

APPENDIX ELEVEN

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS — VOLUME THREE

The Committee makes the following recommendations concerning benefits available to compensation pensioners.

CHAPTER 30: DISABILITY COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS AND A NEW STRUCTURE

A New Disability Compensation Structure

- 76 The Government should accept that the principles of disability compensation on which the Committee's proposed disability compensation structure is based are sound and appropriate for Australia's disabled veterans.
- 77 Following this acceptance, the Government should adopt and implement the proposed structure as soon as practicable, given its beneficial nature for veterans and their families.
- 78 The Government should adopt the proposed transitional arrangements.
- 79 As enhancements to the new structure, the Government should consider how additional assistance can be provided to veterans who experience difficulties in maintaining housing equity and to children of veterans who wish to undertake tertiary education.

Disability Pension to be Disregarded as Income

- 80 The Government should no longer regard the VEA disability pension, paid under either the current or proposed structure, as income for any VEA or social security income support payments or benefits.

Other Matters

War Widows

- 81 The legislation should be amended to ensure that the current non-indexed component of the war widow's pension will no longer be separately identified and that it will be indexed in the same way as the main benefit.
- 82 An extended bereavement payment should be made available to the widow of a veteran in receipt of special rate disability pension at the time of the veteran's death.
- 83 Rent assistance should be provided in addition to the existing war widow's pension and income support supplement.
- 84 War widows living overseas should be able to claim the income support supplement.

Extreme Disablement Adjustment

- 85 The extreme disablement adjustment (EDA) should not be included in the proposed disability compensation structure.
- 86 All veterans 65 years of age and over at the date of introduction of the new structure should retain the right to claim the EDA.
- 87 All existing EDA veterans should retain their current entitlements.
- 88 All veterans in receipt of EDA now and in the future should have access to a Goods and Services Tax (GST) rebate on motor vehicles and parts.
- 89 EDA veterans should receive a private health insurance subsidy if they have dependent children and choose to take out private health insurance.

Extremely Disabled Veterans

- 90 A veteran who is aged under 65 years at the date of introduction of the new structure and who, after reaching that age, is assessed under the Guide to the Assessment of Rates of Veterans' Pensions as having 70 disability points and a lifestyle rating of six, should not be granted EDA but instead should receive a benefit package including:
- disability pension at 100 per cent of the general rate;

- access to a GST rebate on motor vehicles and parts;
- a fortnightly means-tested home care allowance of \$150 while living in his own home;
- a private health insurance subsidy if he has dependent children and chooses to take out private health insurance; and
- the Repatriation Health Card — For All Conditions (Gold Card).

Funeral Benefit

91 The maximum funeral benefit should be increased to \$1000.

Eligibility for Disability Compensation under both the VEA and the SRCA

92 The Government should require of a veteran with a dual entitlement under the VEA and the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988* (SRCA) a one-time election, which would restrict the veteran to receiving benefits under either the VEA or the SRCA at that time of and in the future, if he has not already made a claim under either Act.

CHAPTER 31: REHABILITATION

Key Recommendations

Principles

- 93 The major principles of repatriation rehabilitation should be:
- The aim of rehabilitation is to restore veterans to their optimal level of function commensurate with their service-related disabilities in order to provide them with better quality of life, maximised vocational outcomes and reduced dependency on financial disability compensation.
 - Veterans' participation in rehabilitation assessments and, where appropriate, rehabilitation programs, is an integral, obligatory part of the disability compensation provided under the repatriation system.
 - DVA has a responsibility to provide suitable and comprehensive rehabilitation to veterans who require it as a result of service-related disabilities.

Rehabilitation Program

94 DVA, as a matter of priority, should provide the resources to establish a suitable program of rehabilitation within a policy framework for the

assessment of rehabilitation needs and the coordinated delivery of medical, social and vocational rehabilitation to veterans with service-related disabilities.

- 95 DVA should pursue its efforts to provide rehabilitation services to veterans and promote them to veterans and DVA staff with the same vigour that it applies to educating the veteran community and DVA staff about the other elements of disability compensation.

