





Veteran Entitlement Path

Qualifying service occurring before 1 April 1974 and in Viet Nam

Key: **Veteran** Spouse/partner, child, dependant or estate

SERVICE 	CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT 	RETIREMENT (65+ YEARS) 	DEATH 
Impairment compensation (Disablement Pension) for injury or illness related to qualifying service (all service before 1 April 1974 and Vietnam service).			Option for services cemetery burial for both veteran and spouse/partner (discretion local authority) if veteran has eligible service.
Funding for treatment for accepted conditions not provided by NZDF (while in service), public health system or ACC arising from injury or illness related to qualifying service.			If veteran or spouse/partner buried in services cemetery plaque or headstone provided. Estate can receive contribution to cost of plaque or headstone if burial in a public or private cemetery.
Funding for rehabilitation for accepted conditions not provided by ACC arising from injury or illness related to qualifying service.			Estate can receive contribution to Funeral Expenses if veteran has qualifying operational service or meets other eligibility criteria if veteran has qualifying routine service.
Funding for cost of travel to assessments, treatment and rehabilitation for an accepted condition for injury or illness related to qualifying service.			Spouse/partner may get Surviving Spouse or Partner Pension if veteran has qualifying operational service or meets other eligibility criteria if veteran has qualifying routine service. Children and dependants may get Children's Pension or Dependant's Pension if eligibility criteria are met.
Recipients of Weekly Income Compensation or Veteran's Pension eligible for Community Services Card.			If veteran receiving Veteran's Pension is ordinarily resident in New Zealand at time of death, lump sum may be paid to surviving spouse/partner or children.
Veterans with injury or illness related to qualifying service may qualify for support under Veterans' Independence Programme.			
Weekly Income Compensation if injury or illness prevents full-time work.			
		Veteran's Pension instead of NZ Superannuation for veterans with qualifying operational service.	
		If veteran received Weekly Income Compensation for 20 or more years before turning 65 may be eligible for Retirement Lump Sum.	
		Veteran SuperGold Card instead of SuperGold Card for veterans with qualifying operational service.	
Funding for counselling for veteran's spouse/partner, children, dependants or persons who provide non-professional support to the veteran.			
If veteran has impairment compensation of specified level eligible children can receive a Children's Pension and eligible dependants a Dependant's Pension. Eligible children meeting study criteria may receive a Children's Bursary if eligible for Children's Pension or veteran receiving Weekly Income Compensation or Veteran's Pension.			
If veteran receives a Community Services Card, the spouse or partner may also receive a Community Services Card.			
		Spouse/partner eligible for Veteran's Pension instead of NZ Superannuation if veteran is eligible or could have been (if deceased) and veteran is or could have been eligible (if deceased) for impairment compensation of 52% whole-person impairment or more.	