

# 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

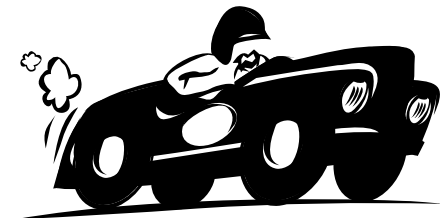
[http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ruralhealth/downloads/vptas\\_claimsep06.pdf](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ruralhealth/downloads/vptas_claimsep06.pdf).

## 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**

## SERVICES IN THE PORTLAND AREA

### AMBULANCE

EMERGENCIES ONLY PH: 000

### PORTLAND – HAMILTON BUS

Ph: (03) 5523 5811

Monday to Friday service; departs Portland 9.00am and arrives back at 3.00pm, allows over 3 hours in Hamilton.

### TAXIS OF PORTLAND

PH: (03) 5523 2022

### RED CROSS

Phone: 0417 149 482

Transport to medical appointments, treatments and tests. A medical referral is required.

### PORTLAND TO MT GAMBIER VIA NELSON

Ph: 5523 5811

Departs Portland 9.00am Monday and Friday, departs Mt Gambier for return 1.30pm (Vic. Time)

### PORTLAND TOWN BUS

Ph: 5523 5811

Regular route service using low floor bus within Portland Monday to Saturday, see [www.viclink.com.au](http://www.viclink.com.au) for timetable information.

### PORTLAND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

PH: (03) 5522 1188

Door to door assisted transport provided by volunteer drivers for eligible clients.

### V LINE

PH: 136 196 or (03) 5523 3699

Coach and train services. It is possible to travel to Warrnambool and return with 5 ½ hours in town Monday to Friday. Early morning service allows travel to Melbourne or Geelong and return.

[www.vline.com.au](http://www.vline.com.au)

### 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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## TRANSPORT OPTIONS IN PORTLAND



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