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Order in Council

At Wellington this 1st day of December 2014

Present:
The Right Hon John Key presiding in Council

Pursuant to sections 7, 20, 21, 22, 31, 47, 56, 66, 72, 76, 81, 145, 148, 151, 153, 154, 169, 174, 229, 247, 254, 265, 266, and 269 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014, His Excellency the Governor-General makes the following regulations, acting—

(a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and

(b) in relation to regulations 9 to 15 and 17, on the recommendation of the Minister of Veterans' Affairs given in accordance with sections 20, 21, 22, and 269 of that Act.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 7 December 2014.

3 Interpretation

(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Act means the Veterans' Support Act 2014

public transport means scheduled public transport (for example, by ferry, bus, or train) but excludes air transport.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) terms used but not defined in these regulations and used or defined in the Act have the same meanings as in the Act:

(b) the amount of any rate or other payment is the amount before the deduction of tax (if any).

Regulation 3: replaced, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 4 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Part 1
Regulations relating to Part 1 of Act

Treatment providers

4 Additional occupational groups to be treatment providers

Regulations 5 to 8 provide that members of certain occupational groups who meet specified criteria are treatment providers for the purposes of the definition of treatment provider in section 7 of the Act.

5 Acupuncturists

A person who is an acupuncturist is a treatment provider if the person—

(a) is registered as a practitioner of acupuncture with the Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand, established by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (Designation of Chinese Medicine Services as Health Profession) Order 2021; and

(b) holds a current practising certificate.

Regulation 5: replaced, on 4 September 2025, by regulation 4 of the Veterans' Support (Treatment Providers) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/169).

6 Audiologists

A person who is an audiologist is a treatment provider if the person—

(a) is a full audiologist member of the New Zealand Audiological Society Incorporated; and

(aa) holds a current practising certificate; and

(b) when acting as an audiologist, is not acting—

(i) in the course of employment by a supplier of hearing aids; or

(ii) as a supplier of hearing aids.

Regulation 6(a): amended, on 4 September 2025, by regulation 5(1) of the Veterans' Support (Treatment Providers) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/169).

Regulation 6(aa): inserted, on 4 September 2025, by regulation 5(2) of the Veterans' Support (Treatment Providers) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/169).

Regulation 6(b)(i): amended, on 4 September 2025, by regulation 5(3) of the Veterans' Support (Treatment Providers) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/169).

6A Audiometrists

A person who is an audiometrist is a treatment provider if the person—

(a) is a full audiometrist member of the New Zealand Audiological Society Incorporated; and

(b) holds a current practising certificate; and

(c) when acting as an audiometrist, is not acting—

(i) in the course of employment by a supplier of hearing aids; or

(ii) as a supplier of hearing aids.

Regulation 6A: inserted, on 4 September 2025, by regulation 6 of the Veterans' Support (Treatment Providers) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/169).

6B Chinese medicine practitioners

A person who is a Chinese medicine practitioner is a treatment provider if the person—

(a) is registered as a practitioner of Chinese medicine services with the Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand, established by the Health

Practitioners Competence Assurance (Designation of Chinese Medicine Services as Health Profession) Order 2021; and

(b) holds a current practising certificate.

Regulation 6B: inserted, on 4 September 2025, by regulation 6 of the Veterans' Support (Treatment Providers) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/169).

7 Counsellors

A person who is a counsellor is a treatment provider if the person is—

(a) a health practitioner under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 and counselling is within his or her scope of practice under that Act; or

(b) recognised by the Accident Compensation Corporation as a counsellor for the purposes of the Accident Compensation Act 2001.

7A Paramedics

A person who is a paramedic is a treatment provider if the person—

(a) is registered as a paramedic with the Paramedic Council, established by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (Designation of Paramedic Services as Health Profession) Order 2019; and

(b) holds a current practising certificate.

Regulation 7A: inserted, on 4 September 2025, by regulation 7 of the Veterans' Support (Treatment Providers) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/169).

8 Speech therapists

A person who is a speech therapist is a treatment provider if the person is a member of the New Zealand Speech-Language Therapists' Association Incorporated.

Paired organs

9 Paired organs

The following organs are paired organs for the purposes of section 20 of the Act:

(a) adrenal glands:

(b) breasts:

(c) ears:

(d) eyes:

(e) kidneys:

(f) lungs:

(g) ovaries:

(h) testicles.

Illnesses and conditions conclusively presumed to be service-related

10 Conclusively presumed illnesses and conditions

Regulations 11 to 14 provide that certain illnesses and conditions in relation to certain events or deployments are to be treated as service-related for the purpose of section 21 of the Act.

11 World War II prisoners of war

(1) This regulation applies to a veteran if the veteran was a prisoner of war at any time during World War II.

(2) If the veteran suffers from an illness or a condition described in subclause (3), the illness or condition must be treated as service-related.

(3) The illnesses and conditions are—

(a) any of the anxiety states:

(b) beriberi:

(c) chronic dysentery:

(d) cirrhosis of the liver:

(e) dysthymia:

(f) heart disease or hypertensive vascular disease, including complications:

(g) helminthiasis (intestinal vermiform parasites):

(h) hypovitaminosis:

(i) irritable bowel syndrome:

(j) malnutrition (including optic atrophy):

(k) organic residuals of frostbite:

(l) peptic ulcer disease:

(m) pellagra and any other nutritional deficiencies:

(n) peripheral neuropathy:

(o) post-traumatic osteoarthritis:

(p) psychosis:

(q) stroke and residuals of stroke.

12 Exposure to nuclear radiation

(1) This regulation applies to a veteran if the veteran served—

(a) with J Force in Japan at any time during the years 1946 to 1952; or

(b) on HMNZS Pukaki or HMNZS Rotoiti at any time during the years 1957 and 1958; or

(c) on HMNZS Otago on 22 July 1973; or

(d) on HMNZS Canterbury on 28 July 1973.

(2) If the veteran suffers from an illness or a condition described in subclause (3), the illness or condition must be treated as service-related.

(3) The illnesses and conditions are—

(a) all forms of leukaemia (except for chronic lymphocytic leukaemia):

(b) bronchioloalveolar carcinoma:

(c) cancer of the thyroid, breast, pharynx, oesophagus, stomach, small intestine, pancreas, bile ducts, gall bladder, salivary gland, urinary tract (renal, ureter, urinary bladder, or urethra), brain, bone, lung, colon, or ovary:

(d) lymphomas (other than Hodgkin's disease):

(e) multiple myeloma:

(f) primary liver cancer (except if cirrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated).

13 Vietnam

(1) This regulation applies to a veteran if the veteran served in Vietnam—

(a) at any time during the period beginning on 29 May 1964 and ending on the close of 31 December 1972; or

(b) with 41 Squadron RNZAF at any time during the period beginning on 1 January 1973 and ending on the close of 21 April 1975; or

(c) as a member of the civilian surgical team at Qui Nhon Provincial State Hospital, Binh Dinh province at any time during the period beginning on 1 December 1963 and ending on the close of 31 March 1975.

(2) If the veteran suffers from an illness or a condition described in subclause (3), the illness or condition must be treated as service-related.

(3) The illnesses and conditions are—

(a) acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy:

(b) AL-type primary amyloidosis:

(c) chloracne:

(d) chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (including hairy-cell leukaemia and any other chronic B-cell leukaemias):

(e) Hodgkin's disease:

(f) hypertension:

(g) ischaemic heart disease:

(h) multiple myeloma:

(i) non-Hodgkin's lymphoma:

(j) Parkinson's disease:

(k) porphyria cutanea tarda:

(l) prostate cancer:

(m) respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx, and trachea):

(n) soft tissue sarcoma:

(o) stroke:

(p) type 2 diabetes.

14 Gulf War

(1) This regulation applies to a veteran if the veteran served in the Gulf War at any time during the period beginning on 20 December 1990 and ending on the close of 13 April 1991.

(2) If the veteran suffers from an illness or a condition in subclause (3), the illness or condition must be treated as service-related.

(3) The illnesses and conditions are—

(a) medically unexplained chronic multi-symptom illnesses—

(i) that are defined by a cluster of signs or symptoms, such as—

(A) chronic fatigue syndrome:

(B) fibromyalgia:

(C) irritable bowel syndrome; and

(ii) that have existed for 6 months or more:

(b) signs or symptoms of an undiagnosed illness that include fatigue, skin symptoms, headaches, muscle pain, joint pain, neurological symptoms, respiratory symptoms, sleep disturbance, gastro-intestinal symptoms, cardiovascular symptoms, weight loss, or menstrual disorders.

Statements of principles

15 Certain Australian statements of principles apply

(1) The statements of principles described in Schedule 1 apply for the purposes of the Act.

(2) The version of a statement of principles referred to in Schedule 1 in the column headed "**Reasonable hypothesis**" is to be applied if a veteran's service-related injury, illness, condition, whole-person impairment, or death relates to qualifying operational service.

(3) The version of a statement of principles referred to in Schedule 1 in the column headed "**Balance of probabilities**" is to be applied if a veteran's service-related injury, illness, condition, whole-person impairment, or death relates to qualifying routine service.

Indexation under section 30 of Act

Heading: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 5 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

15A Formula for indexation under section 30 of Act

(1) This regulation sets out the formula for the indexation of the amounts described in section 30(1) of the Act.

(2) The formula is as follows:

$$a \times (b \div c)$$

where—

a is the amount at the date of indexation, before the amount is adjusted

b is the LCI figure for the March quarter immediately prior to the date of indexation

c is the LCI figure for the March quarter prior to the quarter referred to in item b.

(3) In subclause (2), **LCI** means the *Labour Cost Index All Salary and Wage Rates (including overtime), all industries and sectors combined* published by Statistics New Zealand or, if that index ceases to be published, any measure certified by the Government Statistician as being equivalent to that index.

(4) For the purposes of applying the formula in subclause (2),—

(a) the number resulting from dividing item b by item c must be rounded up or down to 4 decimal places (with 0.00005 or greater being rounded up):

(b) the result must be rounded to the nearest cent as follows:

(i) an amount of less than 0.5 cents must be rounded down:

(ii) an amount of 0.5 cents or more than 0.5 cents must be rounded up.

(5) An amount that is adjusted by applying the formula takes effect on and from 1 July after the March quarter referred to in item b in subclause (2).

(6) However, no amount is to be adjusted if the application of the formula produces a negative figure.

Regulation 15A: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 5 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Regulation 15A(3): replaced, on 1 September 2022, by section 107(1) of the Data and Statistics Act 2022 (2022 No 39).

