



Australian Government

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Veterans' Children Education Scheme (VCES)

## VCES Eligibility - Professional Assessment

The Repatriation Commission has made a Determination under section 116A(1) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* which authorises the Commission to determine a class of persons, a member of which is an "eligible child of a veteran" for the purposes of eligibility for benefits under the *Veterans' Children Education Scheme*.

This stems from a range of government initiatives in response to a study into the health of Australia's Vietnam veteran community. The study found that suicides were more prevalent in Vietnam veterans' children than the Australian community standard.

The purpose of this determination is to give Vietnam veterans' children or former children, who are diagnosed with a depressive disorder or are regarded as vulnerable, eligibility for the benefits, support and guidance available through the Veterans' Children Education Scheme.

The information requested in the form overleaf is required to assist in assessing VCES eligibility for the person named. **Please complete the form and return it directly to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.** Please use fax if possible, otherwise mail. The address, fax and other contact details are shown below.

Authority to release personal information is attached.

### DVA contact details

For assistance with this form please call: **1800 555 254**

To return by fax:

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### Criteria

The Repatriation Commission has issued a Determination through which this person may be eligible for benefits under the Veterans' Children Education Scheme if he/she:

- **is diagnosed by an appropriately qualified professional as having a depressive disorder;**  
OR
- **in the opinion of an appropriately qualified professional, is vulnerable.**

An **appropriately qualified professional** means a person who is:

- a medical practitioner (general practitioner or specialist); or
- a psychologist who has full registration as a psychologist in the State or Territory in which they practice; or
- a social worker who has completed a 4 year recognised degree and has eligibility for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers.

**Please complete this section and return it direct to the VCES Secretary at DVA**  
*(Please use fax if possible - otherwise mail - details overleaf)*



### The applicant

**Surname**

**Given names**

**DVA file number**

**Date of birth**

**Does this person meet the above criteria specified by the Repatriation Commission?**

Yes       No

### Your professional details

Stamp

**Your signature**

**Date**

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