



Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

• the word is in blue

• we write what the hard word means.

You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

read this book

know what this book is about



• find more information.

About this book



This book is from the

Public Transport Ombudsman.

We call the Public Transport Ombudsman the PTO.



The PTO can help you with complaints about **public transport** in Victoria.



Public transport is a form of travel that many people can use together.

For example, a train.



This book is about public transport **complaints**.



Complaints mean you tell us

 you are **not** happy with a public transport service or company



what you would like to happen next.



About us

We are **independent**.



Independent means

 we do **not** work for any public transport companies



 we tell public transport companies how to do a good job.

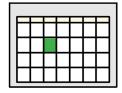


Our services are

fair



free



• fast.

What complaints can we help with?



We can help with complaints about

trains



buses



trams



• some public transport fines



• the Victorian Government transport office



- Victorian Government agencies that build public transport
 - for example, the people that plan railway crossings.



We can help with complaints about

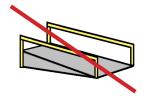
services that run late



cancelled services



myki and tickets



unsafe transport



- staff, including
 - train drivers



- bus drivers
- cleaners.





If you have a complaint

• talk to the public transport company first



• give the public transport company time to get back to you.



We can help next if

 you are **not** happy with the answer from the public transport company

or



 the public transport company does not reply to you.





We work with you and the public transport company to fix the complaint.



We make sure the public transport company understands what your complaint is about.



If we **cannot** fix the complaint, we will tell you where to get more information and help.



You can ask someone to help you make the complaint.

For example

• a family member



• a friend.

Information from you



We need information about you.

For example

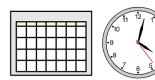
your name



• where you live



• your phone number.



We need information about your complaint.

For example

• the date and time it happened



• where it happened



• photos or videos of what happened.



We will ask you to tell us

what you said to the public transport company



 what the public transport company said to you



• why you are **not** happy



• what you want to happen next.

You might want to ask for **compensation**.



Compensation means the public transport company pays you some money.



For example, if your train was very late and you had to pay for a taxi home.



We might **not** be able to help if you do **not** give us all the information we need.

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How you can make your complaint to the PTO



You can contact us to make a complaint Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.



Call 1800 466 865



Send a form <u>ptovic.com.au/complaints</u>



Email enquiries@ptovic.com.au



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More information

For more information contact the Public Transport Ombudsman.



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If you need help to speak or listen

The National Relay Service can help you make a phone call.



Call 1300 555 727



Website https://bit.ly/nrs-helpdesk



If you need help with English

Contact the Telephone Interpreting Service or TIS.



Call 131 450

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