

TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEMES

MULTI- PURPOSE TAXI PROGRAM

The State Government has a program that gives half price on taxi fares up to a maximum discount of \$60 per trip and a total of \$2180 per year.

You need to have a special card to get the discount. To be able to get a card you must have a form filled out by the doctor.

The doctor will only fill out the form if you;

- Live in Victoria permanently and
- Have a severe and permanent disability that stops you from being able to use public transport by yourself.



Application forms are available from the Victorian Taxi Directorate or your doctor.

VICTORIAN TAXI DIRECTORATE

PH: 1800 638 802

VICTORIAN PATIENT TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE SCHEME

If you have to travel over 100 kilometres (one way) to the nearest medical and/or dental specialist, you can make a claim to get back some of the costs for **travel** and **accommodation**.

If you need someone to go with you, they can also claim some costs.

To be able to claim you must be;

- Living in a Victorian rural area
- Have referral to the nearest specialist and
- Travel 100km or more (one way) from your home to the place of the nearest specialist.

Application forms are available from the Department of Human Services or your doctor's receptionist or download at

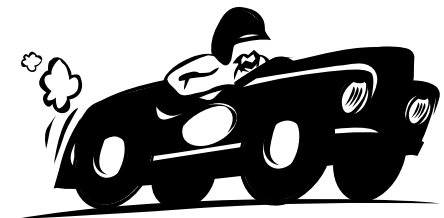
http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ruralhealth/downloads/vptas_claimsep06.pdf.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

If you have a Repatriation Health Card you may be able to claim **travel** costs for visits to the doctor and to medical appointments.

Accommodation and meal allowances may be claimed if you have to stay away from home for treatment.

You need to check with the Department of Veterans' Affairs as to what is covered by each coloured card.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Victorian State Office

PH: 1800 555 254

SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

This information leaflet only
gives you some ideas....

If you want to know more or ask questions
about other transport matters,

Contact: Becky Morton

South West Community Transport
Coordinator

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SERVICES IN THE HEYWOOD AREA

AMBULANCE
EMERGENCIES ONLY PH: 000

PORTLAND – HAMILTON BUS
Ph: (03) 5523 5811
Monday to Friday service; departs Heywood
9.20am and arrives back at 2.30pm, allows over
3 hours in Hamilton.

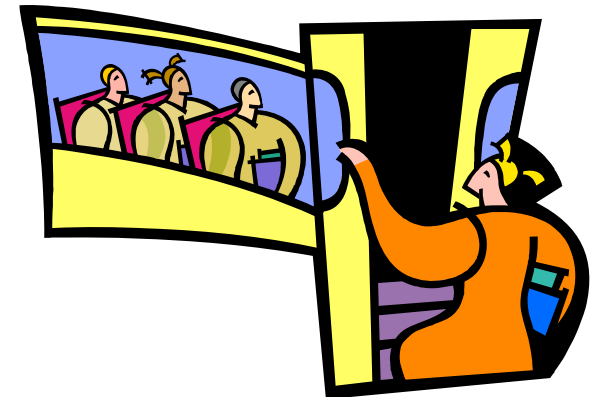
TAXIS OF PORTLAND
PH: (03) 5523 2022

HEYWOOD COMMUNITY TRANSPORT
PH: (03) 5527 0570
Door to door assisted transport provided by
volunteer drivers for eligible clients.
Eligibility; frail aged, disabled or isolated.

RED CROSS
Phone: 0417 149 482
Transport to medical appointments, treatments and
tests. A medical referral is required.

V LINE
PH: 136 196 or (03) 5523 3699
Coach and train services. It is possible to travel
to Portland and return with 3 hours in town
morning or afternoon Monday to Friday. Return
travel to Warrnambool with 5 hours in town is
possible. Early morning service allows travel to
Melbourne and return.
www.vline.com
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