

# Clothing Allowance—Veterans' Independence Programme

**Clothing Allowance recognises the costs of altering and cleaning clothing because of a service-related condition.**

## Who can get this

You may be able to get this if you:

- have an accepted service-related condition, and
- that condition causes wear, tear or soiling to your clothes.

## What you can get

This allowance is paid:

- every two weeks in NZ, and
- every four weeks outside of NZ.

Clothing Allowance payment rates (<http://va.cwp.govt.nz/for-clients/payments/payment-rates/other-payments-payment-rates/>)

## How to apply

This allowance is assessed when we accept a condition as service-related.

If you already have an accepted service-related condition—and would like to apply for this allowance—talk to your Case Manager.

## When you get it

Once you get a Clothing Allowance you'll need to tell us if you:

- change your address
- change your bank
- change your relationship status—marriage, de facto or civil union
- plan to go overseas

- plan to return to NZ to live
- move to a rest home or hospital, or
- have someone come to live with you or stay long-term.

## Find out more

Contact us for more information (<http://va.cwp.govt.nz/contact-us/>)

We strive to be transparent. If you want to know how this entitlement is administered you can read the policy.

 [Veterans' Independence Programme policy \[PDF, 485 KB\]](#)

(<http://va.cwp.govt.nz/assets/Policy/Veterans-Independence-Programme-policy.pdf>)

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