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The Australian Government is funding a new satellite service to provide digital television to viewers in Australia who are unable to receive terrestrial television services. This new service is called VAST (Viewer Access Satellite Television).

I have, as of 21/01/2011, obtained access to the VAST system under the category of a traveller and am now enjoying viewing all the digital channels available in any capital city, all around the country.

The procedure I used to obtain access is as follows:

1. Make a purchase of the Decoder, there are now several on the market.
2. Carefully read the instructions with the Decoder.
 - a. You must already have the dish tuned into Optus C1.
 - b. LNB settings must be checked.
 - c. For information on setting up the dish refer to the booklet on my website http://wanderingtews.com/?page_id=257
3. All cable connections were made to the Decoder, and the set was powered on.
 - a. At this stage the decoder automatically searched and tuned in all allowable channels.
 - b. All ABC and SBS channel in all time zones in Australia were now watchable.
4. Apply for activation of your VAST Services card by visiting www.mysattv.com.au , I applied for a travellers connection in SA.
5. After I submitted the online application for SA area, as this is where we would be travelling, a download from the satellite commenced, I then went out for dinner and when I returned all digital channels for SA were activated and watchable.
6. I have since moved to several other states, calling VAST call centre on 1300 993376 and requesting activation change for that state is all that is needed to be done.
7. Several six month activation periods have expired and reactivation was achieved successfully by filling out the 'Travellers Registration Renewal'.
8. I have also since upgraded to another STB, as more are now on the market, and activation of new card was done by simply ringing the VAST call centre on 1300 993376.

All information needed for eligibility and connection to VAST Satellite TV can be obtained from the following web site, <http://www.mysattv.com.au/> .

All information on the site needs to be read, then for activation, access to the required online application forms can be found on the home page.

Receivers can be purchased from several retailers, I used <http://www.satplus.com.au/> and another online site I would recommend is <http://www.accessantennas.com.au/> .

For further information on satellite systems, purchasing systems, and setting up dishes see the booklet on my web site, and the TV reception page http://wanderingtews.com/?page_id=257 .