Policy Framework

- 96 The development of a policy framework should follow an investigation of best practice in rehabilitation. Experts in rehabilitation medicine (e.g. Fellows of the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine) should be used in this process.
- 97 The rehabilitation policy framework should focus on:
- the principles of repatriation rehabilitation articulated above;
 - factors within the Department of Defence that affect veterans' rehabilitation;
 - early rehabilitation in conjunction with the disability payment assessment process;
 - the role of experts in rehabilitation in the compensation assessment and rehabilitation processes;
 - addressing the range of younger and older veterans' service-related mental and physical disabilities likely to require rehabilitation;
 - coordination among providers of rehabilitation services, particularly for veterans with complex and chronic conditions;
 - incentives for rehabilitation;
 - evaluation strategies for rehabilitation programs;
 - the obligations of veterans to participate in rehabilitation;
 - the appeal rights of veterans in the assessment and rehabilitation processes;
 - the frequency of reviews of individual veterans' rehabilitation programs; and
 - the promotion of rehabilitation.

Recommendations for Implementation

General Arrangements for New and Existing Beneficiaries

- 98 The recommendations regarding rehabilitation should be implemented in concert with the Committee's recommendations for a new disability compensation structure.
- 99 The recommendations, with the exception of those in the following section, 'Arrangements for Rehabilitation – Proposed Disability Compensation Structure', should apply to all veterans whether or not they transfer to the new disability compensation structure.

Arrangements for Rehabilitation – Proposed Disability Compensation Structure

- 100 Should the Government implement the disability pensions structure recommended by the Committee, the following complementary rehabilitation arrangements should be implemented at the same time for the veterans who will receive payments under that system. These arrangements, described below, should be consistent with the other recommendations regarding rehabilitation.
- 101 Continued payment of the economic loss component of disability compensation payments should be subject to participation in rehabilitation. This requirement is based on the assumption that suitable rehabilitation assessments and services will be available.
- 102 Safety net arrangements should provide full payment of benefits during periods of rehabilitation. The desirability of specifying a period for which safety net arrangements should be provided should be investigated by DVA.
- 103 Veterans undertaking rehabilitation under the proposed disability payments structure should continue to receive payment for non-economic loss, together with a rehabilitation allowance to meet their economic needs. The rehabilitation allowance should be the same as, and in lieu of, the economic loss compensation.
- 104 While the rehabilitation allowance is paid, rehabilitation needs should be professionally assessed. Further, a rehabilitation plan should be developed that will help the veteran to recover from, improve, minimise or cope with the accepted disabilities. This action should not be required before the assessment of the veteran's eligibility for disability compensation. However, the assessment and rehabilitation should occur quickly, to be of greatest benefit to the veteran.

105 The rehabilitation program, agreed with the veteran, should be reviewed as necessary. DVA should use experts in rehabilitation medicine to establish appropriate guidelines.

Staged Implementation

106 To best manage the introduction of a rehabilitation regime, priority should be given to veterans who are identified by appropriate experts as having service-related disabilities causing the greatest need for rehabilitation and who are also the most likely to derive significant benefits from rehabilitation. It appears to the Committee that veterans already receiving disability compensation for accepted mental health conditions would be a priority group.

Supplementary Recommendations

- 107 The Government should consider the implementation suggestions provided by the Committee in the sections, 'The Adequacy of the Current Arrangements' and 'The Way Ahead', in Chapter 31 of this Report.
- 108 The Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service should be a part of the compulsory rehabilitation system.
- 109 DVA should give the Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service a more inclusive name, such as the Veterans' Counselling Service.

APPENDIX TWELVE

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: DISABILITY COMPENSATION

The Committee has been conscious of the Government's commitment to responsible economic management, as required by its terms of reference. The Committee has taken a principled approach to its deliberations and, in having done so, has then considered the cost implications of its recommendations.

The Committee's recommendations in this volume (discussed in Chapters 30 and 31) fall into five main groupings:

- a revised disability compensation structure for veterans who suffer economic loss, and their families;
- assistance for war widow/ers;
- assistance to extremely disabled veterans;
- funeral benefits; and
- a new, integrated and comprehensive rehabilitation program for disabled veterans.

All costs quoted are Commonwealth Budget four-year costs.

REVISED SYSTEM OF DISABILITY COMPENSATION

Nature of the Recommended Structure

The Committee has made major recommendations for a revised system of disability compensation that, in line with contemporary workers' compensation schemes, gives equal weight to rehabilitation, financial compensation and compensation services. These changes address the concerns of veterans about the long-term adequacy of their financial disability compensation and would

better serve them, their families and the nation, through providing increased benefits targeted to their needs over a lifetime.

