



## Increasing veterans' workforce participation – amend 10-year work restriction for special and intermediate rate (VEA)

This measure will update the work history restrictions for special and intermediate rates of Disability Pension in the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA) to better reflect the modern work environment.

### Why is this important?

The 2017–18 Budget will amend the eligibility criteria to remove the requirement to have worked for 10 years with the same employer (or vocation for self-employed veterans).

Under this measure, a veteran may be eligible for the intermediate or special rates of Disability Pension where the veteran changes employer or employment during that continuous 10-year period of work before ceasing employment.

Currently, where a veteran is aged 65 or over, one of the eligibility criteria for granting intermediate or special rates of Disability Pension is that the veteran must have worked for the same employer for a continuous period of 10 years before ceasing employment.

This eligibility criteria does not apply to those under the age of 65.

### Who will benefit?

Approximately 15 clients will benefit from this measure each year.

### Date of effect?

1 July 2017.

### How much will this cost?

The suite of measures, *increasing veterans' workforce participation*, received collective funding of \$9.1 million over four years.