

Mobility Information Sheet 12.

Travelling in Private Hire Vehicles, Taxis, Coaches

Travelling in Taxis and Coaches is becoming more common and easier for disabled people, and in particular for people who use a wheelchair. In Dublin, as in most other cities and regional towns, wheelchair accessible taxis are more readily available. Whilst the situation isn't perfect, it continues to improve and more and more wheelchair users are finding it easier to travel using this type of transport.

There are several charities, and some private companies, that provide accessible transport to their members and to groups and individuals.

Whilst Dublin seems to be better served in this regard, increasingly county boards are providing 'Community Transport' in rural areas, and you should check with your local authorities or area development groups on the services available in your area. There is a new and expanding Vantastic service now available in Cork City, and one de to start soon in Galway.

In the greater Dublin area 'Vantastic' provide a wheelchair accessible transport service to their members. This service is a registered charity with some statutory funding, and is membership based to provide transport in the greater Dublin area. Their details are:

Vantastic, New Address Dublin 5. Tel: (01) 833-0663.

(All drivers have Community Transport Association MiDAS Certification, and Fire & Safety Evacuation Training.)

Similar to this is: 'ACTS, Accessible Community Transport, Southside', provide a members based service in the south side of Dublin and again this is a registered charity with some statutory funding. Their details are:

ACTS, NEW ADDRESS, Ballyonan, Dublin 14. Tel: 01? Check!

(All drivers have Community Transport Association MiDAS Certification, and Fire & Safety Evacuation Training.)

Another commercial company that provides accessible transport in their fleet is **Dublin Minicoaches, (formerly Dorgan Coaches)**. Established in 1961, Dorgans Mini Coaches & Chauffeur Drive are specialists in passenger transport in Dublin and throughout Ireland. They currently operate a fleet of twelve executive coaches, several of which are wheelchair accessible, which enables them to cater for any number of people.

The business is owner/managed, both directors are based at the depot and have instant contact by radio to all vehicles. Drivers are uniformed, they carry out their instructions with courtesy and discretion and this has earned them a reputation for punctuality and efficiency.

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Further information can be obtained from the website: www.dorganscoaches.com
Tel: (01) 456.9559.

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