



When you're injured or ill

You may be able to get support when you have a condition related to your Qualifying Service.

What to do if you're injured or ill

1. Visit your health care provider

Visit your health care provider — this will most likely be your GP. They'll help you with your immediate health and wellbeing needs.

Discuss with your health care provider if your condition may be because of Qualifying Service.

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



2. Apply for treatment and support

If you think your condition is related to Qualifying Service you should apply for treatment and support from us.

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

1. Complete the application form.
2. Send the application form and any supporting information to us.

Which application form you need to use will depend on when you served.

When you served	Form to use
Before 1 April 1974 or in Viet Nam	 Disablement Pension application form [PDF, 886 KB] (https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/assets/Forms/Disablement-Pension-application-form.pdf)
After 31 March 1974	 Veteran Support application form [PDF, 444 KB] (https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/assets/Forms/Veteran-Support-application-form.pdf)

Find out more about our specific healthcare entitlements:

Treatment (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/treatment/>)

Mental Health Treatment (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/mental-health-treatment/>)

Hearing Aids (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/hearing-aids-and-appliances/>)

Support during treatment and rehabilitation

If you served before 1 April 1974 or in Viet Nam

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You may be able to get:

Weekly Income Compensation (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/weekly-income-compensation/>)— if you can't work full time from injury or illness. This doesn't need to be because of service

Travel for Treatment and Rehabilitation (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/travel-for-treatment-and-rehabilitation/>)— travel support if you have to travel for treatment or rehabilitation related to your service-related conditions

Veterans Independence Programme (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/veterans-independence-programme/>)— support to help maintain your independence in your home

Social Rehabilitation (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/social-rehabilitation/>)— to enable you to live your best life possible

Vocational Rehabilitation (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/vocational-rehabilitation/>)— to help you transfer your skills and education to build a rewarding and sustainable civilian career.

Impairment compensation

You may be able to get financial compensation if you have a service-related condition.

Disablement Pension (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/disablement-pension/>)

If you served after 31 March 1974 on Qualifying Operational Service

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

You may be able to get:

Weekly Compensation (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/weekly-compensation/>)— for those with a service-related condition that stops them from working full-time

Travel for Treatment and Rehabilitation (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/travel-for-treatment-and-rehabilitation/>)— travel support if you have to travel for treatment or rehabilitation

Veterans Independence Programme (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/veterans-independence-programme/>)— support to help maintain your independence in your home

Social Rehabilitation (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/social-rehabilitation/>)— to enable you to live your best life possible

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Impairment compensation

Depending on when your service-related condition happened you may be able to get financial compensation.

When your service-related-injury happened	Financial support
31 March 1974–1 April 2002	Independence Allowance (https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/independence-allowance/)

When April 2002-related-
injury happened

Imp Sum for Permanent Impairment (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/lump-sum-for-permanent-impairment/>)

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