Indexation under section 31 of Act

Heading: replaced, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 6 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

16 Formula for indexation of certain entitlements under section 31 of Act

(1) This regulation sets out the formula for the indexation of the following entitlements under section 31 of the Act:

(a) the rates of disablement pension (section 56 of the Act):

(b) the rate of the surviving spouse or partner pension (section 66 of the Act):

(c) the rate of the children's pension (section 72 of the Act):

(d) the rate of the dependant's pension (section 76 of the Act):

(e) the rate of the children's bursary (section 81 of the Act):

(f) the maximum amount for motor vehicle grants (section 148 of the Act):

(g) the amount of the retirement lump sum payment (section 151 of the Act):

(h) the asset threshold for non-exempt assets (section 151 of the Act):

(i) the maximum amount payable for funeral expenses for a veteran whose death is attributable to qualifying service (section 153 of the Act):

(j) the maximum amount payable for funeral expenses for a veteran whose death is not attributable to qualifying service (section 154 of the Act):

(k) the lump sum payment to a surviving spouse or partner of a veteran receiving the veteran's pension (section 174 of the Act).

(2) The formula is as follows:

$$a \times (b \div c)$$

where—

a is the amount of the entitlement at the date of indexation, before the amount is adjusted

b is the CPI figure for the December quarter immediately prior to the date of indexation

c is the CPI figure for the December quarter prior to the quarter referred to in item b.

(3) In subclause (2), **CPI** means the Consumers Price Index (all groups) published by Statistics New Zealand or, if that index ceases to be published, any measure certified by the Government Statistician as being equivalent to that index.

(4) For the purposes of applying the formula in subclause (2),—

(a) the number resulting from dividing item b by item c must be rounded up or down to 4 decimal places (with 0.00005 or greater being rounded up):

(b) the result must be rounded to the nearest cent as follows:

(i) an amount of less than 0.5 cents must be rounded down:

(ii) an amount of 0.5 cents or more than 0.5 cents must be rounded up.

(5) An entitlement that is adjusted by applying the formula takes effect on and from 1 April after the December quarter referred to in item b in subclause (2).

(6) However, no entitlement is to be adjusted if the application of the formula produces a negative figure.

Regulation 16(1): replaced, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 7(1) of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Regulation 16(2) formula: replaced, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 7(2) of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Regulation 16(3): replaced, on 1 September 2022, by section 107(1) of the Data and Statistics Act 2022 (2022 No 39).

16A Formula for indexation of lump sum for permanent impairment, survivor's grant, and child care payments

(1) This regulation sets out the formula for the indexation of the following entitlements under section 31 of the Act:

(a) the lump sum payment for permanent impairment (section 98 of the Act):

(b) the survivor's grant (clause 53 of Schedule 2 of the Act):

(c) child care payments for children of deceased veterans (clause 64 of Schedule 2 of the Act).

(2) The formula is as follows:

$$a \times (b \div c)$$

where—

a is the amount of the entitlement at the date of indexation, before the amount is adjusted

b is the CPI figure for the March quarter immediately prior to the date of indexation

c is the CPI figure for the March quarter prior to the quarter referred to in item b.

(3) In subclause (2), **CPI** means the Consumers Price Index (all groups) published by Statistics New Zealand or, if that index ceases to be published, any measure certified by the Government Statistician as being equivalent to that index.

(4) For the purposes of applying the formula in subclause (2),—

(a) the number resulting from dividing item b by item c must be rounded up or down to 4 decimal places (with 0.00005 or greater being rounded up):

(b) the result must be rounded to the nearest cent as follows:

(i) an amount of less than 0.5 cents must be rounded down:

(ii) an amount of 0.5 cents or more than 0.5 cents must be rounded up.

(5) An entitlement that is adjusted by applying the formula takes effect on and from 1 July after the March quarter referred to in item b in subclause (2).

(6) However, no entitlement is to be adjusted if the application of the formula produces a negative figure.

Regulation 16A: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 8 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Regulation 16A(3): replaced, on 1 September 2022, by section 107(1) of the Data and Statistics Act 2022 (2022 No 39).

Part 2
Regulations relating to Part 3 of Act

Rate of disablement pension

17 Rate of disablement pension

(1) The rate of a veteran's disablement pension payable under section 56 of the Act is to be determined according to the level of the veteran's whole-person impairment.

(2) The rates of the disablement pension are set out in Schedule 2.

(3) A veteran's level of whole-person impairment in the first column of Schedule 2 is to be determined in accordance with the American Medical Association *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* (4th ed).

(4) To avoid doubt, the level of whole-person impairment of a veteran who is applying for a disablement pension under clause 6(2) of Schedule 1 of the Act is to be assessed in accordance with the American Medical Association *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* (4th ed).

Surviving spouse or partner pension

18 Rate of surviving spouse or partner pension

The rate of the surviving spouse or partner pension payable under section 66 of the Act is $160.04 per week.

Children's pension

19 Rate of children's pension

The rate of the children's pension payable under section 72 of the Act is $171.38 per week.

Dependant's pension

20 Maximum rate of dependant's pension

The maximum rate of a dependant's pension payable under section 76 of the Act is $160.04 per week.

21 VANZ to take into account dependant's economic position in determining actual rate

(1) Regulations 22 to 25 specify the criteria that VANZ must take into account in assessing a dependant's economic position for the purpose of determining the rate of a dependant's pension payable to the dependant.

(2) If, at any time, VANZ has reason to believe that a dependant's economic position has changed, VANZ may reassess the dependant's economic position in order to determine the appropriate rate payable to the dependant.

22 Rate of dependant's pension

(1) If a dependant's weekly income is equal to or less than 50% of the maximum rate, the pension payable to the dependant is the maximum rate.

(2) If a dependant's weekly income is more than 50% of the maximum rate, the pension payable to the dependant is the maximum rate minus $1 for every $1 of income that exceeds 50% of the maximum rate.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation, a **dependant's weekly income** is the amount equivalent to the dependant's income (inclusive of any income tax) during the preceding 12-month period divided by 52.

23 Dependant's income

(1) For the purposes of regulation 22(3), a dependant's income includes—

(a) income received by the dependant:

(b) income received by the dependant's spouse or partner:

(c) any benefits paid to the dependant under the Social Security Act 2018:

(d) income derived from assets owned by the dependant:

(e) income derived from assets owned by the dependant's spouse or partner.

(2) A dependant's income does not include—

(a) any assets received by the dependent, or the dependant's spouse or partner, that are defined as exempt assets, exempted from a means assessment, or declared not to be cash assets under a social security enactment:

(b) any income derived from assets of the type described in paragraph (a):

(c) any income that is exempted from a means assessment or declared not to be income under a social security enactment:

(d) the dependant's interest in a residential dwelling that is the dependant's principal residence:

(e) the dependant's interest in a car or similar vehicle for the dependant's own use.

(3) In this regulation, unless the context otherwise requires,—

income has the meaning given by Schedule 2 of the Social Security Act 2018

social security enactment means—

(a) Schedule 2 of the Residential Care and Disability Support Services Act 2018:

(b) the Social Security (Long-term Residential Care) Regulations 2005 (or any other regulations made or treated as made under section 74 of the Residential Care and Disability Support Services Act 2018):

(c) the Social Security (Income and Cash Assets Exemptions) Regulations 2011 (or any other regulations made or treated as made—

(i) under section 422 for the purposes of clause 9 of Schedule 3 of the Social Security Act 2018; or

(ii) under section 423 for the purposes of subpart 10 of Part 2 and Part 7 of Schedule 4 of the Social Security Act 2018):

(d) the Social Security (Temporary Additional Support) Regulations 2005 (or any other regulations made or treated as made under section 428 of the Social Security Act 2018).

(4) For the purposes of this regulation, any reference in an enactment referred to in subclause (3) to the chief executive is to be read as a reference to VANZ.

Regulation 23(1)(c): amended, on 26 November 2018, by section 459 of the Social Security Act 2018 (2018 No 32).

Regulation 23(3) **income**: amended, on 26 November 2018, by section 459 of the Social Security Act 2018 (2018 No 32).

Regulation 23(3) **social security enactment**: replaced, on 26 November 2018, by section 459 of the Social Security Act 2018 (2018 No 32).

24 Deprivation of assets and income

(1) If VANZ is satisfied that a dependant, or the dependant's spouse or partner, has directly or indirectly deprived himself or herself of any assets or income, VANZ, in assessing the dependant's economic position, may treat the deprivation as if it had not occurred.

(2) Subclause (1) does not apply if the deprivation occurred before the veteran for which the pension is payable—

(a) died; or

(b) became entitled to—

(i) a war disablement pension under Part 2 of the War Pensions Act 1954 in relation to disablement of 70% or more; or

(ii) a disablement pension under subpart 3 of Part 3 of the Act in relation to whole-person impairment of 52% or more.

25 How value of land to be determined

(1) If an assessment of a dependant's economic position involves determining the value of land, the value is to be determined in accordance with regulations 9D and 9E of the Social Security (Long-term Residential Care) Regulations 2005.

(2) For the purposes of subclause (1), regulations 9D and 9E of those regulations apply with all necessary modifications and as if references to the chief executive were references to VANZ.

Children's bursaries

26 Rates of children's bursaries

(1) This regulation specifies the rates of children's bursaries payable under section 81 of the Act.

(2) The children's bursary payable in respect of a child who, immediately before the commencement of Part 3 of the Act, was receiving a children's pension under section 40 of the War Pensions Act 1954 or who is the child of a veteran receiving a veteran's pension is—

(a) $905.75, if the child is undertaking full-time study at a secondary school:

(b) $452.82, if the child is undertaking part-time study at a tertiary institution:

(c) $1,074.78, if the child is undertaking full-time study at a tertiary institution.

(3) The children's bursary payable to a child who is not described in subclause (2) is—

(a) $452.84, if the child is undertaking full-time study at a secondary school:

(b) $226.41, if the child is undertaking part-time study at a tertiary institution:

(c) $537.36, if the child is undertaking full-time study at a tertiary institution.

(4) A children's bursary is paid annually in the year in which a child is entitled to the bursary.

Part 2A
Regulations relating to Part 4 of Act

Part 2A: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 9 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Accepted late-onset conditions

Heading: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 9 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

26A Accepted late-onset conditions

The conditions specified in Schedule 2A are accepted late-onset conditions for the purposes of the definition of accepted late-onset condition in section 7 of the Act.

