



## Veteran's Pin and Certificate of Appreciation

The Veteran's Pin and Certificate of Appreciation recognise operational service.

### Programme temporarily suspended

Due to COVID-19, we are temporarily suspending the Veteran's Pin and Certificate of Appreciation until further notice.

Suspending the programme during this unprecedented time will free-up staff to support our colleagues in other parts of Veterans' Affairs.

This will ensure that we can continue to provide critical support to veterans and their whānau.

If you apply, we will hold your application in our system. When the situation improves, we will begin to process applications again. We will email you when this happens.

## Who can get this

You can get a Veteran's Pin and Certificate of Appreciation if you:

- were issued with the New Zealand Operational Service Medal (NZOSM) because of service with either the:
  - NZ Armed Forces, or
  - New Zealand Police
- have Qualifying Operational Service, or
- served with the New Zealand Women's Land Service during the Second World War.

## What evidence is required?

We will confirm your service on your behalf. You do not need to supply any evidence of your service.

If we are unable to confirm your service, we may ask for further information.

## What you can get

The Veteran's Pin and Certificate of Appreciation express the thanks of the NZ Government and people of NZ for the service you have given.

Both the Prime Minister and Minister for Veterans sign the certificate of appreciation.

## How to apply

You can apply online or by filling out a paper form. You can choose how to apply, but it's quicker and easier to apply online.

### Apply online

Apply online (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/certificate-of-appreciation-and-veterans-pin/apply/>)

### Apply with a paper form

1. Download the application form
2. Complete the form and send it to us.

 [Certificate of Appreciation and Veteran's Pin application form \[PDF, 268 KB\]](https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/assets/Forms/a836affe2e/Certificate-of-Appreciation-and-Lapel-Badges-application-form.pdf)

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