

Transport for Independence—Social Rehabilitation

We may be able to provide services that support your ability to travel independently.

Who can get this

You may be able to get this if:

- you have Qualifying Service, and
- you have a condition related to your Qualifying Service

Qualifying Service explained (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/eligibility/qualifying-service/>)

You may also be able to get this support for a non-service-related condition if:

- it stops you working full time, and
- you get Weekly Income Compensation.

Weekly Income Compensation (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/weekly-income-compensation/>)

What you can get

Modifying a vehicle grant

Your vehicle may be modified so you can:

- get in and out and move freely and safely in it
- drive and operate it safely
- travel safely as a passenger
- take with you any mobility equipment you need.

New vehicle grant

You may be able to have a grant towards a new vehicle if it:

- is a more suitable option than other support, and
- closely fits your needs — we may look at what type you had before.

We take into account how much you have gotten if you sold a vehicle recently.

Retraining for a driver's licence

You may be able to retrain your driver's licence if you now need to drive a modified car.

Costs for travel

You may be able to have financial compensation for:

- public transport
- taxis
- escorted travel in a vehicle.

How to apply

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You'll be assessed for this under Social Rehabilitation while applying for impairment.

You may still apply for it if you don't have Social Rehabilitation. You'll need to:

1. complete the Apply for Treatment and Rehabilitation application form
2. send the application form and any supporting information to us.

 [Treatment and Rehabilitation application form \[PDF, 671 KB\]](#)

(<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/assets/Forms/Treatment-and-Rehabilitation-application-form.pdf>)

What happens next

After you apply we'll:

1. contact you to confirm we've received your application
2. start the decision-making process
3. keep you informed on the status of your application.

If we need more information, we'll get in touch with you.

How we make decisions (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/for-clients/how-we-make-decisions/>)


Find out more

Contact us for more information (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/contact-us/>)

We strive to be transparent. If you want to know how this entitlement is administered you can read the policy.

 [Transport for Independence-Social Rehabilitation policy \[PDF, 367 KB\]](#)

(<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/assets/Policy/Social-Rehabilitation-Transport-for-Independence-policy.pdf>)

 [Social Rehabilitation \[PDF, 352 KB\]](#) (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/assets/Policy/Social-Rehabilitation-policy.pdf>)