

SUMMARY OF CONCESSIONS ISSUED BY  
THE MELBOURNE & METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD

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(1) EX-SERVICEMEN

(a) Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Ex Servicemen

Free passes are issued as requested on written information supplied by the Secretary of the Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers Association and are available for twelve months as from 1st October each year. Passes are forwarded to the Association Secretary for issue.

Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers who are not members of the Association are issued with Disabled Soldiers (see (f) below) passes on production of evidence from the Repatriation Department that they are in receipt of a T. P. I. Pension.

Times of travel are unlimited.

(b) T.B. Soldiers Passes

Free passes are issued from lists supplied by the Secretary of the T. B. Soldiers Association and are forwarded to the Association Secretary for issue.

Times of Travel are unlimited.

(c) Totally Blinded ex Servicemen

Free passes are issued entitling the holder and an attendant to unlimited travel for twelve months from 1st January each year. The pass is issued direct to the applicant on a certificate from the Secretary of the Blinded Soldiers Association or the Repatriation Department.

The carriage of "Seeing Eye" Dogs accompanying Blind Persons is permitted.

Hours of Travel - any time except 4.45 p. m. -  
6.15 p. m. - Monday to Friday

(d) Partially Blinded ex Servicemen

Free passes are issued on application on the prescribed form with a certificate from a Doctor or Hospital attached, submitted in person to the Board's Doctor, who will certify as required. Passes are issued direct to the applicant.

Hours of Travel - any time except 4.45 p. m. -  
6.15 p. m. - Monday to Friday

(e) Limbless (Leg) Soldiers

Free passes are issued direct to the applicant on production of a letter from the Secretary of the Limbless Soldiers Association or the Repatriation Department, and are available for twelve months as from 1st October each year.

Times of travel are unlimited.

(f) Disabled Soldiers Passes

Free passes are issued direct to Disabled Soldiers whose locomotion is impeded on production of a certificate from the Repatriation Department stating the nature of the disability. Passes are available for twelve months as from 1st October each year. Applicants must attend the Board's Doctor prior to the initial issue and any renewal of the pass.

Disabled Soldiers in receipt of full rate T. P. I. Pension but who are not members of the T. P. I. Association are also eligible for a Disabled Soldiers Pass.

Times of travel are unlimited.

(g) Incapacitated (Armless and T. B.) Soldiers

Specially printed strips of tickets are sold at half price to a maximum of \$20.00 face value (\$10.00 cost) per calendar month to Members of the Limbless Soldiers Association who have suffered arm amputation and Members of the T. B. Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Association who receive less than 100% pension.

The foregoing concessions are made available to Members of the various categories shown who are permanently resident in Victoria. On request these concessions are granted to Interstate visitors.

Times of travel are unlimited.

No means test whatsoever is applied to ex-servicemen.

(2) BLIND PERSONS

Blind Persons passes are issued to Blind Persons as at 1st January each year and are available for the following twelve months.

In the first instance each applicant is required to apply on the prescribed form and submit a certificate from a Doctor or Hospital setting out the condition of each eye with diagnosis, also be examined by the Board's Doctor, who will certify as to whether a pass should be issued.

The initial issue is approved by the Chairman or other Board Member subject to a discreet form of means test i. e. it is intended that the passes are only available to Blind Persons whose income is materially limited by their affliction.

Hours of Travel - any time except 4.45 p. m. - 6.15 p. m.

Monday - Friday

**(3) POLICE CONCESSION**

Members of the Victorian Police Force in uniform including the Police Shrine Guard, Police Brass Bandsmen, Victorian Police Pipe Band and Police Cadets are permitted to travel free.

Members of the Victoria Police Force in plain clothes are issued a Special Concession Ticket available for one journey on any one route. The cost is 10 cents (equivalent in value to a one section journey). The Police Department purchases these tickets in bulk from the Board.

**(4) BOY SCOUTS - GIRL GUIDES**

Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in full uniform are permitted to travel at Children's Fares, irrespective of age. This does not apply to adult officers.

**(5) EMPLOYEE'S FREE PASSES**

Free passes are issued to all employees of the Board.

**(6) MEMBERS OF THE STATE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA**

Free passes are issued to all Members of State Parliament.

**(7) MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS**

Free passes are issued to all Municipal Engineers of Metropolitan Councils.

**(8) SCHOLARS CONCESSION TICKETS**

Tickets are issued only for the use of Scholars under 19 years of age, and may be used only for journeys to and from school by the Scholars to whom they are issued, provided such journeys are travelled between the points set out on the ticket.

Hours of travel are - Monday to Friday - To School on vehicles boarded before 6.30 p.m. From School on vehicles boarded before 8.00 p.m.  
- Saturday - To and from School on vehicles boarded before 1.15 p.m. (for ordinary school work only).

**(9) VISITING SISTERS**

These Certificates are issued on a yearly basis to Visiting Sisters and permit the holders to travel at childrens fare rates on the Board's Trams and Buses.

Times of travel are unlimited.

**(10) FARE CONCESSION CERTIFICATES FOR PENSIONERS**

These Fare Concession Certificates are issued on a yearly basis (1st July to 30th June) to Age, Widow, Invalid and Service Pensioners certified to by the Department of Social Services or the Repatriation Department.

Pensioners upon production of a Pensioner's Fare Concession Certificate are entitled to travel at children's fare rates on the Board's Trams and Buses as follows:-

Weekdays : 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and  
6.00 p.m. to last tram or bus

Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays - all day

These conditions also apply for train travel and on production of a Medical Entitlement Card concessions are granted for Interstate Train travel.

**(11) SPECIAL METAL "T" PASSES**

The Passes are issued to persons who are either armless or have lost the use of their arms and are unable to tender their fares.

They are worn on the coat lapel and entitle the holders to travel on the Board's trams and buses without payment of a fare, a small yearly amount is payable to the Board by the holder of the Pass.

**(12) CITY CONCESSION CARD**

This entitles the holder to 12 trips within the City section (10 cents) for \$1.00.

**(13) COMBINED WEEKLY RAIL-TRAM TICKET**

This is a combined weekly Rail ticket and City Concession Card. The holder is entitled to 10 City section trips (10 cents) for 85 cents. This is in operation only on one rail line at present.

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