The new financial compensation structure recommended by the Committee is a package designed to provide a more rational and equitable compensation system with reduced disincentives and particular incentives for veterans to improve their health, rather than remain dependent upon financial compensation for the rest of their lives. It provides more compensation for younger veterans who are unable to work full or part time as a result of their war-caused disabilities, and assistance aimed at helping those who have family responsibilities. On the other hand, the proposed system provides for reduced benefits after working age, by which time financial needs and the pressures of raising families have eased.

Cost Implications of the New Structure

The Committee's modelling indicates that the proposal would shift substantial budget funding from post-working age veterans to working age veterans through increased payments in the form of non-economic loss and economic loss compensation to working-age veterans and additional assistance to their families.

The Committee estimates that all elements of the proposed new structure would have a net total cost to the Commonwealth Budget of the order of \$275 million over the first four years. This estimate depends heavily upon the assumptions made about the rate at which veterans would transfer to the new structure. The Committee's financial modelling assumes that a significant proportion of veterans would find the increased short-term benefits of the new scheme attractive.

An individual's decision to take up the new structure would depend upon a number of factors, including age, life expectancy, family commitments, whether or not they have qualifying service, and current and future needs. The Committee expects the new structure to be attractive to many veterans because of its increased benefits for them before normal retirement age and its additional assistance for their families, despite reduced benefits beyond that age when compared to the current system.

The Committee estimates that, excluding consideration of the additional benefits for families, the new structure would provide higher pension amounts than the current system over the remaining expected lifetime for all veterans aged under 50 years. However, the system could provide additional assistance for veterans aged over 50 years if they have families and, for some of these veterans, the availability of higher pensions before normal retirement age would be attractive.

The Committee's costings of its proposals are based on the following expected take-up rates:

- all current special and intermediate rate veterans under 50 years of age would compulsorily transfer to the new scheme;
- approximately half of the existing special and intermediate rate pensioners aged between 50 and 64 years of age would transfer;
- no pensioners aged over 65 years would transfer (as the benefits available to them would be less under the new scheme); and
- all new grants of special and intermediate rate pensions would be made under the new structure.

The largest group of the special rate veteran population (59 per cent) is aged between 50 and 64 years. Most of these are Vietnam veterans. As the veterans in this group who take up the new structure move into post-working ages, the proposed structure would cost less than the current projected expenditure for this group.

Should the take-up rates be lower than those assumed in the Committee's modelling, the cost of the new structure will be less. For example, if a third of those eligible transferred, the cost of the new scheme will reduce to approximately \$200 million for the first four budget years.

The proposed structure would remove the present strong incentives to 'move up' to the special rate of disability compensation. Intermediate rate and special rate recipients would be encouraged and assisted to undertake paid part-time employment up to their maximum hours of 20 hours per week and eight hours per week respectively. These factors would have long-term effects in reducing disability compensation and health care costs. These behavioural effects have not been taken into account in the Committee's modelling of the costs of its new structure, but could lower the costs into the future.

As a principle, veterans should receive like compensation for like degree of incapacity, regardless of the nature of their service, qualifying or non-qualifying. This principle is reflected in the proposed disability compensation structure in that economic loss compensation replaces income support payments for veterans under normal retirement age. Also, the non-economic loss compensation paid under the new structure would not affect the economic loss compensation payable to the veteran before normal retirement age nor the income support payments made to him on or after that time.

This principle should apply to all VEA disability compensation payments, including those received by veterans who do not transfer to the new structure. Disability compensation payments under either scheme should not be assessed as income in any means tests applied under the VEA or the social security

system. This would have the effect of resolving two particular anomalies, in that disability pensions are currently exempted fully for the assessment of the service pension, but are counted as income for social security pensions and in the assessment of DVA rent assistance paid in addition to the service pension. This would assist veterans without qualifying service. The cost of this is approximately \$75 million, which is incorporated into the estimate of \$200–275 million for the total package.

Assistance for Families

Veterans and their families would benefit from the package in other ways that would ultimately reduce dependence on financial compensation as their sole income source. The changes would encourage veterans to improve their health and to take up part-time work where practicable, thus reducing their dependence upon financial compensation and health care. The Committee expects that there would be progressively greater numbers of veterans on partial economic loss compensation (intermediate rate), because the new structure will provide incentives and assistance for veterans to work to their capacity and test their ability to work.

