

How to start car pooling →

Car pooling is a team effort and the biggest key to success is punctuality! Here are some tips to get you started:

1. Find out if your workplace has a car pool registry. If so, sign up so others know that you're interested in car pooling. If not, suggest that a register be set up online or on a notice board.
2. Once you find people who live along your route to work, decide how you will share responsibility for driving. You may drive to their house and they drive from there, or vice-versa, or you may take turns picking each other up.
3. Exchange phone numbers in case unexpected events change your plans the night before. Remember to notify all the other 'poolers' the night before if you can't make it.
4. Decide how fuel and parking costs will be shared —then you'll all save money.
5. Agree whether smoking is okay or not.
6. Relax and enjoy the trips when you're a passenger —have a chat, take a nap, read a book or catch up on work—the choice is yours. Remember that co-operation and tolerance will help your car pool run smoothly.



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Car Pooling to Work



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You can make a difference! →

Perth is experiencing growing pains. Our air quality is decreasing and traffic congestion is getting worse.

The cars that we drive are the main cause of both problems.

If you look around next time you are travelling to work, you will notice that most cars only have one person in them. In fact, about 85,000 city workers arrive by private car each day, most of these as single occupants. Do you travel alone?

If you and lots of other commuters were to car pool with friends or work colleagues, you could save money and there would be fewer cars on the road.



What can you do? →

For many commuters car pooling is both practical and possible. Car pooling can be a great way to get to work, especially if you are able to travel with family, friends or work colleagues. Think of the social advantages!

Car pooling uses one person's car to carry one or more passengers. The best thing about car pooling is that it's easy to organise and flexible to run. Car pooling can be organised every day or just one day each week—depending on your needs. Every effort you make helps save wear and tear on your car and keeps Perth's air cleaner.

Car	Hyundai Accent 1.5L	Holden Astra 1.8L	Subaru Liberty 2.0L	Ford Telcon 4.0L	Holden Commodore 3.8L	Mitsubishi Nimbus 2.4L	Subaru Forester 2.0L	Nissan Patrol 4.8L
fuel	7.32	8.01	9.52	11.58	11.58	10.52	11.24	15.5
tyres	0.54	0.88	1.01	2.47	2.06	1.21	1.68	3.08
service/repairs	2.28	2.41	2.56	2.2	2.82	2.76	3.91	5.76
avg cents/km	10.14	11.3	13.09	16.25	16.46	14.49	16.83	24.34
avg \$/wk	29.20	32.54	37.70	46.80	47.400	41.730	48.470	70.10
avg \$/yr	1518.57	1692.29	1960.36	2433.60	2465.05	2170.02	2520.46	3645.16

Car Running Costs

All costs in cents per km unless otherwise stated.

Based on RAC WA running costs 2003.



Savings for you and the environment →

The RAC has estimated the above car running costs for new to three year old cars.

Car pooling with just one other person can make a difference, but the more people in the car the greater the savings and the less air pollution.

Car poolers can also save over \$300 per year in parking costs. The City of Perth currently provides cheaper parking for car poolers at its Queen's Garden car park in East Perth and Mayfair Street carpark in West Perth. Both carparks are conveniently located near the red CAT route. Car poolers need to arrive between 6.30 am and 9.00 am to take advantage of the reduced rate.

Benefits of car pooling →

Even if you only carpool once a week there are great benefits, including:

- reducing your current transport costs by sharing the burden with other car poolers;

- reducing the number of vehicles on the roads, reducing the need for road maintenance and clearing up congestion;
- showing a genuine concern for the environment; and
- reducing your stress levels—you can read, catch up on some paper work, have a nap or share a conversation on the way to work.

Is insurance a problem? →

As long as car pooling is for the mutual convenience of participants and not for direct profit, there are no problems.

You can use one person's car and share expenses, or rotate vehicles on a weekly basis depending on your needs. There are no insurance problems, as passengers are covered by compulsory third party insurance, and your own vehicle is your own insurance responsibility.