

Veterans Pension



At 65, with 'Operational Service' you can apply for VP. It is administered and paid by MSD, is taxed and paid at same rate as NZ Superannuation. Should automatically get a Community Service Card endorsement (CSC) so your card should have VP / CSC on the back

and a large V and poppy on the front.

Veterans Pension Centre: 0800 650 656

You can also take your Goldcard to the Automobile Association to have your photo put on the back so you have another form of photo ID.

Disablement Pension (Previously known as War Disablement Pension)



Once you apply to Veterans Affairs, and have one or more conditions 'accepted', you should be issued with a Treatment Card which lists your details and accepted conditions.

Veterans Affairs: 0800 483 8372 www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz

Other Contacts:

RSA District Support Manager

Phone:

RNZRSA (Wellington)

Phone: 04 384 7994

VETERANS SUPPORT ACT SCHEME ONE



HAVE YOU SERVED?

NZ MILITARY SERVICE BEFORE 1st APRIL 1974

"The RSA supports all serving and ex-serving members of the NZDF and allied forces, NZ Police, their families and dependents. Support can include access to a variety of services to assist in the maintenance of physical and mental wellbeing, financial assistance in time of hardship (e.g. medical, educational and social) and assistance and advocacy to manage health issues with health providers."

Local RSA contact is:

Phone:

DID YOU SERVE PRIOR TO 1st APRIL 1974 IN ANY CAPACITY?

- Compulsory Military Training (CMT)
- National Service
- Territorial Service
- Routine Military Service, Navy, Army, Air Force
- Operational Service

IF YOU DID, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM VETERANS AFFAIRS AS FOLLOWS:

Injury or Condition Attributable to Service

If you have a medical condition or injury that **you think may** be attributable to your military service, you are eligible to apply to Veterans Affairs for a Disablement Pension.

You will need to complete a Veterans Affairs application form VA 01.

Service Cemeteries

If you have operational service, you are entitled to be buried in a Services Cemetery with your spouse or partner. VA will cover the full cost of:

- Plaque or headstone and installation
- Updates of the plaque or headstone for spouse or partner when interred
- If buried in a public or private cemetery VA may contribute up to NZD \$1,000

Veterans Independence Programme (VIP)

These free services support you to remain independent in your own home. You do not need to have a service related condition to receive this support.

The most popular services available under VIP are:

Lawn mowing and gardening	House and path washing
Gutter cleaning	External window cleaning
Home help (2hrs / wk)	Medical alarm & smoke alarm
Podiatry	
Access ramps & rails (with VA's OT recommendation)	

HOW TO ACCESS VIP SERVICES

RING 0800 483 8372 - Veterans Affairs free phone

The call taker will note your details and put you through to a Case Manager if one is available or will have a Case Manager ring you:

The Case Manager will contact you by phone and will:

- Explain the needs assessment process
- Explain your rights and responsibilities
- Ask if you're free to do the needs assessment now

The Needs Assessment:

Is a series of straightforward questions designed to work out the type and level of support you need. Answer the questions honestly and don't pretend to be a hero. A fall from a ladder when trying to clean your gutters is not a good option at any age.

VIP is not means tested and the service costs you nothing except a phone call and a little time and patience.

Most VIP services continue for 12 months for your surviving spouse after your death.