Strong incentives would also be provided for spouses of veterans on partial and maximum rates of economic loss compensation to work to supplement the family income. The assistance to spouses to remain in, or enter, the workforce where practicable would reduce their need for long-term income support payments after the veteran's death.

The new structure provides assistance to families to meet additional needs at a crucial time and thus reduce the stresses and strains on the veteran and their family that often manifest in reduced health outcomes and family break-ups. The package would provide non-economic loss payments for wives and children, a carer's allowance for spouses providing full-time care to special rate veterans, and a health insurance subsidy for families of veterans with maximum economic loss compensation.

The improved rehabilitation arrangements (see below) are also expected to directly benefit families by meeting veterans' needs for social rehabilitation and assisting them to work where practicable.

Removal of Gaps in Benefits

The structure removes the huge gaps between the benefits available for intermediate rate and special rate veterans of working age, and it brings closer together the benefits available to extreme disablement adjustment (EDA), intermediate rate and special rate pensions past retirement age for those who transfer to the new scheme.

Summary

In summary, the total package would involve initial expenditure growth, because of higher economic loss compensation and additional benefits for families. This would be of significant benefit to many veterans under 65 years of age. The long-term effects of the proposed structure are difficult to quantify because of the uncertainty about the trend for future grants of intermediate and special rate pensions, the likely take-up rate of the new structure by existing beneficiaries on these rates, and the extent of the impact of incentives built into the new structure.

ASSISTANCE FOR WAR WIDOWS AND WAR WIDOWERS

The package includes four measures that would be of benefit to many war widows and other dependants of veterans. The total cost of these recommendations is approximately \$105 million over four years.

The Committee recommends indexation of the currently non-indexed portion of the war widow's pension (\$25 per fortnight) to Male Total Average Weekly Earnings or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is the greater. This would cost approximately \$15 million over four years.

The Committee also recommends that rent assistance be payable in addition to the income support supplement (ISS) received by some war widow pensioners. The recommendation, to pay rent assistance as a top-up to the ISS, would assist the most needy of war widow/ers and cost approximately \$75 million over four years.

In addition, the Committee recommends that war widow pensioners living overseas should be allowed to claim and be granted income support supplement without having to be present in and a resident of Australia. The cost will be approximately \$5 million over four years. These war widow pensioners are a disadvantaged group; many cannot return to Australia because of financial need or poor health.

The package also contains a new, extended bereavement payment for certain widows of special rate veterans who were under 65 years at the time of their death. This recommendation applies to widows of special rate veterans, regardless of whether the veterans transfer to the new structure. The estimated cost is approximately \$10 million over four years.

Funeral Benefit

The Committee also recommends an increase of the funeral benefit to \$1000, at an estimated cost of \$25 million over four years.

ASSISTANCE FOR EXTREMELY DISABLED VETERANS

The Committee recommends additional benefits for extremely disabled veterans at a cost of approximately \$20 million over four years.

The EDA is not a feature of the proposed new disability pension structure. Existing EDA recipients would remain unaffected and veterans aged over 65 years at the date of legislative amendment would continue to be entitled to claim and be granted EDA. The Committee recommends that these veterans be eligible for the Goods and Services tax rebate on motor vehicles and parts similar to that available to special rate veterans. This is estimated to cost approximately \$20 million over four years. The Committee also recommends that the private health insurance subsidy for special rate veterans also be provided to EDA veterans with families. This cost is incorporated into the cost of the revised pensions structure described earlier.

Veterans who are currently under age 65 but meet the current criteria for EDA at age 65 years or older will not be entitled to the EDA rate, but should be provided with additional targeted benefits. The Committee recommends that under the new structure, a new means-tested home care allowance of \$150 per fortnight, indexed to the CPI, be payable to those extremely disabled veterans who are presently under that age and who, at age 65 years, would meet the existing criteria for the grant of EDA. This would assist them to remain in their homes. These veterans would also receive the GST rebate on motor vehicles and parts, and would be eligible for the private health insurance subsidy if they have dependent children and take out private health insurance. The net effect of these changes is small over four years and the costs are included in other budget figures provided above.

