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When do I use my white card?

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Will I be charged for treatment?

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Does my doctor have to get approval before providing treatment?

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Dear <title> <fname> <surname>

As part of the latest Veterans' Medicines Advice and Therapeutics Education Services (*Veterans' MATES*), a program to support you and your healthcare team with the most up-to-date health and medicines information, I have included a brochure on **Dry or itchy skin? Top tips to help.**

Dry or itchy skin is a common problem that can be very uncomfortable for many. Something as simple as using an appropriate daily moisturiser morning and night can really help your skin to feel supple and moisturised.

If you are experiencing dry itchy skin, I encourage you to have a look at the attached brochure and talk to your GP and pharmacist about which moisturisers are suitable to use. If your GP has prescribed a steroid cream, the brochure provides information about how to use the correct amount.

Please note that participation in the *Veterans' MATES* program is voluntary, and you are free to withdraw at any time. You can help us improve our services to you by completing and returning the enclosed response form. This letter and enclosed response form will not in any way affect your entitlements from DVA. If you would prefer to receive your *Veterans' MATES* materials electronically in the future please scan the QR code over the page (using the camera on your smart phone), or type in the website listed under the QR code, and enter your details.



If you have any questions about this letter or the information contained in the brochure or if you wish to withdraw from the program please contact **1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372)**. When prompted say **“Veterans’ MATES”**.

Yours sincerely



Professor Jenny Firman
Chief Health Officer
Department of Veterans’ Affairs

Scan or visit the website below
to receive *Veterans’ MATES*
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[https://www.veteransmates.net.au/
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Your **Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Card** (orange card) enables you to access the extended range of medicines and other items (eg wound dressings) listed on the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS), at the concessional rate.

Your card contains a magnetic stripe which has been encoded with the following details: your name, address, file number, card type (eg orange) and date of birth.

Sharing information with others:

By taking delivery of your new Repatriation Health Care Card you acknowledge that:

1. Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) may disclose some of your personal information to Medicare Australia for the purpose of assigning you an Individual Healthcare Identifier;
2. DVA may provide:
information to a contracted organisation on the nature and/or quantity of medicines prescribed to you for the purpose of assessing potentially hazardous dosages and/or medicine combinations; and

your doctor(s) with advice on the nature and/or quantity of medicines prescribed to you, including advice of potentially hazardous dosages and/or medicine combinations.

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THIS IS YOUR REPATRIATION BENEFITS CARD

NOTE: This card does not entitle you to any medical or other health care treatment.

ABOUT YOUR CARD

When do I use my orange card?

Please present your orange card to your doctor, medical specialist, dentist and pharmacist whenever you have medicines prescribed and dispensed.

Will I be charged for my prescriptions?

You will pay a co-payment for your medicines at a concessional rate for each prescription item up to the safety net limit. When the safety net limit is reached, there are no further co-payment charges for prescribed items for that calendar year.

Which card should I use if I have both an ORANGE Card and a WHITE card?

Your white card entitles you to treatment as well as medicines associated with your accepted conditions. If you are being treated for an accepted condition you should present your WHITE card to your doctor and pharmacist. For all other prescribed items use your ORANGE card.

Can I use my card anywhere in Australia and overseas?

Your card is for use in Australia only. Your card cannot be used when you are travelling overseas. If you need prescribed items within Australia, present your orange card along with your prescription to any pharmacy.

What happens if my card expires or is lost?

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Your **Repatriation Health Card – For Specific Conditions** (white card), enables you to access health care and associated services for war or service related conditions. On application, veterans of Australian Forces may also be issued a white card to receive treatment for malignant cancer, pulmonary tuberculosis and post traumatic stress disorder, irrespective of whether these conditions are accepted as being related to service.

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ABOUT YOUR CARD

When do I use my white card?

Please ensure you present your white card whenever you receive medical and/or other health treatment including pharmaceuticals that relate to your specific condition/s.

Will I be charged for treatment of my specific condition/s?

Generally, your health care provider will bill DVA directly for the services covered by the card and you will not be out of pocket. There are some exceptions which include: certain high cost dental services, optical items home care services and pharmaceuticals, where you pay a fee for each prescription (up to the Medicare Safety Net level).

Do I have to get approval before receiving treatment for my specific condition/s?

