



# Veterans' Support (Abatement) Amendment Regulations 2020

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

## Order in Council

At Wellington this 24th day of February 2020

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

These regulations are made under sections 171 and 265 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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## Regulations

### 1 Title

These regulations are the Veterans' Support (Abatement) Amendment Regulations 2020.

**2 Commencement**

These regulations come into force on 1 April 2020.

**3 Principal regulations**

These regulations amend the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014 (the **principal regulations**).

**4 Regulation 42 amended (Rates of veteran's pension)**

In regulation 42(1), replace “section 171 of the Act” with “regulation 42A”.

**5 New regulation 42A inserted (Abatement of veteran's pension)**

After regulation 42, insert:

**42A Abatement of veteran's pension**

- (1) The amount payable to a veteran who is entitled to a veteran's pension under—
  - (a) section 161 of the Act is subject to abatement in accordance with subclause (2), if the veteran receives the veteran's pension at the relationship (partner not receiving superannuation or pension) rate or the relationship (partner not receiving superannuation or pension) legacy rate;
  - (b) section 164 of the Act is subject to abatement in accordance with subclause (3), if the veteran receives the veteran's pension at the relationship rate, the single living alone rate, or the single sharing accommodation rate;
  - (c) section 164 of the Act is subject to abatement in accordance with subclause (4), if the veteran receives the veteran's pension at the relationship (partner not receiving superannuation or pension) rate or the relationship (partner not receiving superannuation or pension) legacy rate.
- (2) VANZ must, in calculating the veteran's pension payable to a veteran to whom this subclause applies, reduce the amount of the pension payable,—
  - (a) for the period starting on 1 April 2020 and ending on 31 March 2021, by 70 cents for every \$1 of the combined income of the person receiving a veteran's pension and his or her spouse or partner that exceeds \$115 per week; and
  - (b) for the period starting on 1 April 2021 and ending on 31 March 2022, by 70 cents for every \$1 of the combined income of the person receiving a veteran's pension and his or her spouse or partner that exceeds \$120 per week; and
  - (c) for the period starting on 1 April 2022 and ending on 31 March 2023, by 70 cents for every \$1 of the combined income of the person receiving a veteran's pension and his or her spouse or partner that exceeds \$125 per week; and

- (d) for the period starting on 1 April 2023 and ending on 31 March 2024, by 70 cents for every \$1 of the combined income of the person receiving a veteran's pension and his or her spouse or partner that exceeds \$130 per week.
- (3) VANZ must, in calculating the veteran's pension payable to a veteran to whom this subclause applies, reduce the amount of the pension payable,—
  - (a) for the period starting on 1 April 2020 and ending on 31 March 2021, by—
    - (i) 30 cents for every \$1 of the employment income derived by the veteran (before the deduction of income tax) that exceeds \$115 per week, but does not exceed \$215 per week; and
    - (ii) 70 cents for every \$1 of the employment income derived by the veteran (before the deduction of income tax) that exceeds \$215 per week; and
  - (b) for the period starting on 1 April 2021 and ending on 31 March 2022, by—
    - (i) 30 cents for every \$1 of the employment income derived by the veteran (before the deduction of income tax) that exceeds \$120 per week, but does not exceed \$220 per week; and
    - (ii) 70 cents for every \$1 of the employment income derived by the veteran (before the deduction of income tax) that exceeds \$220 per week; and
  - (c) for the period starting on 1 April 2022 and ending on 31 March 2023, by—
    - (i) 30 cents for every \$1 of the employment income derived by the veteran (before the deduction of income tax) that exceeds \$125 per week, but does not exceed \$225 per week; and
    - (ii) 70 cents for every \$1 of the employment income derived by the veteran (before the deduction of income tax) that exceeds \$225 per week; and
  - (d) for the period starting on 1 April 2023 and ending on 31 March 2024, by—
    - (i) 30 cents for every \$1 of the employment income derived by the veteran (before the deduction of income tax) that exceeds \$130 per week, but does not exceed \$230 per week; and
    - (ii) 70 cents for every \$1 of the employment income derived by the veteran (before the deduction of income tax) that exceeds \$230 per week.
- (4) VANZ must, in calculating the veteran's pension payable to a veteran to whom this subclause applies, reduce the amount of the pension payable,—

- (a) for the period starting on 1 April 2020 and ending on 31 March 2021, by—
  - (i) 30 cents for every \$1 of the combined income derived by the veteran and the veteran's spouse or partner that exceeds \$115 per week, but does not exceed \$215 per week; and
  - (ii) 70 cents for every \$1 of the combined income derived by the veteran and the veteran's spouse or partner that exceeds \$215 per week; and
- (b) for the period starting on 1 April 2021 and ending on 31 March 2022, by—
  - (i) 30 cents for every \$1 of the combined income derived by the veteran and the veteran's spouse or partner that exceeds \$120 per week, but does not exceed \$220 per week; and
  - (ii) 70 cents for every \$1 of the combined income derived by the veteran and the veteran's spouse or partner that exceeds \$220 per week; and
- (c) for the period starting on 1 April 2022 and ending on 31 March 2023, by—
  - (i) 30 cents for every \$1 of the combined income derived by the veteran and the veteran's spouse or partner that exceeds \$125 per week, but does not exceed \$225 per week; and
  - (ii) 70 cents for every \$1 of the combined income derived by the veteran and the veteran's spouse or partner that exceeds \$225 per week; and
- (d) for the period starting on 1 April 2023 and ending on 31 March 2024, by—
  - (i) 30 cents for every \$1 of the combined income derived by the veteran and the veteran's spouse or partner that exceeds \$130 per week, but does not exceed \$230 per week; and
  - (ii) 70 cents for every \$1 of the combined income derived by the veteran and the veteran's spouse or partner that exceeds \$230 per week.

Michael Webster,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

## Explanatory note

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations, which come into force on 1 April 2020, amend the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014 (the **principal regulations**). The amendments increase annually until the end of March 2024 the levels of other income that a veteran, spouse or partner may receive without abatement of the veteran's pension.

The amendments to the principal regulations are made because of the replacement, on 1 April 2020, of section 171 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014 and associated amendments made by the Social Assistance Legislation (Budget 2019 Welfare Package) Amendment Act 2019.

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