REHABILITATION

The Committee has made major recommendations (Chapter 31) concerning the need, as a matter of priority, for the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to provide the resources to establish a suitable program to meet veterans' needs for medical, social and vocational rehabilitation. This would require a change of emphasis for DVA, to a compensation and rehabilitation focused system.

Implementation would support the restructuring of financial compensation by assisting those veterans capable of working to do so. There would be initial resource costs in setting up new programs and then ongoing costs to support them. The Committee is unable to estimate the costs of setting up the programs, as much more analysis and consideration by the Repatriation Commission will be needed to translate the Committee's recommendations into effective programs.

However, the rehabilitation programs, if set up as recommended, should improve the health and wellbeing of an increasing number of veterans. As the programs are implemented and refined, they can be extended to more categories of veterans, with veterans' improved health and lifestyles leading to reduced long-term health care costs and greater contributions by disabled veterans to the community. The programs should also reduce dependence on financial compensation. Consequently, savings to budget costs in later years, once the programs become fully effective, should be significant.

DUAL ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE VEA AND THE *SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION ACT 1988*

The Committee recommends that a veteran dually eligible under the VEA and the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*, who has not already had liability accepted under either scheme, should be required to elect the legislation under which they wish to receive compensation at that time and in the future. The estimated savings from this are small over the budget years, but would grow, especially as more of these veterans make claims.

SUMMARY

The Committee's recommendations in this volume are estimated to cost \$350–425 million over four years, depending upon the take-up rates for the new disability compensation structure. However, the recommendations include several measures designed to provide strong incentives and assistance for veterans to improve their health and to reduce their dependence on financial compensation.

APPENDIX THIRTEEN

TABLES OF RATES

This appendix lists the following rates.

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Table A13.19 Special Financial Assistance Annual Limit

DISABILITY PENSION AND ASSOCIATED ALLOWANCES**Table A13.1 General Rate Disability Pension (\$ per fortnight)**

Date	General rate	Date	General rate
1914	4.00	1941	8.40
1915	4.00	1942	8.40
1916	6.00	1943	10.00
1917	6.00	1944	10.00
1918	6.00	1945	10.00
1919	6.00	1946	10.00
1920	8.40	1947	10.00
1921	8.40	1948	11.00
1922	8.40	1949	11.00
1923	8.40	1950	14.00
1924	8.40	1951	14.00
1925	8.40	1952	16.00
1926	8.40	1953	16.50
1927	8.40	1954	18.00
1928	8.40	1955	19.00
1929	8.40	1956	19.00
1930	8.40	1957	20.50
1931	8.40	1958	20.50
1932	8.40	1959	22.00
1933	8.40	1960	22.00
1934	8.40	1961	23.00
1935	8.40	1962	23.00
1936	8.40	1963	23.00
1937	8.40	1964	24.00
1938	8.40	1965	24.00
1939	8.40	1966	24.00
1940	8.40	1967	24.00

Table A13.1 (continued)

Date	General rate	Date	General rate
1968	24.00 (30.00 with SCA) ^a	1986 (May)	143.50
1969	24.00 (34.00 with SCA)	1986 (Dec)	149.20
1970	24.00 (36.00 with SCA)	1987 (Jun)	157.60
1971	24.00 (36.00 with SCA)	1987 (Dec)	163.10
1972 (Sep)	28.00 (40.00 with SCA)	1988 (Jun)	168.60
1972 (Dec)	32.00 (44.00 with SCA)	1988 (Dec)	174.50
1973 (Sep)	38.00 (44.00 with SCA)	1989 (Jun)	181.50
1974 (Mar)	44.00	1989 (Nov)	187.70
1974 (Nov)	50.00	1990 (Apr)	195.60
1975 (May)	56.00	1990 (Sep)	202.10
1976 (May)	59.60	1991 (Mar)	209.00
1976 (Nov)	62.90	1992 (Apr)	212.10
1977 (May)	68.10	1993 (Feb)	216.90
1977 (Nov)	71.30	1993 (Sep)	219.70
1978 (May)	74.40	1994 (Mar)	221.00
1978 (Nov)	76.90	1994 (Sep)	223.40
1979 (Nov)	83.70	1995 (Mar)	226.50
1980 (May)	88.20	1995 (Sep)	233.30
1980 (Nov)	92.60	1996 (Mar)	238.00
1981 (May)	96.30	1996 (Sep)	240.60
1981 (Nov)	100.70	1997 (Mar)	241.60
1982 (May)	107.10	1998 (Sep)	243.00
1982 (Nov)	111.60	1999 (Mar)	244.70
1983 (May)	119.00	1999 (Sep)	245.40
1983 (Nov)	124.10	2000 (Mar)	249.10
1984 (May)	129.20	2000 (Jul)	259.10
1985 (May)	132.60	2000 (Sep)	263.50
1985 (Nov)	137.60	2001 (Mar)	268.70
		2001 (Sep)	273.80
		2002 (Mar)	277.10
		2002 (Sep)	281.50