Regulation 26A: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 9 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Transport costs for treatment

Heading: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 9 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

26B Transport costs associated with treatment

(1) This regulation specifies the extent to which VANZ is responsible, under section 88(1) of the Act, for paying the costs of transport the veteran reasonably requires in order to receive treatment that VANZ is responsible for paying or contributing to the cost of.

(2) VANZ must pay the veteran—

(a) any fares paid for public transport for a journey:

(b) for a journey in a private vehicle, $0.62 for each kilometre for the first 200 kilometres of the journey:

(c) if VANZ approves the following costs for a journey before the veteran undertakes the journey:

(i) the cost of any air fares paid for the journey:

(ii) any other costs of transport for the journey.

(3) In subclause (2), **journey**—

(a) means a journey from a veteran's residence to the most appropriate place of treatment (as determined by VANZ) by the most direct route and the return journey from that place (if the veteran makes a return journey); but

(b) does not include any international part of a journey described in paragraph (a).

(4) If the veteran is entitled to be paid the costs of transport by the Accident Compensation Corporation (**ACC**) for a journey and the amount that is payable

by VANZ to the veteran under subclause (2) for the journey is greater than the amount the veteran is entitled to be paid by ACC, the amount that VANZ must pay to the veteran is limited to the difference between the costs of transport payable under subclause (2) and the amount payable by ACC.

Regulation 26B: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 9 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Lump sum payment in place of independence allowance

Heading: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 9 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

26C Lump sum payment in place of independence allowance

(1) This regulation specifies the amount of the lump sum payment that a veteran may elect to receive in place of weekly payments of the independence allowance to which the veteran is entitled under section 96 of the Act.

(2) The veteran may elect to receive in place of weekly payments, over a period of 52 weeks (the **lump sum period**), an amount calculated in accordance with the formula in subclause (3).

(3) The formula is—

$$a \times 51.6075$$

where a is the weekly rate of independence allowance to which the veteran is entitled at the time of the election to receive a lump sum payment.

(4) An election to receive a lump sum payment under this regulation must be in writing.

(5) The lump sum period begins on the date on which the veteran would have received payment of the independence allowance if the veteran had not made the election.

Regulation 26C: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 9 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

26D Additional amount payable if veteran's whole-person impairment increases

(1) A veteran who has received a lump sum payment is entitled to an additional amount calculated in accordance with the formula in subclause (2) if, during the lump sum period, the veteran's whole-person impairment increases with the effect that he or she would have been entitled to a higher weekly rate of independence allowance if he or she had not elected to receive the lump sum payment.

(2) The formula is—

$$[2 \times (a - b)] \times (1 - 1.000562^{(-0.5 \times c)}) \div 0.000562$$

where—

a is the weekly rate of independence allowance to which the veteran would have been entitled immediately after the increase in the person's whole-person impairment if he or she had not elected to receive the lump sum payment

b is the weekly rate of independence allowance to which the veteran would have been entitled immediately before the increase in the person's whole-person impairment if he or she had not elected to receive the lump sum payment

c is the number of full weeks remaining in the lump sum period.

(3) To avoid doubt,—

(a) an increase in whole-person impairment has the effect of increasing the independence allowance payable to a veteran only if the increase is caused by a service-related injury or illness that occurred in the period beginning on 1 April 1974 and ending on the close of 31 March 2002 (*see* section 96(1) of the Act):

(b) a veteran is under no obligation to repay VANZ any amount if, during the lump sum period, his or her whole-person impairment decreases.

Regulation 26D: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 9 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Lump sum compensation for permanent impairment

Heading: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 9 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

26E Lump sum compensation for permanent impairment

(1) The amount of lump sum compensation for permanent impairment payable to a veteran under section 98 and clause 45 of Schedule 2 of the Act must be determined according to the level of the veteran's whole-person impairment.

(2) The amounts of lump sum compensation for permanent impairment that are payable for each level of whole-person impairment are set out in Schedule 2B.

(3) A veteran's level of whole-person impairment in the first column of Schedule 2B is to be determined in accordance with the American Medical Association *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* (4th ed).

Regulation 26E: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 9 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Part 3
Regulations relating to Part 5 of Act

Part 3 heading: replaced, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 9 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Veterans' independence programme

Heading: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 9 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

26F Assessment of need

(1) For the purpose of determining the services and support to be provided to a veteran, VANZ must assess the extent of the veteran's ability to undertake activities that are required in order for the veteran to live independently in his or her home.

(2) If VANZ reasonably considers it is necessary in order to make the assessment referred to in subclause (1), VANZ may require the veteran to undergo an assessment in person (at VANZ's cost).

(3) VANZ must make the assessment described in subclause (1)—

(a) on receiving an application from the veteran in accordance with section 142 of the Act:

(b) if the application is accepted, once in every year after the application is accepted.

(4) If a person assessing a veteran under subclause (2) reasonably considers that the veteran's ability to undertake activities that are required in order for the veteran to live independently in his or her home is likely to change within the following year, VANZ may make the assessment described in subclause (1) more frequently than once in every year.

Regulation 26F: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 9 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

26G Services and support provided by others

VANZ is not required to provide to a veteran under the veterans' independence programme any services or support that the veteran receives from any other person or agency.

Regulation 26G: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 9 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Weekly battery allowance

27 Entitlement to weekly battery allowance

A veteran is entitled to a weekly battery allowance if the veteran—

(a) has a service-related hearing loss; and

(b) is using a hearing aid that is approved by VANZ and that VANZ considers necessary and suitable for the veteran's service-related hearing loss; and

(c) is not being—

(i) supplied with hearing aid batteries from anyone other than VANZ; or

(ii) provided with funding for hearing aid batteries from anyone other than VANZ.

28 Rate of weekly battery allowance

The rate of the weekly battery allowance for the purposes of section 145(b) of the Act is—

(a) $1.05, if a hearing aid is required for only 1 ear:

(b) $2.13, if a hearing aid is required for each ear.

Motor vehicle grants

29 Interpretation

(1) In regulations 30 and 31,—

severe lower body mobility impairment means a service-related impairment due to—

(a) amputation of a lower limb; or

(b) severe and permanent loss of function of the lower extremity affecting mobility

total lower body mobility impairment means a service-related impairment due to—

(a) paraplegia; or

(b) amputation of both lower limbs; or

(c) total or near-total permanent loss of function of the lower extremity affecting mobility.

(2) For the purposes of subclause (1), **lower extremity** means that part of the body from both hips (including the pelvis) to the toes of both feet.

30 Maximum amount of grant

The maximum amount of a motor vehicle grant under section 147 of the Act is—

(a) $8,361.87, in the case of severe lower body mobility impairment:

(b) $18,580.73, in the case of total lower body mobility impairment.

31 Frequency of grants

(1) A motor vehicle grant in relation to severe lower body mobility impairment may be made to a veteran only once.

(2) A motor vehicle grant in relation to total lower body mobility impairment may be made more than once, but only at intervals of not less that 5 years.

32 Additional grant for fitting controls

A veteran who receives a motor vehicle grant may also apply for an additional grant, up to a maximum of $3,000, for the purpose of fitting special driving controls to a vehicle without which the veteran would be unable to drive the vehicle.

33 Criteria for determining whether to make grant

The matters to be taken into account in determining whether to make a grant or an additional grant in relation to a motor vehicle are—

(a) the nature and extent of a veteran's lower body impairment; and

(b) the veteran's need for a motor vehicle or for the special controls; and

(c) the suitability of the motor vehicle or the special controls for the veteran's impairment and needs; and

(d) the cost and condition of the motor vehicle or the special controls; and

(e) whether the veteran will be able to drive the vehicle safely; and

(f) whether the veteran will be legally permitted to drive the motor vehicle in the country in which the veteran intends to operate the vehicle (including whether the veteran holds or will be able to hold a valid driver's licence); and

(g) whether the motor vehicle or the special controls will comply with or be exempted from any applicable laws for operation of a motor vehicle in the country in which the veteran intends to operate that vehicle, such as vehicle registration and warrant of fitness; and

(h) whether the veteran has or is able to obtain comprehensive motor vehicle insurance for the motor vehicle; and

(i) if the motor vehicle is a mobility scooter or similar vehicle, whether the veteran has a medical certificate that indicates the veteran is capable of operating the vehicle; and

(j) whether the veteran has received any previous assistance from VANZ, including (but not limited to) a motor vehicle loan under the War Pensions Act 1954, and how long ago that assistance was received; and

(k) whether the veteran has received any money from the sale of a motor vehicle, or any part of a motor vehicle, that VANZ has previously helped purchase (and, if so, the amount received).

Retirement lump sums

34 Amount of retirement lump sum

The retirement lump sum under section 149 of the Act is $33,000.

35 Asset threshold for non-exempt assets

(1) This regulation specifies the asset threshold for non-exempt assets for the purposes of section 149 of the Act, being the threshold at or above which a veteran does not qualify for a retirement lump sum under that section.

(2) The asset threshold for a veteran who does not have a spouse or partner is $500,000, including the value of a residential dwelling and a vehicle.

(3) A veteran who has a spouse or partner may elect one of the following asset thresholds:

(a) $300,000, excluding the value of a residential dwelling and a vehicle:

(b) $500,000, including the value of a residential dwelling and a vehicle.

36 Assets to be included in asset assessment

(1) Assets to be included in an asset assessment under section 150 of the Act are the assets of the veteran and his or her spouse or partner (if any) that would come within the definition of assets in clause 4 of Schedule 2 of the Residential Care and Disability Support Services Act 2018 (if the veteran were a person being means assessed under section 34 of that Act).

(2) However, assets that are exempt assets and gifts that are allowable gifts are not included in an asset assessment.

(3) For the purposes of subclause (2),—

(a) an asset is an **exempt asset** if it would be an exempt asset under—

(i) clause 4 of Schedule 2 of the Residential Care and Disability Support Services Act 2018; or

(ii) regulation 10 of the Social Security (Long-term Residential Care) Regulations 2005:

(b) a gift is an **allowable gift** if the gift would be or would be treated as an allowable gift under regulations 9 and 9A of the Social Security (Long-term Residential Care) Regulations 2005.

Regulation 36(1): amended, on 26 November 2018, by section 459 of the Social Security Act 2018 (2018 No 32).

Regulation 36(3)(a)(i): amended, on 26 November 2018, by section 459 of the Social Security Act 2018 (2018 No 32).

37 Deprivation of assets

(1) If VANZ is satisfied that a veteran or his or her spouse or partner (if any) has directly or indirectly deprived himself or herself of any assets (other than

exempt assets), the veteran's asset assessment under section 150 of the Act may be conducted as if the deprivation had not occurred.

