

What is Paratransit Service?

The County Transportation Agency (CTA) provides Paratransit bus service, which is a shared ride, baseline curb-to-curb, origin to destination service. It is comparable to the Fixed-Route (bus stop to bus stop) service, as it is provided wherever the Fixed-Route operates and during the same days and hours.

Who can use Paratransit Service?

The Paratransit service is provided to registered:

- Seniors (60 years and older);
- Kupuna Care Transportation seniors;
- ADA certified individuals requiring the service;

How do I apply?

Applications are available from:

- The County Transportation Agency office;
- Agency on Elderly Affairs (Telephone: 241-4470) for Kupuna Care Transportation and information about other senior services.
- Online at www.kauai.gov/transportation

Application Process:

- All persons must complete the Paratransit Service Application;
- The CTA will survey where you live to be sure that our vehicles can safely get to your location to pick you up. If our vehicles cannot get to your home, an alternate area will be suggested for pick-up;
- Individuals are notified in writing as to their eligibility status within 21 days.
- All eligible individuals will require re-certification every two (2) years.

What are the normal service days/hours?

- Monday to Friday
5:15 AM to 10:50 PM
- Saturday/Sunday/Holidays
6:00 AM to 8:45 PM

There is reduced service on Saturday, Sunday and all County holidays.

What about Wheelchairs and Scooters?

All of our buses are lift-equipped to accommodate wheelchairs and scooters that do not exceed 53" (Length) x 33" (Width) and 800 pounds when occupied.

- Due to safety and operational considerations, riders using scooters are recommended to relocate to a regular seat within the bus;
- Riders who have difficulty using the bus steps may request to board/alight with the lift.
- All onboard wheelchairs and scooters must be secured via 4 point securement procedure.

Can I use the service in an emergency?

- **No.** The Paratransit service is not designed or intended to act as an emergency or ambulance type service.
- For emergencies, you should **call 911.**

When Can I Call to Schedule a Ride?

The Paratransit service is a shared bus ride and is by advance reservations only.

- You can schedule your rides 1 to 14 days before you ride.
- In order for you to complete a valid trip request you must provide full and complete information (see next section).

- A paratransit scheduling specialist will take your ride requests:
 - 7:45 AM - 4:30 PM, Daily
- If you call after 3:30 pm Monday-Friday you can **ONLY** schedule rides for the next day.
- If you call on Saturdays: you may only schedule rides for Sunday and Monday
- If you call on Sundays: you may only schedule rides for Monday
- Messages can be left on voicemail after-hours but will not be confirmed until the next business day;
- Next day reservations must be made prior to 4:30PM.
- Riders needing several stops (store, bank, etc.) must make separate reservations for each stop;
- You may request permanent reservations for specific days and times of travel that will be required on a regular basis (such as for: employment, dialysis, program site, etc.); routes/times are adjusted from time to time based on demand;
- Allow 15 minutes before and after your pick-up and return times (**30 minute pickup window time**);

We will try to accommodate your preferred pick-up and drop-off times, but it may be necessary to arrange for alternate times.

What kind of information is needed for a reservation?

- Passenger Name/Phone Number;
- Date(s) you need the service;
- Pick-up location/street address (if different from your residence);

- Destination/street address;
- Appointment time (or preferred arrival time);
- Return time;
- Information on any mobility changes or mobility aids
- If needed, you are allowed one (1) Personal Care Attendant (PCA) (registered with CTA) to assist you in your ride. A Companion may also ride with you. Please inform the CTA if you will be traveling with a PCA and/or Companion at the time of reservation.

(Note: PCA and Companion must board and disembark with you at the same location; must be seated with or in closest proximity to you throughout the ride.)

When do I get a confirmation on my requested trip?

- You will receive an automated confirmation call the day before your scheduled trip after 5:00PM

What can I expect on the day of my trip?

- Please be ready and visible to the driver at the pick-up point within the 30 minute pickup window;
- The 30 minute pickup window starts 15 minutes prior to your confirmed pick up time and closes 15 minutes after.
- You will be marked as a "No Show" if you are not ready to board within 3 minutes of the driver arriving in the 30 minute window.
- No same-day reservations or changes will be accepted
- Drivers are not permitted to deviate to their manifest or route

Cancellation of Trip(s)

If you do not need a scheduled trip, you need to call **246-8110** at least 2 hours before your scheduled pick-up time to avoid unnecessary costs for the trip.

- Do not wait until the driver arrives to tell the driver that you don't need the ride;
- If first trip is a "No Show", your return trip will not be automatically cancelled. You must call **246-8110** to cancel.
- Individuals who exhibit a pattern of "No-Shows" may be subject to suspension.
- "No Shows" are defined as not being ready to board within the 30 minute window, or failing to cancel prior to 2 hours before scheduled trip

How much does it cost?

BUS FARES	PER TRIP
Senior: (60 years +)	\$1.00
Senior: (Kupuna Care)	Donation
ADA (American with Disabilities Act)	\$1.00
Agency	Contract Price
Companion	Varies by Age
PCA (Personal Care Attendant)	No Charge
BUS PASSES	UNLIMITED RIDES
Monthly	\$40.00
12 Month	\$400.00

- Drivers are not permitted to give change or deposit fares;
- No refunds are available;
- There are no transfers;
- Lost, stolen, destroyed or misplaced bus passes will not be replaced.

The County Transportation Agency reserves the right to:

- Require a Personal Care Attendant (PCA) for riders as deemed necessary for passenger safety;
- Suspend or cancel service for any individual:
- whose behavior is disruptive, abusive, threatening, endangers health/safety etc. to the driver, other passengers or themselves;
- Who no longer meets eligibility criteria; has moved off island, admitted to long-term care facility or unwilling to cooperate with agency procedures for service;
- Who lives in an area that is inaccessible or difficult to get to and endangers the health and safety of staff and other passengers.

General Policies/Procedures

For your safety:

- All Drivers will be wearing photo identification cards;
- No eating, drinking, smoking, profanity or littering on the bus;
- Guitars, ukuleles and musical instruments secured in cases are allowed;
- Items should stay within weight and size that you are able to carry on /off the bus by yourself; 2 bags are recommended;
- Excessive amount of shopping bags and bulk items are not allowed; carry on items limited to 10"x17"x30";
- No carry-on items should be placed in the aisle or on other seats;
- Oversized or metal-framed backpacks and baggage not allowed;
- No animals allowed except trained service animals.

Other Services:

The County Transportation Agency (CTA) also operates a Fixed Route (bus stop to bus stop) service:

- Hanalei to Mana daily.
- Reduced service on Saturday, Sunday, and all other County holidays.
- Bus schedules with detailed information on times/bus stops are available on the buses or online at:
www.kauai.gov/transportation

Grievances

The CTA will seek all reasonable means to resolve any grievances or disagreements informally.

Any applicant who is denied eligibility or is dissatisfied with the service may file a complaint with the CTA.

The Kauai Bus Funding Sources:

- County of Kauai
- Federal Transit Administration
- State Department of Transportation
- State Executive Office on Aging/Agency on Elderly Affairs-Kupuna Care

Paratransit Rider's Guide

**County of Kauai
Transportation Agency**

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Lihue, HI
96766**

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Facsimile: (808) 241-6417**

**Website:
www.kauai.gov/transportation
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Paratransit routes that go beyond the ADA 3/4 mile corridor will have seats open to the general public on a space available basis.