

Some Information Sources on Hand Controls

1. <http://franksengineering.com.au/vehicle-modifications-for-disadvantaged-drivers/>

Frank's Engineering P/L Vehicle Modifications for disadvantaged drivers, in consultation with Occupational Therapists, aims to assist many physically disadvantaged people to continue leading as independent a life as possible through vehicle modifications. Products available are wide and varied, designed to provide the maximum benefit to our clients. Address: 135 Bakers Rd, Coburg North VIC 3058, Tel:(03) 9354 0400

2. <http://swep.bhs.org.au/vmss> SWEP [State-Wide Equipment Program] Tel:1300 747 937

Vehicle Modification Subsidy Scheme (VMSS) provides a variety of vehicle modifications including minor modifications such as hand controls, and major modifications such as lowered floor conversion, hoists and permanent ramps. You will need to be assessed by a prescribing Occupational Therapist (OT) or VicRoads Accredited Driver Assessor (where applicable) to determine the most appropriate and safe modification.

Subsidies are available for:

- Conversions of vehicles for wheelchair access
- Ramps permanently secured to vehicles
- Specialised lifters, carriers and trailers for wheelchairs
- Modified driving controls
- Specialised seating
- Air conditioning for people with thermo-regulatory conditions
- Wheelchair restraint systems and Oxygen cylinder restraint system.

Who is Eligible: You must be a Victorian Resident, living independently in the community with a permanent/long term disability and/or frail aged. Please refer to the [A&EP guidelines](#) for further eligibility requirements and/or [VMSS Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Email: swep@bhs.org.au or **Intake Email:** swepcentralintake@bhs.org.au

3. <https://www.racv.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/1f5a65804794de2b8572a77825c24730/Keeping+Mobile.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CACHEID=1f5a65804794de2b8572a77825c24730> **RACV** Keeping Mobile Booklet current at 2011 looks worth a read.

4. **VicRoads** – VASS, medical review, licensing, registration of vehicles with modifications, child seating and restraints: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au or Tel: 13 11 71

5. **Independent Living Centre** [ILC] free internet database, displays of some vehicle aides, telephone advisory service etc. www.ilcaustralia.org or Tel: 1300 885 886

6. **Disabled Motorists Association** [DMA] – Advice on modifying vehicles, what the process is, driver assessment referral etc. Address: 2A Station St, Coburg VIC 3058 or Tel: 03-9386-0413.

7. **Polio Services Victoria [PSV]** is available to Victorian residents with a history of polio, community providers and interested parties. Tel: (03) 9231 3900, Freecall: 1800 030 324 Email: psv@svhm.org.au and website: www.psv.svhm.org.au