

TAC Vehicle Modifications

When you return home following a transport accident, it is important that you have access to suitable transportation. The TAC can help by paying for modifications to your vehicle required as a result of your transport accident injuries.

Vehicle modifications process

The TAC can pay the reasonable costs of vehicle modifications where they are required due to your transport accident injuries.

The TAC will first refer you to an occupational therapist (OT) who will decide if modifications are needed. The OT will:

- Conduct an assessment and work with you to determine your needs
- Inform the TAC what modifications are needed. If you do not have access to a vehicle suitable for modifying, the OT will advise the TAC about the type of vehicle required or alternative options.

The TAC is committed to ensuring your accident related transport needs are met at the appropriate time, with the most appropriate modifications and vehicle for your injury.

Some examples of modifications that may be paid for are:

- A 'spinner knob' attached to the steering wheel to assist with turning
- Hand controls that operate the accelerator and brake
- Hoist to enable wheelchair access and restraints to secure the wheelchair
- Changes to the parking brake, rear vision mirrors, seat belt or indicators
- Air-conditioning (for clients unable to regulate body temperature).

TAC contribution to the cost of purchasing a vehicle

The TAC can contribute reasonable costs to the purchase of a vehicle where:

- Your vehicle cannot be modified; or
- You have no access to a vehicle.

You may be required to contribute an amount towards an appropriate vehicle for your transport needs.



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Vehicle Modifications Agreement

If the cost of your vehicle modification is likely to be more than \$10,000 you will have to sign a contract called a Vehicle Modifications Agreement.

The Vehicle Modifications Agreement outlines your entitlements and responsibilities:

- If your modifications need maintenance, repair or replacement
- If you are likely to require further modifications in the future; and
- If you wish to sell your vehicle.

Your legal guardian (if applicable) may sign the Vehicle Modifications Agreement on your behalf.

Costs associated with owning a vehicle

The TAC is unable to pay or contribute towards the normal every day costs associated with owning a vehicle such as:

- Registration
- Stamp duty
- Running costs (regular servicing of the vehicle)
- Insurance.

You may be entitled to GST, stamp duty or registration exemption in some cases. To find out if you are exempt, contact the TAC.

Further information

For further information on vehicle modifications, please contact the TAC on 1300 654 329.

The TAC Vehicle Modification Policy is available on our website www.tac.vic.gov.au.



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