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The support you may be able to get depends on your circumstances.

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Support while you're still serving.

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Support once your regular service has finished.

[Family and whānau](#)

Here's how we can support you, and how you can support your family and whānau.

[Non-military personnel](#)

Non-military personnel can have Qualifying Operational Service in certain circumstances.

- [Remembrance](#)

We're proud to honour the service of the veteran community.

[Services Cemeteries and plaques and headstones](#)

We help look after Services Cemeteries. We're also able to contribute towards plaques and headstones.

[Commemorative funding](#)

There are two types of financial contributions available from the Commemorative Fund.

[Medals and service records](#)

The NZ Defence Force's Personnel Archives and Medals team administer medals and hold most New Zealand military service records.

[When someone dies](#)

We may be able to provide support when someone who had Qualifying Service dies.

[Your family's military history](#)

Learning more about your family's military history is a great way to honour their service.

[Certificate of Appreciation and Veterans' Pins](#)

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

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To be eligible to receive support from us, you—or certain family members—need to have Qualifying Service.

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Check the support, services, or entitlements you may be able to get from us.

[Qualifying Service](#)

To get support from us you — or certain family members — need to have Qualifying Service.

[Living outside NZ](#)

You can still get support from us even if you live outside NZ.

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You may be able to get support if you're the spouse, partner, child or dependant of someone with Qualifying Service.

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Veterans' Affairs New Zealand was established to support New Zealand veterans.

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We put veterans and our clients at the heart of everything we do.

If you have a question at any stage please contact us—we're here to help.

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We'll work with you to help you get the best support available.

[Your treatment card](#)

Your treatment card helps you get no-cost treatment and medication for your approved conditions.

[Your rights and responsibilities](#)

We want to make sure you have the best possible experience when you deal with us.

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Information on payment rates and dates.

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We use a number of tools and processes to make decisions. This helps ensure each decision we make is fair and treats our clients consistently.

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You may be able to access a range of discounts and benefits. Not only that, your family may get access too.

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To help you identify our clients, we issue treatment cards and letters.

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## Examples

Some examples of military language being translated into 'civvy speak'.

### Examples of specific terms translated into civilian language

**Military language**

**Civilian language**

<b>Military language</b>	<b>Civilian language</b>
Commanding Officer	General Manager
Stoker	Marine Technician
Loadmaster	Cargo Specialist
Section Commander	Supervisor
Sergeant Major	Foreman
Adjutant/Administration Officer	HR Advisor/Manager
Warrant Officer	Middle Management
Discipline	Performance management
Mission	Task/function/objective

## Examples of explaining military experience

Former Supply Technician applying for warehouse management role

- Significant experience in managing cost-effective inventory and materials control functions in a fast-paced, customer-facing organisation.
- Key skills in budget management, warehouse processes and stock control.

Former Mechanical Engineer applying for a project management role

- A proven background in project managing hydraulic systems engineering projects.
- Responsibilities included financial reporting, team coordination, auditing and technical review.

Former Military Police Officer applying for a security operations management role

- Highly experienced enforcement officer specialising in the establishment and enhancement of large-scale security systems.
- Key skills include strategic planning, logistics management and delivering key projects within strict deadlines and tight budgets.

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