

Notice of New Rates for Entitlements Under the Veterans' Support Act 2014

Pursuant to sections 30, 31 and 170 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014, the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations 2015 and the Veterans Support (War Pension Rates) Order 2015, the following are the new rates for entitlements under the Veterans' Support Act 2014 from 1 April 2015.

Grand-Parented Entitlements**War Disablement Pensions: Weekly Rates From 1 April 2015****1. Ordinary Rates**

Disablement (%)	Weekly Rate (\$)
5	10.90
10	21.81
15	32.71
20	43.61
25	54.52
30	65.42
35	76.32
40	87.22
45	98.13
50	109.03
55	119.93
60	130.84
65	141.74
70	152.64
75	163.55
80	174.45
85	185.35
90	196.25
95	207.16
100	218.06

2. Rates for Those With Severe Disablement

Disablement (%)	Weekly Rate (\$)
105	228.96
110	239.86
115	250.76
120	261.67
125	272.57
130	283.47
135	294.38
140	305.28
145	316.18
150	327.08
155	337.99
160	348.89

3. Rates for Those With Severe Disablement: Aged 60 Years and Over

Disablement (%)	Weekly Rate (\$)
105	251.86
110	263.85
115	275.84
120	287.84
125	299.83
130	311.82
135	323.82
140	335.81
145	347.80

Disablement (%)	Weekly Rate (\$)
150	359.79
155	371.79
160	383.78

Note: War Pensions are not subject to income tax. Those with severe disablement aged 60 years and over receive an additional 10% of their pension.

Other War Pensions and Allowances From 1 April 2015

1. Weekly Rates

	Weekly Rate (\$)
Clothing Allowance	
Loss of two limbs or parts	23.16
Loss of leg or part	22.34
Loss of arm or part	16.19
Use of mechanical appliance (maximum)	16.19
Soiling of Clothing	16.19
Surviving Spouse Pension	160.86
Attendants Allowance (maximum)	384.63
Travelling Allowance	25.13
Allowance for Decorations	31.30

2. Annual Rates

	Annual Rate (\$)
Annuity to Victoria Cross Holders	2189.38

Scheme One Entitlements

1. Disablement Pension From 1 April 2015

Impairment Rating (%)	Weekly Rate (\$)
5-7	10.91
8-12	21.81
13-17	32.71
18-22	43.61
23-25	54.52
26-30	65.42
31-32	76.32
33-37	87.22
38-41	98.13
42-47	109.03
48-49	119.93
50	130.83
51	141.74
52-54	152.64
55-57	163.54
58-61	174.45
62-66	185.35
67	196.26
68-74	207.15
75	218.06
76	228.96
77	239.87
78	250.76
79	261.67
80	272.57
81	294.37
82	316.18
83	337.98
84	359.80

Impairment Rating (%)	Weekly Rate (\$)
85-100	383.78

2. Weekly Pensions and Allowances

	Weekly Rate (\$)
Surviving Spouse or Partner Pension	160.86
Dependant's Pension	160.86
Children's Pension	172.25
Weekly Income Compensation	862.00
Battery Allowance	
Monaural	1.06
Binaural	2.14

3. Annual Allowances and Grants

	Annual Rate (\$)
Children's Bursary (Orphans and Children of Veteran's Pension)	
Full Time Year 9-13	910.37
Full-time Tertiary	1,080.26
Part-time Tertiary	455.13
Children's Bursary (Other Children)	
Full Time Year 9-13	455.15
Full-time Tertiary	540.10
Part-time Tertiary	227.56
Retirement Lump Sum	33,250.80
Asset Threshold for Couple (excluding house or vehicle)	302,280.00
Asset Threshold for Single or Couple (including house or vehicle)	503,800.00
Motor Vehicle Grant	
Total Lower Body Impairment	18,675.49
Severe Lower Body Impairment	8,404.52
Motor Vehicle Fitting Grant	3,015.30
Funeral Expenses	2,455.42
Transportation of body within same locality	653.32
Transportation of body to a different locality	1,306.63

Veteran's Pension

Pension type	Net weekly rate (\$) (after tax at "M")	Net weekly rate (\$) (after tax at "S")	Gross weekly rate (\$)
Standard rates			
Single, living alone	374.53	355.68	431.10
Single, sharing	345.72	326.87	396.17
Married, civil union, or de facto couple, both qualify (total)	576.20	538.50	652.60
Married, civil union, or de facto couple, both qualify (each)	288.10	269.25	326.30
Married, civil union, or de facto couple, with non-qualified spouse included (total)	547.64	509.94	618.08
Married, civil union, or de facto couple, with non-qualified spouse included (each)	273.82	254.97	309.04
Non-standard rates			
Married couple, with non-qualified spouse included before 1 October 1991 (total)	576.20	538.50	652.60
Married couple, with non-qualified spouse included before 1 October 1991 (each)	288.10	269.25	326.30
Qualified partner in rest home with non-qualified partner in the community	262.64	243.79	295.41
Hospital rate*	43.45	N/A	48.49

* This rate is always taxed at "M".

Dated at Wellington this 18th day of March 2015.

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