

**Free movement of the unemployed in the urban transport media of Thessaloniki
— (O.A.S.TH.)**

State citizen relations —

Summary of mediation

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Unemployed citizens, using the mass media of transport in Thessaloniki, asked the Ombudsman to intervene to the Thessaloniki Urban Transport Organisation (O.A.S.TH.) with regard to free use of the city's urban transport on their behalf, as has already been the case for the unemployed in Attica since 29-6-2015.

Given that O.A.S.TH., a legal entity of private law, does not fall under the competence of the Ombudsman, in March this year, the Independent Authority sent to the former Thessaloniki Urban Transport Council SASTH a document asking them to consider the issue and take action for the free use of the city's urban transport by the unemployed.

The proposal was accepted by the new Board of OASTH, and on 17-8-2017 they decided in favour of free movement of the unemployed on the Agency's buses.

The pre-condition for free movement is the possession of a valid OAED unemployment card or unemployment certificate, which should be demonstrated to the controllers, along with their identity card.