There are some services that require DVA approval **BEFORE THE SERVICE IS PROVIDED**. It is a good idea to ask your treating health care provider if they need DVA approval to carry out the proposed treatment. Otherwise, there is a risk that you may be required to pay for the service. If you are unsure, please ask your treating health care provider to check with DVA on 1300 550 457 or ring your nearest DVA or VAN office on 1300 551 918.

Can I use my card anywhere in Australia and overseas?

Your card is for use in Australia only. Your card cannot be used when you are travelling overseas. If you are travelling within Australia, contact your local DVA office if you require details of the nearest health care provider who accepts DVA clients.

If you are travelling overseas treatment is limited to your accepted disabilities only. Please contact DVA **BEFORE** you travel.

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VAN Office Locations
Local Veterans' Affairs Network (VAN) Office
1300 55 1918

Canberra ACT
10 Moore Street, Canberra City
Telephone: (02) 6225 4600

Townsville QLD
150 Walker Street
Telephone: (07) 4722 3333

Gosford NSW
Suite 1, 250 Mann Street
Telephone: (02) 4323 4945

Adelaide SA
Blackburn House, 199 Grenfell Street
Telephone: (08) 8290 0403

Lismore NSW
Office 6, Level 1, Conway Court
Molesworth Street (opposite Memorial Baths)
Telephone: (02) 6622 4481

Hobart Tas
21 Kirksway Place, Battery Point
Telephone: (03) 6221 6628

Newcastle NSW
Ground floor, 6 Auckland Street, Newcastle West
Telephone: (02) 4926 2733

Bairnsdale VIC
49 McCulloch Street
Telephone: (03) 5153 1120

Parramatta NSW
Shop 3, The Octagon Centre, 99 Phillip Street
Telephone: (02) 9893 9892

Ballarat VIC
12 Dawson Street South
Telephone: (03) 5331 3844

Sydney NSW
1st floor, Tower B, Centennial Plaza
280 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills
Telephone: (02) 9213 7900

Frankston VIC
Suite 2, Level 1, 54-58 Wells Street
Telephone: (03) 9783 7312

Tweed Heads NSW
Shop 45, Centro Tweed, Cnr Wharf & Bay Streets
Telephone: (07) 5536 2933

Geelong VIC
200 Malop Street
Telephone: (03) 5221 8963

Wollongong NSW
Commonwealth Offices, 43 Burelli Street
Telephone: (02) 4298 9992

Melbourne VIC
300 Latrobe Street
Telephone: (03) 9284 6221

Darwin NT
Civic Plaza, Ground Floor
2 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston
Telephone: (08) 8935 1444

Morwell VIC
10 George Street
Telephone: (03) 5133 0177

Brisbane QLD
259 Queen Street
Telephone: (07) 3223 8475

Warrnambool VIC
1/rear 76 Henna Street
Telephone: (03) 5562 9900

Gold Coast QLD
12 Short Street, Southport
Telephone: (07) 5571 1549

Wodonga VIC
81 Hume Street
Telephone: (02) 6056 4321

Sunshine Coast QLD
129 Horton Parade, Maroochydore
Telephone: (07) 5479 5112

Perth WA
AMP Building, 140 St George's Terrace
Telephone: (08) 9366 8444

Toowoomba QLD
99 Russell Street
Telephone: (07) 4638 1555

In addition to the above VAN offices, DVA also has a number of contracted service sites, for more details ring 1300 55 1918 to connect with your nearest VAN office.



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Your **Repatriation Health Card** identifies you as being eligible for health care and services through arrangements the Repatriation Commission has with registered health care providers.

By using this card the person named consents to disclosure to DVA of the details of any information relating to benefits obtained and financial information associated with its use and warrants that any services claimed for that use have been provided.

Before using your Repatriation Health Card please:

- **CHECK** that the personal details on the front of the card are correct. If they are incorrect, please send the card and corrections to the Department's State Office at PO BOX 9940 in your capital city. A correct replacement card will be sent to you.
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- **READ** carefully the conditions of use printed on the back of the card and the instructions in the enclosed leaflet.
- Your card contains a magnetic strip which has been encoded with the card details.

Please cut up and destroy your old Gold or White Repatriation Health Card and commence using your new card.

Other Departmental information on health care and services is available from your nearest Departmental State Office located in your capital city.

