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 Taxi Services Commission or your doctor.

[**TAXI SERVICES COMMISSION**](http://taxi.vic.gov.au/passengers/mptp)

**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 Health and Human Services or your doctor’s receptionist or download [HERE](https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/hospitals-and-health-services/rural-health/vptas-how-to-apply) **or PH 13000 737 073**

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS**

If you have a DVA Health Card you may be able to claim **travel** costs for visits to the doctor and to medical appointments or be eligible for a booked car and driver.

**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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS**

**Transport Bookings**

**PH: 1800 550 455 (regional areas)**

[Travel for Treatment](http://www.dva.gov.au/health-and-wellbeing/home-and-care/travel-treatment)

**SERVICES IN THE**

**HAMILTON AREA**

**HAMILTON TOWN BUS**

PH: (03) 5571 1682

Operates Mon to Fri 8am to 6.30pm & Sat 8.30am to 12.30pm.

**HAMILTON COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

PH: (03) 5551 8284

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

**HAMILTON COMMUNITY BUS**

PH: (03) 5551 8487

Door to door bus service Mon, Wed and Fri, 10.30am – 3.30pm for shopping and medical appointments. Passengers must be assessed for eligibility.

**TAXIS OF HAMILTON**

PH: (03) 5571 1200

24 hour taxi Service, wheelchair accessible taxis available.

**HAMILTON HIRE CAR** 0407 858 188

**V LINE**

PH: 1800 800 007 or (03) 5571 1682

Coach and train services: - Return travel to Warrnambool, Geelong, Ballarat, Melbourne and a number of local towns. Access Hall’s Gap and Ararat using Warrnambool to Ararat service, Tues, Fri and Sun.

Wheelchair accessible bus on all services

Phone V Line or see [www.vline.com.au](http://WWW.VLINE.COM.AU) for timetable information.

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**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,

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South West Community Transport Program

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