

Transfer to a Disablement Pension application

(Issued under sections 27, 48, 213 and clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014)

Please read before you complete this form This application form is for a veteran who is currently in receipt of a War Disablement Pension and who wishes to transfer to a Disablement Pension under the Veterans' Support Act 2014, and is not applying for new conditions or reassessment of accepted disabilities.

To apply, you must fully complete this application form.

If your application is incomplete it will be returned to you unprocessed.

More information can be found on our website: www.va.mil.nz/a-z/disablement-pension/

Transferring from a War Disablement Pension

If you wish to transfer from a War Disablement Pension to a Disablement Pension, your individual rates of impairment (percentage) for each accepted condition will be converted into a whole-person impairment rating scale which cannot exceed more than 100%.

This will mean your overall percentage rating will be different (and probably lower), however, your current payment rate will <u>not</u> be reduced.

If you are on a War Disablement Pension and are receiving any allowances, grants, loans or concessions that were granted before 7 December 2014, you will continue to receive these when you transfer to a Disablement Pension.

You may wish to transfer to a Disablement Pension, for example, if:

- you are not currently receiving aids or appliances and wish to apply for these entitlements (or replacements); or
- you are not currently receiving the maximum War Disablement Pension rate payable and wish
 to access a temporary increase in your payment rate if you are required to live away from
 home or be absent from work for one or more days in a week in order to receive treatment; or
- the conversion of your rates of impairment into a whole-person impairment may increase your pension payment rate.

If you do transfer to a Disablement Pension, reassessment of any accepted disability cannot be undertaken earlier than 2 years after you transfer to a Disablement Pension.

However, a reassessment can be undertaken earlier if you provide medical evidence to the satisfaction of Veterans' Affairs (VA) that the whole-person impairment has increased by 10% or more, or VA considers your whole-person impairment has changed by 10% or more.

If you are considering applying for new conditions or reassessing your accepted disabilities or have any questions about transferring to a Disablement Pension please contact your Case Manager to discuss.

Timeframe for processing application

VA will make a decision on your claim as soon as is reasonably practicable after receiving the claim. VA may need to wait for you or any other person to provide further information required to determine whether or not to accept your claim.

Signature & Acknowledgement

If the veteran is unable to sign due to physical or mental incapacity, the application must be signed by a person with authority to act on behalf of the veteran. If this situation applies you must also attach a certified copy of at least one of the following documents:

• Power of Attorney or Enduring Power of Attorney (in relation to Property); Court Order; or Certificate of Administration (from the Public Trustee).

Assistance

If you have any questions or require assistance completing this form, you can contact us using the details shown below or a person from an ex-service organisation:

Freephone 0800 483 8372 / 0800 4 VETERANS (or +64 4 495 2070 if calling from overseas)

You can email: veterans@nzdf.mil.nz or visit our website: www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz

Send your completed application to

Veterans' Affairs, PO Box 5146, Lambton Quay, WELLINGTON 6140



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| Veteran's Personal Details | |
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| 1 | Work and Income / Client Number (if known) |
| 2 | Title Mr Mrs Miss Dr Other |
| 3 | Surname |
| 4 | Given Name/s |
| 5 | Date of Birth / / |
| 6 | Contact Details |
| | Postal Address |
| | Country (if not New Zealand) Post Code |
| | Home Phone Mobile Number |
| | |
| Signature & Acknowledgement | |
| • | By signing this application form I confirm that I am currently on a War Disablement Pension and wish to transfer to a Disablement Pension, under the Veterans' Support Act 2014. |
| Vet | eran or Power of Attorney's name (print) Signature Date |
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