(2) For the purposes of subclause (1), instances of deprivation of assets include, but are not limited to, the instances described in regulation 9B(a) to (f) of the Social Security (Long-term Residential Care) Regulations 2005.

38 Gifting period

For the purposes of clauses 36 and 37, a reference to the gifting period in clause 4 of Schedule 2 of the Residential Care and Disability Support Services Act 2018 and in regulations 9 to 9B of the Social Security (Long-term Residential Care) Regulations 2005 is to be read as the period of 5 years immediately preceding the date on which the veteran reached the New Zealand superannuation qualification age.

Regulation 38: amended, on 26 November 2018, by section 459 of the Social Security Act 2018 (2018 No 32).

39 How value of land to be determined

(1) If an asset assessment under section 150 of the Act involves determining the value of land, the value is to be determined in accordance with regulations 9D and 9E of the Social Security (Long-term Residential Care) Regulations 2005.

(2) For the purposes of subclause (1), regulations 9D and 9E of those regulations apply with all necessary modifications and as if references to the chief executive were references to VANZ.

Funeral expenses

40 Funeral expenses

For the purposes of sections 153 and 154 of the Act, the maximum amount payable in relation to expenses of a funeral and burial or cremation of a veteran is $2,442.96.

41 Cost of transport of veteran's body

For the purposes of section 153(5) of the Act, the maximum amount payable for transporting a veteran's body from the hospital in which he or she died to the place of the veteran's burial or cremation is—

(a) $650, if the place is within the locality of the hospital:

(b) $1,300, if the place is outside the locality of the hospital.

Financial advice

Heading: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 10 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

41A Prescribed amount for entitlement to costs of financial advice

(1) This regulation prescribes an amount for the purposes of section 157(1)(b) of the Act.

(2) The prescribed amount is $15,000.

Regulation 41A: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 10 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Part 4
Regulations relating to Part 6 of Act

Rates of veteran's pension

42 Rates of veteran's pension

(1) Notices of adjustment of the rates of veteran's pension payable under Part 6 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014 are published on an internet site maintained by or on behalf of VANZ in accordance with section 170 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014.

(2) The rates payable are subject to any abatement under regulation 42A.

Regulation 42: replaced, on 1 April 2021, by regulation 4 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2021 (LI 2021/27).

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) On and from 1 April 2021 VANZ must, in calculating the veteran's pension payable to a veteran to whom this subclause applies, reduce the amount of the

pension payable 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 $160 per week.

(3) On and from 1 April 2021 VANZ must, in calculating the veteran's pension payable to a veteran to whom this subclause applies, reduce the amount of the pension payable by—

(a) 30 cents for every $1 of the employment income derived by the veteran (before deduction of income tax) that exceeds $160 per week, but does not exceed $250 per week; and

(b) 70 cents for every $1 of the employment income derived by the veteran (before the deduction of income tax) that exceeds $250 per week.

(4) On and from 1 April 2021 VANZ must, in calculating the veteran's pension payable to a veteran to whom this subclause applies, reduce the amount of the pension payable by—

(a) 30 cents for every $1 of the combined income derived by the veteran and the veteran's spouse or partner that exceeds $160 per week, but does not exceed $250 per week; and

(b) 70 cents for every $1 of the combined income derived by the veteran and the veteran's spouse or partner that exceeds $250 per week.

Regulation 42A: inserted, on 1 April 2020, by regulation 5 of the Veterans' Support (Abatement) Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/27).

Regulation 42A(2): replaced, on 1 April 2021, by regulation 5 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2021 (LI 2021/27).

Regulation 42A(3): replaced, on 1 April 2021, by regulation 5 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2021 (LI 2021/27).

Regulation 42A(4): replaced, on 1 April 2021, by regulation 5 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2021 (LI 2021/27).

Lump sum payment on death

43 Lump sum payment on death of veteran

(1) This regulation specifies the amount payable under section 174(2) of the Act on the death of—

(a) a veteran to whom section 162(1) of the Act applies and who, on the date of death,—

(i) is ordinarily resident in New Zealand; and

(ii) is receiving a veteran's pension; or

(b) a veteran who, on the date of death,—

(i) is ordinarily resident in New Zealand; and

(ii) is receiving a veteran's pension under section 164 of the Act.

(2) The amount is $5,791.47.

(3) However, if the veteran was, before 1 April 1990, receiving a war veteran's allowance under the War Pensions Act 1954, the amount is $14,602.73.

44 Lump sum payment on death of spouse or partner of veteran

(1) This regulation specifies the amount payable under section 174(4) of the Act on the death of the spouse or partner of a veteran if, on the date of death, the spouse or partner—

(a) is ordinarily resident in New Zealand; and

(b) is receiving a veteran's pension under section 162(2) of the Act.

(2) The amount is $4,416.16.

Part 5
Regulations relating to Part 7 of Act

44A Transport costs associated with assessment

(1) VANZ must pay a veteran's or other claimant's transport costs under this regulation if the veteran or other claimant is required to undergo a medical assessment in accordance with section 221(3) of the Act.

(2) VANZ must pay the veteran or other claimant—

(a) any fares paid for public transport for a journey:

(b) for a journey in a private vehicle, $0.62 for each kilometre for the first 200 kilometres of the journey:

(c) if VANZ approves payment for air fares for a journey before the veteran or other claimant undertakes the journey, any air fares paid for the journey.

(3) In subclause (2), **journey**—

(a) means a journey from a veteran's or other claimant's residence to the place of assessment by the most direct route and the return journey from that place (if the veteran or other claimant makes a return journey); but

(b) does not include any international part of a journey described in paragraph (a).

Regulation 44A: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 11 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

45 Procedure for appeals against review decisions

Regulations 46 to 53 prescribe the procedure relating to appeals against review decisions for the purposes of subpart 2 of Part 7 of the Act.

46 Interpretation

In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires,—

evidence means any evidence or information, whether or not that evidence or information would be admissible in a court of law

party—

(a) means a party to an appeal; and

(b) includes VANZ.

47 VANZ must advise applicant of right to appeal

VANZ must, when notifying the outcome of a review decision to the person who applied for the review, advise the person—

(a) of the right to appeal the review decision; and

(b) of the time limit for bringing an appeal; and

(c) that the person can obtain the form of the notice of appeal directly from VANZ or from VANZ's Internet site.

48 Notice of appeal

(1) The notice of appeal must be made in writing and in the form provided by VANZ for the purpose.

(2) The notice of appeal must specify—

(a) the review decision under appeal; and

(b) the grounds for the appeal.

(3) The notice of appeal must contain the following information:

(a) the full name of the veteran or other claimant; and

(b) a postal, physical, or electronic address to which information and notices concerning the appeal can be delivered to the appellant; and

(c) whether the veteran or other claimant proposes to attend the hearing; and

(d) any other information required by the form provided by VANZ for the purpose.

(4) The form provided by VANZ may require the appellant to specify any evidence on which the appellant intends to rely for the appeal.

49 Notice of hearing

(1) The appeal board must set a date and location for the hearing of an appeal.

(2) Not later than 20 working days before the hearing date, the appeal board must notify the parties of the hearing date and location of the hearing.

50 Case management conferences and directions

(1) The appeal board may hold a case management conference at any time.

(2) If the appeal board considers that it will secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of an appeal, or it is otherwise in the interests of justice, the appeal board may give a direction in relation to the management of the case.

(3) A direction under subclause (2) may be given on the appeal board's own initiative, or on the application of a party.

51 Evidence

(1) Each party must, not later than 10 working days before the hearing date, provide all evidence on which that party wishes to rely at the hearing to the other party.

(2) However, a party may provide further evidence at a later date in accordance with a direction given by the appeal board under regulation 50(2).

(3) After determining an appeal, the appeal board must return all evidence provided to it by the veteran or other claimant, if the veteran or other claimant so requires.

(4) To avoid doubt, VANZ may keep copies of any evidence provided to it.

52 Appellant not giving oral evidence

(1) This regulation applies if the appellant does not provide oral evidence (whether by attending the hearing or remotely by electronic means).

(2) If the appeal board decides that it cannot determine the appeal without hearing oral evidence from the appellant, the appeal is to be treated as having lapsed, but the appeal board may (on the application of the appellant) revive the appeal.

(3) If the appeal board decides that it can determine the appeal without hearing oral evidence from the appellant, the appeal board may proceed to determine the appeal.

(4) The appeal board must not make a decision under subclause (2) or (3) unless it has given the appellant—

(a) prior notice that it is considering making the decision; and

(b) a reasonable opportunity to respond.

53 Appeal may continue on death of veteran or other claimant

If a veteran or other claimant dies before his or her appeal has been determined, the appeal may be continued by his or her personal representative or by any other suitable person.

Part 6
Regulations relating to Part 8 of Act

Procedure of Veterans' Advisory Board and Veterans' Health Advisory Panel

54 Interpretation

(1) In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires,—

advisory body means the Veterans' Advisory Board or the Veterans' Health Advisory Panel

chairperson—

(a) means the chairperson of an advisory body; and

(b) includes the acting chairperson of an advisory body, if one has been appointed under section 248(4) or 255(5) of the Act (as applicable)

deputy chairperson means the deputy chairperson of an advisory body

matter means an advisory body's performance of its functions or exercise of its powers

member—

(a) means a member of an advisory body; and

(b) includes the chairperson and the deputy chairperson of the advisory body.

(2) In this Part, a member is **interested** in a matter if he or she—

(a) may derive a financial benefit from the matter; or

(b) is the spouse, civil union partner, de facto partner, child, or parent of a person who may derive a financial benefit from the matter; or

(c) may have a financial interest in a person to whom the matter relates; or

(d) is a partner, director, officer, board member, or trustee of a person who may have a financial interest in a person to whom the matter relates; or

(e) is otherwise directly or indirectly interested in the matter.

(3) However, a member is not interested in a matter—

(a) only because he or she receives an entitlement under the Act; or

(b) if his or her interest is so remote or insignificant that it cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to influence him or her in carrying out his or her responsibilities under the Act; or

(c) only because he or she has past or current involvement in the defence sector, in medical research, or in veterans' matters.

Meetings

55 Notice of meetings

(1) An advisory body or the chairperson (or, if there is no chairperson or the chairperson is unavailable, the deputy chairperson) must appoint the times and places of ordinary meetings of the advisory body, and VANZ must give written notice of those meetings to each member.

(2) Notice of a meeting—

(a) must state the time and place of the meeting; and

(b) must be sent to each member's current postal or electronic address.

