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VETERAN PENSION RATE RISE ON 20 SEPTEMBER

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson announced new pension and income support payment rates for some 290,000 veterans, their partners, war widows and widowers across Australia would apply from tomorrow, 20 September.

The first full pension payments at the new rates will be on 17 October 2013.

The table below highlights the key changes to fortnightly rates.

Pension	Old Rate ¹ (per fortnight)	New Rate ¹ (per fortnight)	Increase
Service Pension—single	\$808.40	\$827.10	\$18.70
Service Pension—couples	\$1,218.80 couple	\$1,246.80 couple	\$28.00
	\$609.40 each	\$623.40 each	\$14.00
War Widow(er)'s Pension	\$820.70	\$840.20	\$19.50
Income Support Supplement	\$241.50	\$247.60	\$6.10
Special Rate (TPI) of Disability Pension	\$1,238.20	\$1,269.00	\$30.80
Intermediate Rate of Disability Pension	\$840.40	\$861.30	\$20.90
Extreme Disablement Adjustment	\$683.70	\$700.70	\$17.00
100 per cent General Rate of Disability Pension	\$440.00	\$451.00	\$11.00

¹ – These are the maximum rates of payment and include any clean energy supplement payable.

Pensions are indexed twice a year in March and September taking account of changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index (PBLCI) and Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE).

A full list of pension rates are available on www.dva.gov.au or by calling 133 254 or 1800 555 254 from regional Australia.

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