



Veteran's Pin and Certificate of Appreciation

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

Applications are temporarily suspended

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have temporarily suspended the Veteran's Pin and Certificate of Appreciation programme.

Latest information on our response to COVID-19 (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/covid-19/>)

Who can get the Veteran's Pin and Certificate of Appreciation

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.

Evidence not 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

- 1 Apply either online or by paper


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

Apply online

[Apply online \(https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/a-z/certificate-of-appreciation-and-veterans-pin/apply/\)](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 \(https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/assets/Forms/Certificate-of-Appreciation-and-Lapel-Badges-application-form.pdf\)](https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/assets/Forms/Certificate-of-Appreciation-and-Lapel-Badges-application-form.pdf)

2 Supply further evidence — if required

In the majority of applications, we confirm your service on your behalf. You do not need to supply any evidence of your service.

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

3 Receive your pin and certificate

If your application is approved, you will receive your pin and certificate by mail.