Please let us know immediately if you change your address or LOSE your card

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- the Australian Government Department of Human Services to assign you an Individual Healthcare Identifier for the purpose of administering the eHealth record system; and
- medical and health professionals, including health practitioners, hospitals, and health, rehabilitation and home care providers, for the purpose of providing treatment and services and to assess potentially hazardous dosages and/or medicine combinations.

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How do I contact DVA?

BY PHONE: General Enquiries; 133 254 Non-metropolitan callers; 1800 555 254
VAN Network; 1300 551 918

POST: GPO Box 9998 in your capital city **E-MAIL:** GeneralEnquiries@dva.gov.au

IN PERSON: For details of a local VAN or DVA office, please phone DVA on the phone numbers listed above or at www.dva.gov.au. Additional information on health care and services is available from your nearest DVA Office or via the internet at www.dva.gov.au.



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If you choose a non-generic brand, you may need to pay an additional amount. Talk to your pharmacist to find out more about the cost of different medicines.

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The Veteran White Card will also cover treatment for mental-health conditions by a mental-health provider for veterans with continuous full-time service and certain reserve service. It may also cover treatment for cancer (malignant neoplasm) and pulmonary tuberculosis in specific situations. Call us or go to www.dva.gov.au/NLHC-treatment for more information.

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GPO Box 9998, Brisbane QLD 4001

Your **Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Card** (orange card) enables you to access the extended range of medicines and other items (eg wound dressings) listed on the Repatriation Pharmaceuticals Benefits Scheme (RPBS), at the concessional rate. Your card contains a magnetic stripe which has been encoded with the following details: your name, file number and card type (e.g. orange).

When do I use my orange Card?

Please ensure you present your orange card to your doctor, medical specialist, dentist and pharmacist whenever you have medicines prescribed and dispensed.

Will I be charged for my prescriptions?

You will pay a co-payment for your medicines at a concessional rate for each prescription item up to the safety net limit. When the safety net limit is reached, there are no further co-payment charges for prescribed items for that calendar year.

Before using your orange card please:

- **CHECK** that the personal details on the front of the card are correct. If they are incorrect, please return the card with the corrections identified to the Department of Veterans' Affairs GPO BOX 9998 in your capital city. Your details will be corrected and a replacement card will be sent to you.
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Which card should I use if I have both an ORANGE Card and WHITE Card?

Your white card entitles you to treatment as well as medicines associated with your accepted conditions. If you are being treated for an accepted condition you should present your WHITE card to your doctor or pharmacist. For all other prescribed items use your ORANGE card.

What happens if my eligibility changes?

DVA will notify you and, where appropriate, ask you to destroy your card. It is illegal to continue to use it once your eligibility has changed and DVA has requested the card to be destroyed. A breach of the use of the terms and conditions of your card could result in DVA seeking to recover costs incurred. Please be aware that entitlement to your card cannot be passed to your spouse in the event of your death.

What happens if my card expires or is lost?

Before your card is due to expire a new card will be sent to you. If you lose your card, please contact DVA immediately to have a replacement card issued.

Can I use my card anywhere in Australia and overseas?

Your card is for use in Australia only. Your card cannot be used when you are travelling overseas. If you need prescribed items within Australia, present your orange card along with your prescription to any pharmacy.

Sharing your information with others

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- the Australian Government Department of Human Services to assign you an Individual Healthcare Identifier for the purpose of administering the eHealth record system; and
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When do I use my white card?

Please ensure you present your white card whenever you receive medical and/or other health treatment including pharmaceuticals that relate to your specific condition/s within Australia.

Will I be charged for treatment?

Generally, your health care provider will invoice DVA directly for the services covered by the card and you will not be out of pocket. There are some exceptions which include certain high cost dental and home care services, optical items and pharmaceuticals where you pay a fee for each prescription (up to the Medicare Safety Net level).

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Does my doctor have to get approval before providing treatment?

There are some services that require DVA approval **BEFORE THE SERVICE IS PROVIDED**. It is a good idea to ask your treating health care provider if they need DVA approval to carry out the proposed treatment. Otherwise, there is a risk that you may be required to pay for the service. If you are unsure, please ask your treating health care provider to check with DVA.

What happens if my eligibility changes?

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Can I use my card anywhere in Australia and overseas?