^a Special Compensation Allowance (SCA) was introduced in 1968 where actual incapacity (as distinct from pensionable incapacity) from accepted disabilities (including pulmonary tuberculosis pensioned under s.37(3)) was assessed at from 75 per cent to 100 per cent. SCA was abolished in 1974, balanced in most cases by a corresponding increase in war pension.

Table A13.2 Intermediate Rate Disability Pension (\$ per fortnight)

Date	Intermediate rate	Date	Intermediate rate		
1965	7 Oct	40.50	7 Nov	251.20	
1966	6 Oct	42.50	1986	8 May	262.00
1968	3 Oct	48.50		18 Dec	272.50
1969	2 Oct	53.10	1987	18 Jun	287.80
1970	1 Oct	56.00		17 Dec	297.90
1971	1 Apr	57.00	1988	16 Jun	308.00
	30 Sep	60.50		15 Dec	318.80
1972	27 Apr	62.50	1989	15 Jun	331.60
	28 Sep	68.00		16 Nov	342.90
	7 Dec	73.10	1990	19 Apr	357.30
1973	27 Sep	77.60		20 Sep	369.10
1974	28 Mar	82.10	1991	21 Mar	381.70
	7 Nov	89.10	1992	2 Apr	387.40
1975	8 May	96.10	1993	4 Feb	394.50
	6 Nov	102.10		30 Sep	399.60
1976	6 May	108.60	1994	31 Mar	402.00
	4 Nov	114.70		29 Sep	406.40
1977	5 May	124.20	1995	30 Mar	412.10
	3 Nov	130.00		28 Sep	424.50
1978	4 May	135.70	1996	28 Mar	433.00
	2 Nov	140.30		26 Sep	437.80
1979	1 Nov	152.70	1997	27 Mar	439.60
1980	1 May	160.90	1998	24 Sep	442.20
	13 Nov	168.90	1999	25 Mar	445.30
1981	14 May	175.70		23 Sep	446.60
	12 Nov	183.80	2000	23 Mar	453.30
1982	13 May	195.60		13 Jul	471.40
	11 Nov	203.80	2000	21 Sep	479.40
1983	12 May	217.30		22 Mar	489.00
	10 Nov	226.60	2001	20 Sep	498.30
1984	10 May	235.90	2002	20 Mar	504.30
1985	9 May	242.00		20 Sep	512.40

Table A13.3 Special Rate Disability Pension (\$ per fortnight)

Date	Special rate	Date	Special rate
1920	16.00	1960	51.00
1921	16.00	1961	53.00
1922	16.00	1962	53.00
1923	16.00	1963	55.00
1924	16.00	1964	57.00
1925	16.00	1965	57.00
1926	16.00	1966	61.00
1927	16.00	1967	61.00
1928	16.00	1968	67.00
1929	16.00	1969	72.00
1930	16.00	1970	76.00
1931	16.00	1971 (Apr)	78.00
1932	16.00	1971 (Sep)	85.00
1933	16.00	1972 (Apr)	89.00
1934	16.00	1972 (Sep)	96.00
1935	16.00	1972 (Dec)	102.20
1936	16.00	1973 (Sep)	111.20
1937	16.00	1974 (Mar)	120.20
1938	16.00	1974 (Nov)	128.20
1939	16.00	1975 (May)	136.20
1940	16.00	1975 (Nov)	148.20
1941	16.00	1976 (May)	157.70
1942	16.00	1976 (Nov)	166.50
1943	19.20	1977 (May)	180.30
1944	19.20	1977 (Nov)	188.80
1945	19.20	1978 (May)	197.10
1946	19.20	1978 (Nov)	203.80
1947	20.20	1979 (Nov)	221.80
1948	21.20	1980 (May)	233.80
1949	21.20	1980 (Nov)	245.50
1950	28.00	1981 (May)	255.30
1951	35.00	1981 (Nov)	267.00
1952	35.00	1982 (May)	284.10
1953	37.00	1982 (Nov)	296.00
1954	37.00	1983 (May)	315.50
1955	39.00	1983 (Nov)	329.10
1956	39.00	1984 (May)	342.60
1957	44.00	1985 (May)	351.50
1958	46.00	1985 (Nov)	364.90
1959	49.00	1986 (May)	380.60

