
Financial and legal support



A cancer diagnosis may change your financial situation and plans.

It may impact your employment and your ability to buy and claim on insurance policies, such as travel insurance. You may need to consider accessing your superannuation fund or want to know about potential benefits, pensions or reimbursements that you may be entitled to.

Being aware of your rights, responsibilities and entitlements can be helpful to you and your family and may help to reduce some of your concerns. It may also ensure that you are accessing the most appropriate type of benefit or support, relevant to your situation.

The **social worker** at your **hospital/centre** may be able to tell you about financial and/or legal assistance that you may be eligible for. They may also be able to help you in claiming benefits and assistance.

Cancer Council Victoria also provides information and access to services such as:

- financial planning
- legal advice
- workplace advice.

These services are free-of-charge, subject to eligibility.

For further information on these services, contact **Cancer Council** on **13 11 20** or visit the website www.cancervic.org.au

Victorian Patient Transport Assisted Scheme (VPTAS)

If you live in rural and/or regional Victoria, seeing a medical specialist can require a lot of travel and you may also require accommodation.

The Victorian Patient Transport Assisted Scheme (VPTAS) may provide financial help for some of your travel and accommodation costs. VPTAS provides financial subsidies to eligible patients living in rural and regional Victoria and who need to travel long distances to access specialist medical services.

More information can be obtained at:

www.vptas.vic.gov.au or by phone **(03) 5333 6040** or **1300 737 073**