(3) An irregularity in the notice of a meeting is waived if all members entitled to receive the notice—

(a) attend the meeting without protesting about the irregularity; or

(b) do not attend the meeting, but agree before the meeting is held to waive the irregularity.

Compare: 2004 No 115 Schedule 5 cl 7

56 Methods of holding meetings

A meeting of an advisory body may be held—

(a) by a quorum of members being assembled together at the time and place appointed for the meeting; or

(b) by means of audio, audiovisual, or electronic communication if—

(i) all of the members who wish to participate in the meeting have access to the technology needed to participate in the meeting; and

(ii) a quorum of members can simultaneously communicate with each other throughout the meeting.

Compare: 2004 No 115 Schedule 5 cl 8

57 Unanimous written resolutions

A resolution signed or assented to in writing (whether by post, delivery, or electronic communication) by all members who are entitled to vote on the matter is as valid and effectual as if it had been passed unanimously at a meeting of the advisory body duly called and constituted.

Compare: 2004 No 115 Schedule 5 cl 13

Disclosure of interests

58 Obligation to disclose interest

(1) A member who is interested in a matter relating to an advisory body must disclose details of the interest in accordance with regulation 59 as soon as practicable after the member becomes aware that he or she is interested.

(2) A general notice of an interest in a matter relating to an advisory body, or in a matter that may in future relate to an advisory body, that is disclosed in accordance with regulation 59 is a standing disclosure of that interest for the purposes of this regulation.

(3) A standing disclosure ceases to have effect if the nature of the interest materially alters or the extent of the interest materially increases.

Compare: 2004 No 115 s 63

59 Who disclosure of interests must be made to

The member must disclose details of the interest in an interests register kept by VANZ and to—

(a) the chairperson or, if there is no chairperson or if the chairperson is unavailable or interested, the deputy chairperson; or

(b) the Minister, if there is neither a chairperson nor a deputy chairperson, or if both the chairperson and the deputy chairperson are unavailable or interested.

Compare: 2004 No 115 s 64

60 What must be disclosed

The details that must be disclosed under regulation 59 are—

(a) the nature of the interest and the monetary value of the interest (if the monetary value can be quantified); or

(b) the nature and extent of the interest (if the monetary value cannot be quantified).

Compare: 2004 No 115 s 65

61 Consequences of being interested in matter

(1) A member who is interested in a matter relating to an advisory body—

(a) must not vote or take part in any discussion of the advisory body in relation to the matter, or otherwise participate in any activity of the advisory body in relation to the matter; and

(b) must not take part in any decision of the advisory body in relation to the matter or sign or otherwise endorse any document containing the advisory body's advice, comments, or decisions relating to the matter; and

(c) is to be disregarded for the purpose of forming a quorum for that part of a meeting of the advisory body during which a discussion or decision relating to the matter occurs or is made.

(2) This regulation is subject to regulation 63.

Compare: 2004 No 115 s 66

62 Consequences of failing to disclose interest

The advisory body must notify the Minister of a failure to comply with regulation 58 or 61, and of the affected matters or acts, as soon as practicable after becoming aware of the failure.

Compare: 2004 No 115 s 67

63 Permission to act despite being interested in matter

(1) The chairperson may, by prior written notice to the advisory body or by a ruling during a meeting, permit 1 or more members, or members with a specified class of interest, to take part in any discussion (but not in any decision) of the advisory body in relation to the matter to which the interest relates if the chairperson is satisfied that it is in the public interest to do so.

(2) The permission may state conditions that the member or members must comply with.

(3) The deputy chairperson may give the permission if there is no chairperson or if the chairperson is unavailable or interested.

(4) The Minister may give the permission if there is neither a chairperson nor a deputy chairperson, or if both the chairperson and the deputy chairperson are unavailable or interested.

(5) A permission may be amended or revoked in the same way as it was given.

(6) The advisory body must disclose an interest to which a permission relates in every document to which the interest relates, together with a statement of who gave the permission and any conditions of, amendments to, or revocation of the permission.

Compare: 2004 No 115 s 68

Part 7
Regulations relating to Part 9 of Act

Treatment cards

64 Issue of treatment card

VANZ may issue a treatment card to a veteran if the veteran has an injury, illness, or condition—

(a) that is service-related; and

(b) for which VANZ will pay or contribute towards the cost of treatment.

65 Information to be included on treatment card

A treatment card issued to a veteran must include the following information:

(a) the veteran's—

(i) full name; and

(ii) VANZ reference number; and

(iii) Defence Force number (if applicable); and

(iv) national health index number:

(b) the card's date of issue:

(c) the card's date of expiry (if issued for a limited period):

(d) a description of the injuries, illnesses, or conditions that the veteran has and for which VANZ will pay or contribute towards the cost of treatment:

(e) how to contact VANZ:

(f) a statement to the effect that—

(i) VANZ will pay or contribute towards (whichever is applicable) the cost of treatment of the service-related injuries, illnesses, or conditions described on the card; but

(ii) VANZ will not pay or contribute towards the cost of specialist treatment unless VANZ has given its prior approval.

66 Obligations of treatment card holders

A veteran to whom a treatment card is issued must—

(a) use the card only as evidence of the service-related injuries, illnesses, or conditions described on the card that the veteran has and for which VANZ will pay or contribute towards the cost of treatment; and

(b) comply with the conditions specified in regulation 67; and

(c) comply with all other requirements and restrictions relating to the use of treatment cards specified in regulations 68 and 69.

67 Conditions of use

(1) If a veteran's treatment card is lost, stolen, or destroyed, the veteran must (as soon as possible after becoming aware that this has happened) tell VANZ that his or her treatment card has been lost, stolen, or destroyed.

(2) A veteran must return his or her treatment card to VANZ as soon as possible if—

(a) the treatment card is damaged; or

(b) VANZ has requested (in writing) the veteran to return the card to VANZ.

(3) A veteran must not add to, amend, or remove any information recorded on a treatment card.

(4) A veteran must comply with any other requirement that—

(a) is notified in writing by VANZ to the veteran; and

(b) is reasonably necessary for the use of the treatment card or treatment cards generally.

68 Unauthorised uses of treatment card

(1) A treatment card must not—

(a) be used for any dishonest or improper purpose; or

(b) be used after a veteran has received a notice in writing from VANZ recalling or cancelling the treatment card; or

(c) be given, lent, or sold to another person.

(2) However, subclause (1)(c) does not apply if a treatment card is given to another person to obtain, on behalf of a veteran, a service to which the veteran is entitled.

69 Recall of treatment card

VANZ may require a veteran to return a treatment card if—

(a) the information on the card needs to be changed; or

(b) the veteran is no longer entitled to the card; or

(c) VANZ considers, on reasonable grounds, that the veteran—

(i) has not complied with the conditions relating to the use of the card; or

(ii) has used the card for an unauthorised purpose.

70 Cancellation of treatment card

(1) VANZ may cancel a veteran's treatment card by notice in writing to the veteran if VANZ considers, on reasonable grounds, that—

(a) the veteran is not entitled to the treatment card; or

(b) the veteran has asked VANZ to cancel the treatment card; or

(c) the veteran has, without good reason, refused to return the card after VANZ has requested its return; or

(d) the veteran has not complied with the conditions relating to the use of the card; or

(e) the veteran has used the card for an unauthorised purpose.

(2) VANZ may not cancel a treatment card under subclause (1)(a), (c), (d), or (e) unless it has—

(a) given the veteran notice in writing—

(i) that it proposes to cancel the card; and

(ii) of the grounds for the proposed cancellation; and

(b) given the veteran a reasonable opportunity to provide VANZ with any reasons why it should not cancel the card; and

(c) carefully considered any reasons provided under paragraph (b).

Part 8
Regulations relating to Schedule 2 of Act

Part 8: replaced, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 12 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

70A Allowances and annuity payable under Part 1 of Schedule 1 of Act

[Revoked]

Regulation 70A: revoked, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 12 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Weekly compensation

Heading: replaced, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 12 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

71 Indexation of weekly compensation applies from date of indexation

(1) Weekly compensation payable under section 100 of the Act must be adjusted in accordance with the formula set out in regulation 15A.

(2) Adjustments made under regulation 15A apply only to weekly compensation—

(a) that is paid or payable on or after the date of indexation; and

(b) that relates to a period of incapacity for which the veteran is entitled to weekly compensation that occurs on or after the date of indexation.

(3) Despite subclause (2), adjustments made under this regulation may be made to weekly compensation that relates to a period that occurs on or after the date that is 6 days earlier than the date of indexation.

Regulation 71: replaced, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 12 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Abatement of weekly compensation

Heading: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 12 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

72 Procedure for adjustments where weekly compensation subject to abatement

(1) The adjustment under regulation 15A of weekly compensation that must be abated under clause 44 of Schedule 2 of the Act is determined by—

(a) adjusting the appropriate unabated amount of weekly compensation in accordance with subclause (2); and

(b) adjusting the amount of a person's weekly earnings, as referred to in clause 44 of Schedule 2 of the Act, in accordance with subclause (3); and

(c) applying clause 44 of Schedule 2 of the Act in accordance with subclause (4).

First adjustment

(2) The amount of weekly compensation to which a veteran would be entitled but for an abatement under clause 44 of Schedule 2 of the Act must be adjusted in accordance with the formula set out in regulation 15A.

Second adjustment

(3) The amount of the veteran's weekly earnings must be adjusted at the date of indexation in accordance with the formula set out in regulation 15A.

Third adjustment

(4) The amount of abated weekly compensation payable must be calculated in accordance with clause 44 of Schedule 2 of the Act, using the amounts as adjusted by subclauses (2) and (3).

Regulation 72: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 12 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Child care payments

Heading: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 12 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

73 Weekly entitlement to child care payments

(1) This regulation specifies the amount of the weekly entitlement to payment for child care that is payable under clause 64 of Schedule 2 of the Act.

(2) The weekly entitlement to payment for child care per child is as follows:

(a) if the number of children of a deceased veteran entitled to payment for child care is 1, $164.72:

(b) if the number of children of a deceased veteran entitled to payment for child care is 2, $98.82:

(c) if the number of children of a deceased veteran entitled to payment for child care is 3 or more, $230.62 divided by the number of children of the veteran for whom payment is being made.

Regulation 73: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 12 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Part 9
Miscellaneous provisions

Part 9: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 12 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Allowance payable under Part 1 of Schedule 1 of Act

Heading: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 12 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Heading: amended, on 1 April 2017, by regulation 5 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations 2017 (LI 2017/37).