Table A13.3 (continued)

Date	Special rate	Date	Special rate
1986 (Dec)	395.80	1995 (Mar)	597.20
1987 (Jun)	418.00	1995 (Sep)	615.10
1987 (Dec)	432.60	1996 (Mar)	627.40
1988 (Jun)	447.30	1996 (Sep)	634.30
1988 (Dec)	463.00	1997 (Mar)	636.80
1989 (Jun)	481.50	1998 (Sep)	640.60
1989 (Nov)	497.90	1999 (Mar)	645.10
1990 (Apr)	518.80	1999 (Sep)	647.00
1990 (Sep)	535.90	2000 (Mar)	656.70
1991 (Mar)	554.10	2000 (Jul)	683.00
1992 (Apr)	562.40	2000 (Sep)	694.60
1993 (Feb)	571.70	2001 (Mar)	708.50
1993 (Sep)	579.10	2001 (Sep)	722.00
1994 (Mar)	582.60	2002 (Mar)	730.30
1994 (Sep)	589.00	2002 (Sep)	742.40

Table A13.4 Extreme Disablement Adjustment (\$ per fortnight)

Date		Extreme disablement adjustment	Date		Extreme disablement adjustment
1988	22 Dec	261.75	1996	28 Mar	357.00
1989	15 Jun	272.25		26 Sep	360.90
	16 Nov	281.55	1997	27 Mar	362.40
1990	19 Apr	293.40	1998	24 Sep	364.50
	20 Sep	303.15	1999	25 Mar	367.05
1991	21 Mar	313.50		23 Sep	368.10
1992	2 Apr	318.15	2000	23 Mar	373.65
1993	4 Feb	325.35		13 Jul	388.65
	30 Sep	329.55		21 Sep	395.25
1994	31 Mar	331.50	2001	22 Mar	403.05
	29 Sep	335.10		20 Sep	410.70
1995	30 Mar	339.75	2002	20 Mar	415.65
	28 Sep	349.95		20 Sep	422.25

Table A13.5 Schedule 5 / Section 27 Rates (\$ per fortnight)**Description of disability****Item**

- 1 *Two arms amputated*
- 2 *Two legs and one arm amputated*
- 3 *Two legs amputated above the knee*
- 4 *Two legs amputated and blinded in one eye*
- 5 *One leg and one arm amputated and one eye destroyed*
- 6 *One leg and one arm amputated*
- 7 *One leg amputated above, and one leg amputated below, the knee*
- 8 *Two legs amputated below the knee*
- 9 *One arm amputated and blinded in one eye*
- 10 *One leg amputated and blinded in one eye*
- 11 *One leg amputated above the knee*
- 12 *One leg amputated below the knee*
- 13 *One arm amputated above the elbow*
- 14 *One arm amputated below the elbow*
- 15 *Blinded in one eye*