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Your **Repatriation Health Card – Totally & Permanently Incapacitated** (gold card), enables you to access health care and associated services for all your health care needs within Australia. The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) has arrangements with registered health care providers to provide you with a comprehensive range of medical, hospital, pharmaceutical, dental and allied health services, along with travel assistance to and from the health care facilities where you are receiving treatment within Australia. Your card contains a magnetic stripe which has been encoded with the following details: your name, file number and card type (e.g. gold).

When do I use my gold card?

Please ensure you present your gold card whenever you receive medical and/or other health treatment including pharmaceuticals within Australia.

Will I be charged for treatment?

Generally, your health care provider will invoice DVA directly for the services covered by the card and you will not be out of pocket. There are some exceptions which include certain high cost dental and home care services, optical items and pharmaceuticals where you pay a fee for each prescription (up to the Medicare Safety Net level).

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Do I have to get approval before receiving treatment?

There are some services that require DVA approval **BEFORE THE SERVICE IS PROVIDED**. It is a good idea to ask your treating health care provider if they need DVA approval to carry out the proposed treatment. Otherwise, there is a risk that you may be required to pay for the service. If you are unsure, please ask your treating health care provider to check with DVA.

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PRIVACY COLLECTION NOTICE

Veterans' Medicines Advice and Therapeutics Education Services (Veterans' MATES) Program

The Department of Veterans' Affairs is committed to ensuring personal information provided for the Veterans' MATES program is handled in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)* (Privacy Act).

Who is collecting your personal information?

Your personal information is being collected by the Commonwealth of Australia, represented by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (ABN 23 964 290 824) ('Us', 'We', 'Our').

Why is your personal information being collected?

Your personal information is being collected to enable us to develop and deliver you with personalised, effective health and wellbeing information, resources, advice and support that is tailored to your personal specific health care needs and circumstances and aims to:

- improve your use of medicines (reducing the use of unnecessary medicines; increasing the use of under-utilised medicines, reducing adverse medicine events) and
- improve your use of related health services.

Your data is also de-identified and aggregated into broader medicines-based data that is used to inform our health policies, practices and research about medicine prescribing and use in the Australian veteran population.

If you do not want your information to be used for this purpose please email us at:

privacy.enquiries@dva.gov.au or go to **www.dva.gov.au/general-enquiries** and follow the prompts to send us a message.

How will we manage your personal information?

Your personal information is managed under a strict data management plan and maintained in a secure purpose built environment to store DVA Data (within Australia) that provides appropriate data access arrangements. Access is to appropriately security-cleared personnel only and in compliance with relevant Commonwealth and DVA security requirements. This information is for use by the Veterans' MATES program only and is not authorised for use for any other purpose.

What personal information is being collected?

Your personal information that is being collected for use in the program is our health claims data and includes:

- Name
- Date of birth
- DVA reference number
- Applicable health conditions
- Hospital procedures
- Pharmacy, medical and allied health records including doctor visits, radiology, pharmaceutical and pathology claims.

This health claims data is routinely collected by us for verification and financial reconciliation of healthcare costs of our clients that we are liable to pay through the following legislation:

- [Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986](#) (VEA)
- [Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation \(Defence-related Claims\) Act 1988](#) (DRCA)
- [Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004](#) (MRCA)

We then disclose and use this information in the Veterans' MATES program to offer a service that gives you and your healthcare team the most up-to-date health and medicines information.

Who will we disclose your personal information to?

We will disclose your personal information to the University of South Australia, who is our contracted supplier to deliver the Veterans' MATES program on our behalf. It is the University of South Australia who analyse the health claims data and develop and deliver the health and wellbeing information to you and your doctor.

You are able to withdraw yourself from this program at any time by contacting us on **1800 VETERAN** (1800 838 372), using the prompt 'Veterans' MATES'.

What will happen if we don't collect your personal information?

If we don't disclose and use your personal information in this way:

- you will not receive the personalised health and wellbeing information, resources, advice and support provided through Veterans' MATES; and
- your information will not be aggregated into the medicines-based data that is used to inform our health policies, practices and research about medicine prescribing and use in the Australian veteran population.

Our Privacy Policy

You can find out more about accessing and/or correcting your personal information with us, making a complaint and about our approach to managing personal information via our privacy policy which you can find at www.dva.gov.au/privacy-policy. For information about our privacy policy, please contact:

Information.Law@dva.gov.au.

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