

We want to stay in touch

This is important. Many veterans lose contact with Veterans' Affairs after they leave NZDF. Most feel fine when they leave NZDF and are thinking about things other than Veterans' Affairs.

However, if a health condition related to their qualifying service becomes apparent, we don't want them to delay seeking support from us.

We would like all ex-service people to sign-up for our monthly email newsletter to stay in touch with us, so they know who to go to if they need support.

Ex-service people can sign-up to our email newsletter now by scanning the QR code or at veteransaffairs.mil.nz/news-events/sign-up-to-our-newsletter/



If a veteran is living outside of New Zealand

New Zealand veterans don't need to be living in New Zealand to get support from us. We can support them where ever they are.



For families of veterans

The Veterans' Affairs website has a wealth of resources for families and whānau.

Get in touch

 0800 483 8372 (Freephone NZ))

 veteransaffairs.mil.nz/contact-us

 veterans@nzdf.mil.nz

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How Veterans' Affairs helps veterans

For the families of deploying service people.

We're part of the New Zealand Defence Force, and we're here to support eligible former service people whose health has been affected by their qualifying service.

What happens if my partner becomes unwell because of their service?

If your partner develops a health condition that might be related to their service, while they remain in service, NZDF will provide all health support, but after they leave NZDF, they can claim for support from Veterans' Affairs.

We can help them get better, and while they are recovering we can provide ongoing support for them and your family.

How we help veterans

We support eligible veterans with financial assistance, healthcare, and rehabilitation if they develop a health condition linked to their qualifying service. This could be something like hearing loss, back pain, or any other condition connected to their deployment.

If an injury affects a veteran's ability to work or reduces the hours they can work, we may provide weekly income support or fund specialised equipment to help them stay in work.

Eligibility and qualifying operational service

After the decision to deploy has been made, the Chief of Defence Force must advise the Minister for Veterans of the risks of that operation to deployed personnel. If the Minister agrees that there is a significant risk of harm they will declare the operation as Qualifying Operational Service. Those that served on that deployment are now eligible for support from Veterans' Affairs.

If a veteran develops a health condition related to that deployment, Veterans' Affairs will support them.

Getting support after service

You can find application forms and step-by-step guidance on our website veteransaffairs.mil.nz or call us on **0800 483 8372** if you'd like help with the process.

As part of the application, we'll need information from the veteran's GP, so it's helpful for the veteran to take the form along to their appointment.

While an application is being processed, Veterans' Affairs may cover the cost of treatment, as well as travel to appointments, tests, or X-rays.

Get in touch, we'd love to hear from you.



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