



Certificates of Appreciation and Lapel Badges

What is the purpose of the Certificates of Appreciation and Lapel Badges

The 'Certificates of Appreciation and Lapel Badges are an expression of appreciation to those who have served New Zealand in a recognised war or emergency.

The 'Certificates of Appreciation and Lapel Badge do not confer any eligibility for entitlements under the War Pensions Act 1954.

Who can apply?

Any veteran of a recognised war or emergency can apply. For example anyone with service in World War II, BCOF (Japan), Korean War, Malayan Emergency, Vietnam War, Operation Grapple, East Timor, peacekeeping operations, etc.

How do you apply?

To make application you need to complete a 'Certificates of Appreciation and Lapel Badge application form. This form is available from Veterans' Affairs New Zealand. You can contact Veterans' Affairs New Zealand on free phone 0800 483 8372, via email at veterans@xtra.co.nz, or by writing to:

Veterans' Affairs New Zealand
PO Box 5146
Wellington

The form is also available on the Veterans' Affairs New Zealand website, www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz.

What evidence is required?

With your application you need to provide evidence of your service. This could be:

- a Certificate of Service; or
- a copy of your Service Record; or
- if you are in receipt of a War Disablement Pension your war pension number; or
- any other documented evidence that you have that provides a record of your service in the New Zealand Armed Forces.

If you have no documentation, Veterans' Affairs New Zealand will undertake the verification on your behalf. You will need to provide your service number and the dates you served so that your service can be verified.

Where do I send my application?

Completed applications should be sent to:

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