

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

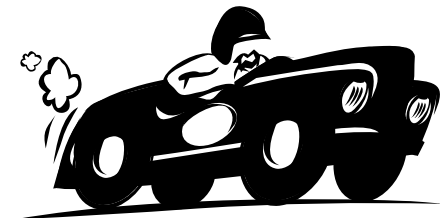
http://www.health.vic.gov.au/ruralhealth/downloads/vptas_claimsep06.pdf.

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

SERVICES IN THE CASTERTON AREA

AMBULANCE

EMERGENCIES ONLY PH: 000

CASTERTON TO HAMILTON SERVICE

PH: 5581 2144

Bus service operates school days only.
Departs Casterton 7.30am and arrives back
at 4.55pm. This is a public bus service.

CASTERTON COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

PH: 5554 2555

Operated by Casterton Memorial Hospital on
Wednesday and Friday for any one in the
district who does not have access to other
transport.

MERINO COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

PH: 5579 1303

Door to door assisted transport provided by
volunteer drivers for eligible clients in the
Merino area.

Eligibility: Frail aged, disabled, isolated.

RED CROSS SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

Phone: 08 8724 9020

May provide transport to medical
appointments, treatments and tests in Mount
Gambier if a car is available. A medical
referral is necessary.

HAMILTON TO MT GAMBIER VIA CASTERTON

PH: 5571 1682

Bus service on Wednesday and Friday that
allows two hours in Mt Gambier and services
Hospital and The Eye Centre. Can use
V/Line service for return journey if longer
stay is required.

V LINE

PH: 136 196 or (03) 5571 1682

Coach and train services. Day return to
Hamilton is possible Mon to Fri and
Warrnambool Mon to Thurs. www.vline.com

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

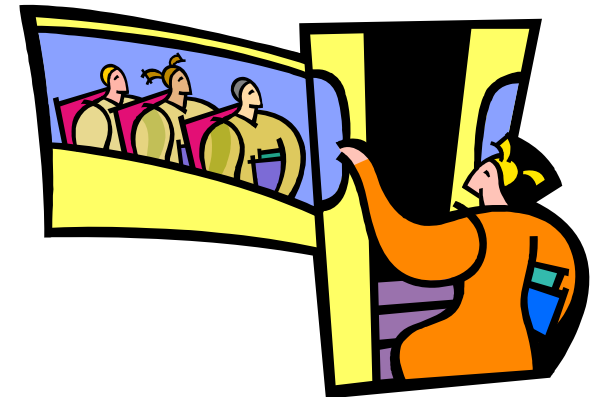
PH: (03) 5551 8461

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TRANSPORT OPTIONS IN CASTERTON



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