74 Allowance payable under Part 1 of Schedule 1 of Act

The amount of the allowance payable under section 29A of the War Pensions Act 1954 and regulation 39A of the War Pensions Regulations 1956, and under Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Act, is $32.61 a week.

Regulation 74: replaced, on 1 April 2017, by regulation 6 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations 2017 (LI 2017/37).

Regulation 74: amended, on 1 April 2019, by regulation 5 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/44).

Schedule 1
Australian statements of principles that apply for purposes of Act

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Schedule 1: replaced, on 14 October 2021, by regulation 4 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 5) 2021 (LI 2021/260).

	Number	
Condition	**Reasonable hypothesis**	**Balance of probabilities**
accidental hypothermia	21/2018	22/2018
accommodation disorder	38/2017	39/2017
Achilles tendinopathy	86/2024	87/2024
acoustic neuroma	96/2019	97/2019
acquired cataract	87/2016	88/2016
acute articular cartilage tear	21/2019	22/2019
acute infectious mononucleosis	17/2021	18/2021
acute lymphoblastic leukaemia/lymphoblastic lymphoma	33/2021	34/2021
acute meniscal tear of the knee	25/2019	26/2019
acute myeloid leukaemia	21/2024	22/2024
acute pancreatitis	5/2020	6/2020
acute rheumatic fever	53/2019	54/2019
acute stress disorder	95/2022	96/2022
adhesive capsulitis of the shoulder	72/2020	73/2020
adjustment disorder	58/2025	59/2025
adrenal insufficiency	71/2018	72/2018
albinism	31/2023	32/2023
alcohol use disorder	48/2017	49/2017
allergic contact dermatitis	1/2021	2/2021
allergic rhinitis	111/2022	112/2022
alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency	33/2023	34/2023
Alzheimer disease	33/2019	34/2019
anal fissure	87/2019	88/2019
analgesic nephropathy	43/2025	44/2025
angle-closure glaucoma	5/2021	6/2021
animal envenomation	81/2016	82/2016
ankylosing spondylitis	39/2021	40/2021
anosmia	19/2021	20/2021
anxiety disorder	100/2023	101/2023
aortic aneurysm and aortic wall disorders	21/2021	22/2021
aortic stenosis	13/2022	14/2022
aplastic anaemia	58/2020	59/2020
arachnoid cyst	11/2025	12/2025
asbestosis	59/2021	60/2021
ascariasis	9/2017	10/2017
asthma	31/2021	32/2021
atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter	1/2023	2/2023

Condition	Number	
	Reasonable hypothesis	**Balance of probabilities**
autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease	35/2023	36/2023
Barrett's oesophagus	67/2016	68/2016
benign neoplasm of the eye and adnexa	62/2025	63/2025
benign paroxysmal positional vertigo	56/2017	57/2017
benign prostatic hyperplasia	13/2025	14/2025
bipolar disorder	53/2018	54/2018
blepharitis	29/2019	30/2019
bronchiectasis	30/2017	31/2017
bronchiolitis obliterans organising pneumonia	79/2018	80/2018
bruxism	91/2016	92/2016
cardiac myxoma	32/2017	33/2017
cardiomyopathy	57/2024	58/2024
carotid artery disease	54/2020	55/2020
carpal tunnel syndrome	93/2021	94/2021
central serous chorioretinopathy	45/2018	46/2018
cerebral meningioma	1/2018	2/2018
cerebrovascular accident (stroke)	45/2024	46/2024
cervical dystonia (spasmodic torticollis)	41/2025	42/2025
cervical intervertebral disc prolapse	66/2023	67/2023
cervical spondylosis	11/2023	12/2023
Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease	88/2023	89/2023
chemical burn	3/2024	4/2024
chickenpox	29/2023	30/2023
chilblains	29/2018	30/2018
chloracne	62/2020	63/2020
cholelithiasis	51/2016	52/2016
chondromalacia patella	1/2019	2/2019
chronic exertional compartment syndrome of the lower leg	98/2023	99/2023
chronic fatigue syndrome	105/2021	106/2021
chronic gastritis and chronic gastropathy	101/2021	102/2021
chronic insomnia disorder	37/2019	38/2019
chronic multisymptom illness	3/2020	4/2020
chronic myeloid leukaemia	57/2023	58/2023
chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	17/2023	18/2023
chronic pancreatitis	64/2020	65/2020
chronic pruritus ani	31/2019	32/2019
chronic solvent-induced neurocognitive disorder	109/2021	110/2021
chronic venous insufficiency of the lower limb and varicose veins of the lower limb	7/2021	8/2021
cirrhosis of the liver	1/2017	2/2017
clonorchiasis	25/2025	26/2025
cluster headache	57/2018	58/2018

Condition	Number	
	Reasonable hypothesis	Balance of probabilities
coeliac disease	29/2020	30/2020
colorectal adenoma	15/2022	16/2022
complex regional pain syndrome	97/2016	98/2016
concussion	92/2018	93/2018
conductive hearing loss	81/2019	82/2019
conjunctivitis	76/2020	77/2020
coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)	46/2020	47/2020
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease	80/2022	81/2022
Cushing syndrome	43/2018	44/2018
cut, stab, abrasion and laceration	37/2025	38/2025
de Quervain tendinopathy	41/2019	42/2019
decompression illness	23/2023	24/2023
deep vein thrombosis	35/2021	36/2021
dementia pugilistica	9/2021	10/2021
dengue virus infection	78/2020	79/2020
dental malocclusion	19/2019	20/2019
dental pulp and periapical disease	99/2021	100/2021
depressive disorder	11/2024	12/2024
dermatomyositis	70/2022	71/2022
diabetes mellitus	48/2020	49/2020
diaphragmatic hernia	99/2022	100/2022
discoid lupus erythematosus	49/2025	50/2025
dislocation of a joint and subluxation of a joint	55/2019	56/2019
distal biceps brachii tendinopathy	3/2025	4/2025
diverticular disease of the colon	51/2025	52/2025
duodenal ulcer and duodenal erosion	49/2024	50/2024
Dupuytren disease	9/2019	10/2019
eating disorder	15/2025	16/2025
electrical injury	41/2018	42/2018
endometriosis	51/2021	52/2021
eosinophilic oesophagus	29/2022	30/2022
epicondylitis	5/2023	6/2023
epilepsy	84/2022	85/2022
erectile dysfunction	72/2022	73/2022
essential thrombocythaemia	91/2021	92/2021
exertional heat illness	31/2022	32/2022
explosive blast injury	25/2020	26/2020
familial adenomatous polyposis	77/2021	78/2021
female sexual dysfunction	95/2016	96/2016
femoroacetabular impingement syndrome	42/2017	43/2017
fibromuscular dysplasia	79/2016	80/2016
fibromyalgia	107/2021	108/2021
fibrosing interstitial lung disease	85/2021	86/2021

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Condition	**Reasonable hypothesis**	**Balance of probabilities**
fracture	62/2024	63/2024
frostbite	11/2018	12/2018
ganglion	7/2025	8/2025
gastric ulcer and gastric erosion	51/2024	52/2024
gastro-oesophageal reflux disease	61/2021	62/2021
Gaucher disease	37/2023	38/2023
gender dysphoria	113/2021	114/2021
giant cell arteritis	11/2021	12/2021
gingivitis	17/2022	18/2022
gluteal tendinopathy	94/2023	95/2023
goitre	9/2022	10/2022
gout	59/2019	60/2019
Graves disease	7/2022	8/2022
Guillain-Barre syndrome	23/2018	24/2018
gunshot injury	23/2020	24/2020
haemophilia	39/2023	40/2023
haemorrhoids	3/2017	4/2017
hallux valgus	25/2024	26/2024
Hashimoto thyroiditis	1/2022	2/2022
heart block	23/2022	24/2022
heat-induced burn	1/2024	2/2024
hepatitis A infection	9/2024	10/2024
hepatitis B	13/2017	14/2017
hepatitis C	13/2018	14/2018
hepatitis D	11/2017	12/2017
hepatitis E infection	39/2024	40/2024
hereditary haemochromatosis	23/2021	24/2021
hereditary spherocytosis	41/2023	42/2023
herpes simplex	39/2018	40/2018
hiatus hernia	60/2022	61/2022
Hodgkin lymphoma	70/2023	71/2023
hookworm disease	7/2017	8/2017
human immunodeficiency virus infection	5/2019	6/2019
human T-cell lymphotropic virus type-1 infection	96/2018	97/2018
Huntington disease	49/2023	50/2023
hyperacusis	27/2021	28/2021
hypersensitivity pneumonitis	7/2020	8/2020
hypertension	21/2022	22/2022
hyperthyroidism and thyrotoxicosis	5/2022	6/2022
hypogonadism	73/2021	74/2021
hypopituitarism	11/2019	12/2019
hypothyroidism	3/2022	4/2022
IgA nephropathy	63/2021	64/2021

Condition	Number	
	Reasonable hypothesis	Balance of probabilities
iliotibial band syndrome	3/2019	4/2019
immersion pulmonary oedema	34/2017	35/2017
immune thrombocytopaenia	63/2017	64/2017
incisional hernia	73/2016	74/2016
inflammatory bowel disease	90/2020	91/2020
influenza	44/2017	45/2017
ingrown nail	72/2024	73/2024
inguinal hernia	47/2021	48/2021
internal derangement of the knee	7/2019	8/2019
irritable bowel syndrome	65/2019	66/2019
irritant contact dermatitis	3/2021	4/2021
ischaemic heart disease	27/2025	28/2025
joint instability	57/2019	58/2019
Kaposi sarcoma	1/2020	2/2020
knee bursitis	65/2018	66/2018
labral tear	36/2017	37/2017
leptospirosis	101/2022	102/2022
localised sclerosis	61/2018	62/2018
Lyme disease/Lyme borreliosis	17/2025	18/2025
macular degeneration	59/2018	60/2018
malaria	46/2017	47/2017
malignant melanoma of the skin	34/2024	35/2024
malignant neoplasm of bone and articular cartilage	66/2020	67/2020
malignant neoplasm of the anus and anal canal	82/2022	83/2022
malignant neoplasm of the bile duct	53/2024	54/2024
malignant neoplasm of the bladder	83/2019	84/2019
malignant neoplasm of the brain	85/2016	86/2016
malignant neoplasm of the breast	84/2023	85/2023
malignant neoplasm of the cerebral meninges	3/2018	4/2018
malignant neoplasm of the cervix	80/2020	81/2020
malignant neoplasm of the colon and rectum	19/2022	20/2022
malignant neoplasm of the endometrium	31/2025	32/2025
malignant neoplasm of the eye	27/2018	28/2018
malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder	36/2024	37/2024
malignant neoplasm of the kidney	41/2021	42/2021
malignant neoplasm of the larynx	41/2022	42/2022
malignant neoplasm of the liver	31/2020	32/2020
malignant neoplasm of the lung	86/2023	87/2023
malignant neoplasm of the nasopharynx	9/2020	10/2020
malignant neoplasm of the oesophagus	120/2015	121/2015
malignant neoplasm of the oral cavity, oropharynx and hypopharynx	65/2021	66/2021
malignant neoplasm of the ovary	9/2018	10/2018

