services is available to individuals older than 67 who live at home, do not have access to a car and are unable to make use of public transport due to ongoing mobility problems. According to a contract between Kópavogur Council and the Icelandic Association of the Visually Impaired, legally blind persons can apply for travel using taxis.

How to apply?

Applications for service must be sent to the Welfare Division either online or in written form. Application forms can be found at the Welfare Division's offices at Fannborg 6, or online through "Mínar síður" on the Kópavogur Council website, www.kopavogur.is. Applications must be signed by the applicant or the applicant's advocate. Applications must include a medical certificate and/or a certificate from other professional bodies that verify the disability or limited capacity that keeps the applicant from using public transport. The application must specify the reason for the application as well as the number of trips requested.

How much service can you request from the transport service?

The maximum number of trips available to applicants is 16 trips per month.

Exception may be made for up to three months a year for additional trips to undergo clinical or physical therapy. Trips can also be used

for social activities or senior citizen day programs outside the municipality.

Approximately seven days after the application and supporting documents have been received, the application is reviewed during a department meeting at the Disability Counselling and Services Department. Applications must be renewed every year.

How to pay for the transport service?

Single fare is 500 ISK per trip. If the number of trips exceeds 16 trips per month the fare is set at 1,000 ISK per trip. Taxi rates are set at the standard fare. If cost of taxi trip exceeds 6,595 ISK, fare is accounted as follows:

If cost of trip is 6,595-8,599 ISK, fare amounts to 920 ISK.

If cost of trip is 8,596-10,600 ISK, fare amounts to 1,410 ISK.

Who monitors and surveys the service?

Transport Service Providers oversee the day-to-day operations of the service. For information on transport services or to offer suggestions and/or make complaints, please contact the transport service provider directly or get in touch with consultants at the Disability Counselling and Services Department.

Consultants:

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Call 441-0000 any day of the week to speak with our help desk.

You can also leave a message with the Kópavogur Council Service Centre and our consultants will return your call.