



Claim for \$25,000 Ex-gratia Payment by a Civilian interned by Japan during World War II

On 22 May 2001 the Government announced a \$25,000 payment in recognition of the unique hardships suffered by former Prisoners of War and civilians who were interned by the Japanese.

Who is eligible?

This form relates to a person who:

- was alive on 1 January 2001, and
- was a civilian, who was interned or detained by the Japanese between 7 December 1941 and 29 October 1945, and
- was, immediately before their internment, domiciled in Australia.

Deceased civilians

If an eligible civilian has died on or since 1 January 2001 this form should be completed by the executor of their estate. If an eligible civilian died before 1 January 2001, their widow or widower who was alive on 1 January 2001 is eligible for a payment. The civilian's death does not have to be due to internment. The remarriage of a widow or widower does not affect eligibility for a payment. However, a person who was divorced from an eligible civilian is not their widow or widower and cannot claim.

Where to lodge this form

This claim should be sent to: **Department of Veterans' Affairs**
GPO Box 9998
Brisbane QLD 4001

How to call DVA

You can call DVA (from anywhere in Australia) on:
Callers in regional areas can call: **1800 555 254**

Extra information

Please answer all relevant questions and include any other information that you think may help support this claim.

Privacy notice

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*. Your personal information may be collected by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) for the delivery of government programs for war veterans, members of the Australian Defence Force, members of the Australian Federal Police and their dependants.

[Read more: How DVA manages personal information.](#)

Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence

SECTION 1

APPLICANT DETAILS

1: Title Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

2: Surname

3: Given name(s)

4: Surname when interned (if different)

5: Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

6: Current address (including postcode)

7: Country/place of birth

8: Contact numbers Telephone number Mobile number

9: Have you, or a person on your behalf, ever claimed or received a payment from any organisation or Government for being imprisoned or interned by the Japanese?
 No - go to **Question 10**
 Yes - Please complete below:
How much was the payment?
When was the payment made?
Who made the payment?

SECTION 2

ABOUT YOUR CAPTIVITY

If you have any evidence that confirms your internment please enclose it with your application.

10: Where were you held?

Camp 1 name

Country in which camp was located

Date you were held from? Date you were held to?

Camp 2 name

Country in which camp was located

Date you were held from? Date you were held to?

If you were held in more camps please tell us about them on a separate sheet.

If you wish, you may also attach a letter relating your circumstances prior to and during captivity to help support this claim.

SECTION 3**PAYMENT DETAILS**

If your claim is successful, the \$25,000 payment will be made directly into an account at an Australian bank, credit union or building society.

11: Name of Financial Institution

12: Account in the name of

13: Account number

14: BSB number

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SECTION 4**DECLARATION**

- I declare that the details provided in this form are complete and correct
- I am aware that there are penalties for making false declarations.
- I authorise the Repatriation Commission or the Department of Veterans' Affairs to obtain information needed to process, determine or review this claim.
- I consent to the release of information to the Repatriation Commission and the Department of Veterans' Affairs by any person or organisation in relation to this claim or its review.
- I consent to the Repatriation Commission or the Department of Veterans' Affairs obtaining information from an overseas government to confirm details of this claim.

You must sign this form yourself if you can - even if someone else has filled it in for you. If someone else signs on your behalf they must provide their authority for signing.

15: Signature


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16: Name of signatory

If you need help completing this form please call your DVA State Office. Phone numbers are located on page 1 of this form.

17: Before returning this form please check the following:

- I have signed the declaration above and checked this form carefully.
- I have filled in the attachments that apply to me.
- I have enclosed any other evidence that I feel will support my claim.

Please return ONE of the following three pages with your claim.

These pages will assist us in deciding your claim and the page you fill in depends on your status at the time of your internment. If you were **under 21** then we need to know some things about your father. If you were a **married woman** then we need to know some things about your husband. If you were a **single adult** then we need to know some things about you, including your country of domicile. Each of these groups has a separate page and you do not need to fill in pages that do not relate to your circumstances.

If you feel that none of the following 3 pages fit your circumstances please telephone DVA for further advice.

Telephone numbers for DVA are located on Page 1 of this form.

ADULT MALE (21 or over) OR UNMARRIED ADULT FEMALE (21 or over) WHEN INTERNED

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and memory. Where you do not know the detail we will investigate further for you.

Information about domicile

For you to be eligible for this payment, you must have been domiciled in Australia immediately before you were interned. 'Domiciled in Australia' is not the same as 'resident in Australia'. Generally, a person's domicile is the place that they considered to be 'home'. For example, if you were only working on contract in Malaya you probably would not think of Malaya as *home*. Home is usually the place where you were born, raised, educated, worked and where your relatives live.

THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS ATTACHMENT IS ABOUT MYSELF

1: Were you over 21 years of age when you were interned?

Yes

No - Please complete either the 'child' (under 21 years) page or the married woman page instead of this one.

2: Were you married at the time you were interned?

Yes

- If you are a woman please complete the married woman page instead of this one.

No

3: Did you ever live in Australia before being interned?

Yes

No - if not, what was your country of origin?

4: Where were you living prior to leaving Australia?

5: When did you leave Australia?

6: What was the name of the ship you left Australia on?

7: What was the name of the port you left Australia from?

8: For what reason did you leave Australia?

9: How long did you intend to remain overseas?

10: When did you return to Australia?

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'CHILD' (under 21 years of age) WHEN INTERNED

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and memory. Where you do not know the detail we will investigate further for you.

Information about domicile

For you to be eligible for this payment, you must have been domiciled in Australia immediately before you were interned. 'Domiciled in Australia' is not the same as 'resident in Australia'. Generally, a person's domicile is the place that they considered to be 'home'. Children (i.e. dependants under the age of 21) did not have a domicile in their own right. Their domicile was that of their father.

THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN QUESTIONS 3 - 9 IS ABOUT MY FATHER

- 1: Were you under 21 years of age when you were interned?** Yes
 No - Please complete either the single adult (21 years or over) page or the married woman page instead of this one.
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- 2: Were you married at the time you were interned?** Yes - If you are a woman please complete the married woman page instead of this one.
 No
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- 3: Did your father ever live in Australia before you were interned?** Yes
 No - if not, what was your father's country of origin?
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- 4: When did your father leave Australia?**
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- 5: What was the name of the ship your father left Australia on?**
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- 6: What was the name of the port your father left Australia from?**
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- 7: For what reason did your father leave Australia?**

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- 8: How long did he intend to remain overseas?**
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- 9: When did your father return to Australia?**

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MARRIED WOMAN WHEN INTERNED

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and memory. Where you do not know the detail we will investigate further for you.

Information about domicile

For you to be eligible for this payment, you must have been domiciled in Australia immediately before you were interned. 'Domiciled in Australia' is not the same as 'resident in Australia'. Generally, a person's domicile is the place that they considered to be 'home'.

However, in law, the domicile of a married woman in the 1940's was that of their husband's 'home'.

THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS ATTACHMENT IS ABOUT MY HUSBAND

1: At the time I was interned I was married to

2: Did your husband ever live in Australia before you were interned?

Yes - go to **Question 3**

No - if not, what was your husband's country of origin?

3: Where was your husband living prior to leaving Australia?

4: When did your husband leave Australia?

5: What was the name of the ship your husband left Australia on?

6: What was the name of the port your husband left Australia from?

7: For what reason did your husband leave Australia?

8: How long did he intend to remain overseas?

9: When did your husband return to Australia?

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