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	Reasonable hypothesis	**Balance of probabilities**
malignant neoplasm of the pancreas	103/2021	104/2021
malignant neoplasm of the prostate	3/2023	4/2023
malignant neoplasm of the renal pelvis and ureter	92/2019	93/2019
malignant neoplasm of the salivary gland	102/2023	103/2023
malignant neoplasm of the small intestine	80/2023	81/2023
malignant neoplasm of the stomach	74/2023	75/2023
malignant neoplasm of the testis and epididymis	7/2024	8/2024
malignant neoplasm of the thyroid gland	39/2022	40/2022
malignant neoplasm of the urethra	19/2025	20/2025
malignant neoplasm of unknown primary site	103/2022	104/2022
Marfan syndrome	51/2023	52/2023
mature B-cell lymphoid leukaemia and small lymphocytic lymphoma	78/2022	79/2022
medial tibial stress syndrome (shin splints)	96/2023	97/2023
melioidosis	55/2023	56/2023
Meniere disease and Meniere syndrome	68/2024	69/2024
Merkel cell carcinoma	80/2024	81/2024
mesenteric panniculitis	49/2018	50/2018
mesothelioma	41/2024	42/2024
methaemoglobinaemia	17/2019	18/2019
microscopic polyangiitis	90/2019	91/2019
migraine	7/2018	8/2018
mitral valve prolapse	15/2023	16/2023
moderate to severe traumatic brain injury	94/2018	95/2018
morbid obesity	43/2022	44/2022
Morton metatarsalgia	77/2019	78/2019
motor neurone disease	111/2021	112/2021
multiple osteochondromatosis	43/2023	44/2023
multiple sclerosis	11/2020	12/2020
myasthenia gravis	32/2024	33/2024
myelodysplastic neoplasm (syndrome)	76/2024	77/2024
myeloma	95/2021	96/2021
myocarditis	17/2024	18/2024
narcolepsy	11/2022	12/2022
neoplasm of the pituitary gland	70/2024	71/2024
neurocognitive disorder with Lewy bodies	35/2019	36/2019
non-aneurysmal aortic atherosclerotic disease	52/2020	53/2020
non-freezing cold injury	5/2018	6/2018
non-Hodgkin lymphoma	90/2018	91/2018
non-melanoma malignant neoplasm of the skin	78/2024	79/2024
obstructive and reflux nephropathy	85/2019	86/2019
olecranon bursitis	63/2018	64/2018
open-angle glaucoma	49/2021	50/2021

Condition	Number	
	Reasonable hypothesis	Balance of probabilities
opisthorchiasis	21/2025	22/2025
optochiasmatic arachnoiditis	57/2016	58/2016
osteoarthritis	61/2017	62/2017
osteogenesis imperfecta	53/2023	54/2023
osteomyelitis	23/2024	24/2024
osteonecrosis	13/2020	14/2020
osteoporosis	66/2024	67/2024
otitic barotrauma	86/2020	87/2020
otitis externa	25/2021	26/2021
otitis media	62/2022	63/2022
otosclerosis	23/2025	24/2025
Paget disease of bone	62/2023	63/2023
panic disorder	55/2018	56/2018
Parkinson's disease and secondary parkinsonism	55/2016	56/2016
patellar tendinopathy	21/2020	22/2020
pathological fracture	64/2024	65/2024
pericarditis	90/2023	91/2023
periodic limb movement disorder	19/2023	20/2023
periodontal abscess	25/2022	26/2022
periodontitis	27/2022	28/2022
peripheral artery disease	70/2020	71/2020
peripheral neuropathy	72/2023	73/2023
peritoneal adhesions	9/2025	10/2025
personality disorder	17/2018	18/2018
pes planus	67/2021	68/2021
photocontact dermatitis	82/2020	83/2020
pilonidal sinus	27/2019	28/2019
pinguecula	60/2024	61/2024
plantar fasciitis	82/2023	83/2023
plantar fibromatosis	21/2023	22/2023
pleural plaque	105/2022	106/2022
poisoning from plants or fungi	49/2019	50/2019
polyarteritis nodosa	33/2020	34/2020
polycythaemia vera	87/2021	88/2021
polymyalgia rheumatica	5/2025	6/2025
popliteal cyst	31/2018	32/2018
popliteal entrapment syndrome	54/2017	55/2017
porphyria cutanea tarda	69/2021	70/2021
portal vein thrombosis	107/2022	108/2022
posterior adventitial heel bursitis	47/2019	48/2019
posterior tibialis tendinopathy	45/2021	46/2021
posttraumatic stress disorder	97/2022	98/2022
primary myelofibrosis	89/2021	90/2021

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Condition	**Reasonable hypothesis**	**Balance of probabilities**
psoriasis	13/2021	14/2021
psoriatic arthritis	15/2021	16/2021
pterygium	33/2025	34/2025
pulmonary barotrauma	64/2023	65/2023
pulmonary thromboembolism	37/2021	38/2021
pure red cell aplasia	60/2020	61/2020
radiation burn	5/2024	6/2024
rapidly progressive crescentic glomerulonephritis	45/2019	46/2019
reactive arthritis	75/2018	76/2018
relapsing polychondritis	5/2017	6/2017
renal artery atherosclerotic disease	56/2020	57/2020
renal stone disease	69/2019	70/2019
restless legs syndrome	113/2022	114/2022
retinal burn	25/2023	26/2023
retinal vascular occlusion	50/2020	51/2020
retrocalcaneal heel bursitis	88/2024	89/2024
rheumatic heart disease	51/2019	52/2019
rheumatoid arthritis	50/2017	51/2017
Ross River virus infection	94/2019	95/2019
rotator cuff syndrome	109/2022	110/2022
sarcoidosis	60/2025	61/2025
Scheuermann's disease (kyphosis)	45/2025	46/2025
schistosomiasis	61/2019	62/2019
schizophrenia	83/2016	84/2016
scrub typhus	77/2018	78/2018
seborrhoeic dermatitis	43/2021	44/2021
seborrhoeic keratosis	19/2024	20/2024
seizure	37/2022	38/2022
sensorineural hearing loss	98/2019	99/2019
shingles and postherpetic neuralgia	27/2023	28/2023
sick sinus syndrome	66/2022	67/2022
sickle-cell disorder	40/2017	41/2017
sinus barotrauma	23/2019	24/2019
sinusitis	73/2018	74/2018
sleep apnoea	68/2022	69/2022
smallpox	89/2016	90/2016
soft tissue sarcoma	76/2023	77/2023
solar keratosis	79/2021	80/2021
somatic symptom disorder	64/2022	65/2022
spinal adhesive arachnoiditis	74/2020	75/2020
spondylolisthesis and spondylolysis	56/2025	57/2025
sprain and strain	27/2020	28/2020
steatohepatitis	86/2022	87/2022

Condition	Number	
	Reasonable hypothesis	Balance of probabilities
strongyloidiasis	63/2019	64/2019
subarachnoid haemorrhage	67/2019	68/2019
subcutaneous lipoma	82/2024	83/2024
subdural haematoma	100/2019	101/2019
substance use disorder	59/2017	60/2017
sudden unexplained death	45/2022	46/2022
suicide and attempted suicide	39/2025	40/2025
systemic lupus erythematosus	47/2025	48/2025
systemic sclerosis	25/2018	26/2018
tardive dyskinesia	78/2023	79/2023
temporomandibular disorder	47/2018	48/2018
tension-type headache	37/2018	38/2018
thoracic outlet syndrome	47/2022	48/2022
thoracolumbar intervertebral disc prolapse	68/2023	69/2023
thoracolumbar spondylosis	13/2023	14/2023
thromboangiitis obliterans	28/2017	29/2017
tinea	55/2024	56/2024
tinnitus	84/2020	85/2020
tooth decay (dental caries)	74/2024	75/2024
tooth loss	29/2025	30/2025
tooth wear	52/2017	53/2017
toxic retinopathy	19/2018	20/2018
toxic vestibulopathy	88/2020	89/2020
transverse myelitis	71/2021	72/2021
traumatic brachial plexopathy	1/2025	2/2025
traumatic contusion or haematoma	43/2024	44/2024
trigeminal neuralgia or trigeminal neuropathy	84/2024	85/2024
trigger finger	39/2019	40/2019
trochanteric bursitis	92/2023	93/2023
tuberculosis	47/2024	48/2024
ulnar neuropathy at the elbow	65/2017	66/2017
umbilical hernia	93/2016	94/2016
vaccine-induced thrombotic thrombocytopaenia	33/2022	34/2022
varicocoele	79/2019	80/2019
vascular neurocognitive disorder	9/2023	10/2023
visual refractive error	35/2025	36/2025
von Willebrand disease	45/2023	46/2023
warts	7/2023	8/2023
Wilson disease	47/2023	48/2023
Zika virus infection	15/2018	16/2018

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Schedule 1: amended, on 26 June 2025, by regulation 4 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2025 (SL 2025/124).

Schedule 1: amended, on 10 April 2025, by regulation 4 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/43).

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Schedule 1: amended, on 24 August 2023, by regulation 4 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2023 (SL 2023/180).

Schedule 1: amended, on 11 May 2023, by regulation 4 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/56).

Schedule 1: amended, on 12 January 2023, by regulation 4 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 4) 2022 (SL 2022/329).

Schedule 1: amended, on 29 September 2022, by regulation 4 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2022 (SL 2022/249).

Schedule 1: amended, on 22 April 2022, by regulation 4 of Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2022 (SL 2022/80).

Schedule 1: amended, on 20 January 2022, by regulation 4 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 6) 2021 (SL 2021/437).

