

Travel Allowance—Veterans' Independence Programme

Travel Allowance supports those with Qualifying Service that have a severe impairment and need support staying independent.

Who can get this

To get Travel Allowance, you must be on one of these permanently or for 3 continuous years:

- War Disablement Pension with your impairment being at least 100%
- Disablement Pension for whole-person impairment of at least 75%
- Permanent Impairment Compensation for whole-person impairment of at least 75%.

One of these must also apply:

- some of that pension or compensation is for loss of at least part of a limb
- you're totally blind
- you're medically assessed as unfit to travel alone.

Assessment of needs

You must also be assessed as needing Travel Allowance. You'll be assessed if you need help to:

- do day-to-day errands—such as shopping and paying bills, and
- stay independent in your home.

What you can get

Travel Allowance is paid:

- every two weeks within NZ, and
- every four weeks overseas.

The payment rate will be:

- NZD\$25.41 every week
- costs of a travel escort, if you need one.

How to apply

This support is provided as part of the Veterans' Independence Programme.

Contact us to have a needs assessment for the Veterans' Independence Programme. This will include an assessment for Travel Allowance.

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

What happens next

After you apply we'll:

1. contact you to confirm we've received your application
2. start the decision-making process
3. keep you informed on the status of your application.

If we need more information, we'll get in touch with you.

How we make decisions (<http://va.cwp.govt.nz/for-clients/how-we-make-decisions/>)

Find out more

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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>)