Schedule 2
Rate of disablement pension

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Level of whole-person impairment (%)	Weekly payment rate ($)
5–7	10.85
8–12	21.70
13–17	32.54
18–22	43.39
23–25	54.24
26–30	65.09
31–32	75.93
33–37	86.78
38–41	97.63
42–47	108.48
48–49	119.32
50	130.17
51	141.02
52–54	151.87
55–57	162.71
58–61	173.56
62–66	184.41
67	195.26
68–74	206.10
75	216.95
76	227.80
77	238.65
78	249.49
79	260.34
80	271.19
81	292.88
82	314.58
83	336.27
84	357.97
85–100	381.83

Schedule 2A
Accepted late-onset conditions

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Schedule 2A: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 13 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Condition

acoustic neuroma
acute infectious mononucleosis
acute lymphoblastic leukaemia/lymphoblastic lymphoma
acute myeloid leukaemia
acute pancreatitis
acute rheumatic fever
acute stress disorder
adjustment disorder
adrenal insufficiency
alcohol use disorder
alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency
Alzheimer disease
analgesic nephropathy
animal envenomation
anxiety disorder
aortic aneurysm and aortic wall disorders
aortic stenosis
aplastic anaemia
asbestosis
ascariasis
asthma
atherosclerotic peripheral vascular disease
atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter
autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease
bipolar disorder
bronchiectasis
cardiac myxoma
cardiomyopathy
carotid artery disease
cerebral meningioma
cerebrovascular accident (stroke)
Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease
chicken pox
cholelithiasis
chronic myeloid leukaemia
chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
chronic pancreatitis
chronic solvent-induced neurocognitive disorder
cirrhosis of the liver

Condition
clonorchiasis
coeliac disease
colorectal adenoma
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease
Cushing syndrome
cut, stab, abrasion and laceration
decompression illness
deep vein thrombosis
dementia pugilistica
dengue virus infection
depressive disorder
dermatomyositis
diabetes mellitus
duodenal ulcer and duodenal erosion
eating disorder
electrical injury
endometriosis
epilepsy
essential thrombocythaemia
exertional heat illness
explosive blast injury
familial adenomatous polyposis
fibromuscular dysplasia
fibrosing interstitial lung disease
gastric ulcer and gastric erosion
Gaucher disease
gender dysphoria
giant cell arteritis
Graves disease
Guillain-Barre syndrome
gunshot injury
haemophilia
Hashimoto thyroiditis
heart block
heat-induced burn
hepatitis A infection
hepatitis B
hepatitis C
hepatitis D
hepatitis E infection
hereditary haemochromatosis
hereditary spherocytosis
herpes simplex
Hodgkin lymphoma

Condition

hookworm disease
human immunodeficiency virus infection
human T-cell lymphotropic virus type-1 infection
Huntington disease
hypersensitivity pneumonitis
hyperthyroidism and thyrotoxicosis
hypogonadism
hypopituitarism
hypothyroidism
IgA nephropathy
immune thrombocytopaenia
inflammatory bowel disease
inguinal hernia
ischaemic heart disease
Kaposi sarcoma
leptospirosis
localised sclerosis
malaria
malignant melanoma of the skin
malignant neoplasm of bone and articular cartilage
malignant neoplasm of the anus and anal canal
malignant neoplasm of the bile duct
malignant neoplasm of the bladder
malignant neoplasm of the brain
malignant neoplasm of the breast
malignant neoplasm of the cerebral meninges
malignant neoplasm of the cervix
malignant neoplasm of the colon and rectum
malignant neoplasm of the endometrium
malignant neoplasm of the eye
malignant neoplasm of the gallbladder
malignant neoplasm of the kidney
malignant neoplasm of the larynx
malignant neoplasm of the liver
malignant neoplasm of the lung
malignant neoplasm of the nasopharynx
malignant neoplasm of the oesophagus
malignant neoplasm of the oral cavity, oropharynx and hypopharynx
malignant neoplasm of the ovary
malignant neoplasm of the pancreas
malignant neoplasm of the prostate
malignant neoplasm of the renal pelvis and ureter
malignant neoplasm of the salivary gland
malignant neoplasm of the small intestine

Condition

malignant neoplasm of the stomach
malignant neoplasm of the testis and epididymis
malignant neoplasm of the thyroid gland
malignant neoplasm of the urethra
malignant neoplasm of unknown primary site
Marfan syndrome
mature B-cell lymphoid leukaemia and small lymphocytic lymphoma
melioidosis
Merkel cell carcinoma
mesenteric panniculitis
mesothelioma
methaemoglobinaemia
microscopic polyangiitis
moderate to severe traumatic brain injury
motor neurone disease
multiple osteochondromatosis
multiple sclerosis
myasthenia gravis
myelodysplastic neoplasm (syndrome)
myeloma
myocarditis
neoplasm of the pituitary gland
neurocognitive disorder with Lewy bodies
non-aneurysmal aortic atherosclerotic disease
non-Hodgkin lymphoma
non-melanoma malignant neoplasm of the skin
obstructive and reflux neophropathy
opisthorchiasis
osteogenesis imperfecta
osteomyelitis
panic disorder
Parkinson's disease and secondary parkinsonism
pericarditis
peritoneal adhesions
personality disorder
poisoning from plants or fungi
polyarteritis nodosa
polycythaemia vera
porphyria cutanea tarda
portal vein thrombosis
posttraumatic stress disorder
primary myelofibrosis
psoriasis
pulmonary barotrauma

Condition

pulmonary thromboembolism
pure red cell aplasia
rapidly progressive crescentic glomerulonephritis
relapsing polychondritis
renal artery atherosclerotic disease
renal stone disease
rheumatic heart disease
rheumatoid arthritis
Ross River virus infection
sarcoidosis
schistosomiasis
schizophrenia
scrub typhus
seizure
shingles and postherpetic neuralgia
sick sinus syndrome
sickle-cell disorder
sinusitis
sleep apnoea
smallpox
soft tissue sarcoma
somatic symptom disorder
steatohepatitis
strongyloidiasis
subarachnoid haemorrhage
subdural haematoma
substance use disorder
suicide and attempted suicide
systemic lupus erythematosus
systemic sclerosis
tinnitus
thromboangiitis obliterans
transverse myelitis
tuberculosis
vascular neurocognitive disorder
von Willebrand disease
Wilson disease

Schedule 2A: amended, on 10 April 2025, by regulation 5 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/43).

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Schedule 2A: amended, on 29 September 2022, by regulation 5 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2022 (SL 2022/249).

Schedule 2A: amended, on 22 April 2022, by regulation 5 of Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2022 (SL 2022/80).

Schedule 2A: amended, on 20 January 2022, by regulation 5 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 6) 2021 (SL 2021/437).

Schedule 2A: amended, on 14 October 2021, by regulation 5(1) of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 5) 2021 (LI 2021/260).

Schedule 2A: amended, on 14 October 2021, by regulation 5(2) of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 5) 2021 (LI 2021/260).

Schedule 2A: amended, on 5 August 2021, by regulation 5 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 4) 2021 (LI 2021/181).

Schedule 2B
Lump sum compensation for permanent impairment

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Schedule 2B: inserted, on 7 December 2015, by regulation 13 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2015 (LI 2015/251).

Level of whole-person impairment (%)	Amount of lump sum compensation ($)
0	0.00
1	0.00
2	0.00
3	0.00
4	0.00
5	2,500.00
6	2,748.33
7	3,021.33
8	3,321.45
9	3,651.37
10	4,014.07
11	4,555.16
12	5,117.11
13	5,696.76
14	6,297.25
15	6,920.23
16	7,562.51
17	8,228.84
18	8,917.67
19	9,632.14
20	10,370.76
21	11,135.02
22	11,924.99
23	12,743.86
24	13,591.63
25	14,468.32
26	15,377.09
27	16,316.40
28	17,287.80
29	18,294.50
30	19,336.57
31	20,413.93
32	21,529.87
33	22,684.32
34	23,880.49
35	25,116.80
36	26,398.13
37	27,722.77
38	29,093.95

Level of whole-person impairment (%)	Amount of lump sum compensation ($)
39	30,514.93
40	31,984.09
41	33,504.64
42	35,078.12
43	36,707.83
44	38,393.77
45	40,139.05
46	41,945.39
47	43,814.34
48	45,749.12
49	47,751.37
50	49,824.22
51	51,969.34
52	54,189.91
53	56,487.58
54	58,865.48
55	61,326.94
56	63,875.06
57	66,511.49
58	69,241.07
59	72,065.39
60	74,989.18
61	78,015.84
62	81,146.78
63	84,388.56
64	87,744.32
65	91,215.66
66	94,810.67
67	98,529.34
68	102,379.62
69	106,364.75
70	110,488.04
71	114,757.39
72	119,174.48
73	123,747.26
74	128,479.09
75	133,377.85
76	138,446.84
77	143,694.01
78	149,124.25
79	154,745.52
80	160,562.74
81	166,584.00
82	172,814.00

Level of whole-person impairment (%)	Amount of lump sum compensation ($)
83	179,260.00
84	185,928.00
85+	192,826.00

Schedule 3
Allowances and annuity payable under Part 1 of Schedule 1 of Act

[Revoked]

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Schedule 3: revoked, on 1 April 2017, by regulation 7 of the Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations 2017 (LI 2017/37).

Michael Webster,
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Notes

1 General

This is a consolidation of the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014 that incorporates the amendments made to the legislation so that it shows the law as at its stated date.

2 Legal status

A consolidation is taken to correctly state, as at its stated date, the law enacted or made by the legislation consolidated and by the amendments. This presumption applies unless the contrary is shown.

Section 78 of the Legislation Act 2019 provides that this consolidation, published as an electronic version, is an official version. A printed version of legislation that is produced directly from this official electronic version is also an official version.

3 Editorial and format changes

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4 Amendments incorporated in this consolidation

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2025 (SL 2025/217)

Veterans' Support (Treatment Providers) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/169)

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2025 (SL 2025/124)

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations 2025 (SL 2025/43)

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2024 (SL 2024/213)

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024 (SL 2024/91)

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations 2024 (SL 2024/38)

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2023 (SL 2023/180)

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL 2023/56)

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 4) 2022 (SL 2022/329)

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 3) 2022 (SL 2022/249)

Data and Statistics Act 2022 (2022 No 39): section 107(1)

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2022 (SL 2022/80)

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 6) 2021 (SL 2021/437)

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 5) 2021 (LI 2021/260)

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 4) 2021 (LI 2021/181)

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2021 (LI 2021/27)

Veterans' Support (Abatement) Amendment Regulations 2020 (LI 2020/27)

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations 2019 (LI 2019/44)

Social Security Act 2018 (2018 No 32): section 459

Veterans' Support Amendment Regulations 2017 (LI 2017/37)

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