Date	Items						
	1–6	7	8	9&10	11&13	12&14	15
1922	7.60	5.60	3.60	3.60	1.70	0.70	–
1934	7.60	5.60	3.60	3.60	1.70	0.70	–
1943	9.20	7.00	4.50	4.50	2.00	0.90	1.80
1947	10.20	8.00	5.50	4.50	2.00	0.90	1.80
1950	14.00	10.50	7.00	6.00	3.00	1.50	2.40
1951	21.00	10.50	7.00	6.00	3.00	1.50	2.40
1952	19.00	10.50	7.00	6.00	3.00	1.50	2.40
1953	20.50	11.20	7.50	6.40	3.30	1.70	2.60
1954	19.00	11.20	7.50	6.40	3.30	1.70	2.60
1955	20.00	11.20	7.50	6.40	3.30	1.70	2.60
1957	23.50	11.20	7.50	6.40	3.30	1.70	2.60
1958	25.50	11.20	7.50	6.40	3.30	1.70	2.60
1959	27.00	14.20	9.50	8.40	4.30	2.70	3.60
1960	29.00	14.20	9.50	8.40	4.30	2.70	3.60
1961	30.00	14.20	9.50	8.40	4.30	2.70	3.60
1963	32.00	14.20	9.50	8.40	4.30	2.70	3.60
1964	33.00	14.20	9.50	8.40	4.30	2.70	3.60
1966	37.00	14.20	9.50	8.40	4.30	2.70	3.60
1968	43.00	14.20	9.50	8.40	4.30	2.70	3.60
1969	48.00	14.20	9.50	8.40	4.30	2.70	3.60
1970	52.00	14.20	9.50	8.40	4.30	2.70	3.60

Table A13.5 (continued)

Date	Items							
	1-6	7	8	9&10	11&13	12&14	15	
1971	Apr	54.00	14.20	9.50	8.40	4.30	2.70	3.60
	Sep	61.00	22.40	15.00	13.00	6.50	3.40	5.00
1972	Apr	63.00	22.40	15.00	13.00	6.50	3.40	5.00
	Sep	68.00	23.50	15.80	13.70	6.80	3.60	5.30
1973	Mar	70.20	23.50	15.80	13.70	6.80	3.60	5.30
	Sep	73.20	29.40	19.80	17.10	8.50	4.50	6.60
1974	Mar	76.20	29.40	19.80	17.10	8.50	4.50	6.60
	7 Nov	78.20	33.20	22.40	19.30	9.60	5.10	7.50
1975	8 May	80.20	33.20	22.40	19.30	9.60	5.10	7.50
	6 Nov	92.20	33.20	22.40	19.30	9.60	5.10	7.50
1976	6 May	98.10	33.20	22.40	19.30	9.60	5.10	7.50
	4 Nov	103.60	33.20	22.40	19.30	9.60	5.10	7.50
1977	5 May	112.20	33.20	22.40	19.30	9.60	5.10	7.50
	3 Nov	117.70	33.20	22.40	19.30	9.60	5.10	7.50
1978	4 May	122.70	33.20	22.40	19.30	9.60	5.10	7.50
	2 Nov	126.90	33.20	22.40	19.30	9.60	5.10	7.50
1979	1 Nov	138.10	33.20	22.40	19.30	9.60	5.10	7.50
1980	1 May	145.60	33.20	22.40	19.30	9.60	5.10	7.50
	13 Nov	152.90	51.60	34.80	30.00	14.90	7.90	11.60
1981	14 May	159.00	51.60	34.80	30.00	14.90	7.90	11.60
	12 Nov	166.30	56.10	37.90	32.60	16.20	8.60	12.60
1982	13 May	177.00	56.10	37.90	32.60	16.20	8.60	12.60
	11 Nov	184.40	62.10	42.00	36.10	17.90	9.50	13.90
1983	12 May	196.50	62.10	42.00	36.10	17.90	9.50	13.90
	10 Nov	205.00	69.10	46.70	40.10	19.90	10.60	15.50
1984	10 May	213.40	69.10	46.70	40.10	19.90	10.60	15.50
	8 Nov	213.40	71.80	48.50	41.70	20.70	11.00	16.10
1985	9 May	218.90	71.80	48.50	41.70	20.70	11.00	16.10
	7 Nov	227.30	76.60	51.70	44.50	22.10	11.70	17.20
1986	8 May	237.10	76.60	51.70	44.50	22.10	11.70	17.20
	18 Dec	246.60	83.00	56.00	48.20	24.00	12.70	18.60
1987	18 Jun	260.40	83.00	56.00	48.20	24.00	12.70	18.60
	17 Dec	269.50	91.00	61.40	52.80	26.30	13.90	20.40
1988	16 Jun	278.70	91.00	61.40	52.80	26.30	13.90	20.40
	15 Dec	288.50	96.90	65.40	56.20	28.00	14.80	21.70
1989	15 Jun	300.00	96.90	65.40	56.20	28.00	14.80	21.70
	16 Nov	310.20	104.40	70.40	60.50	30.20	15.90	23.40
1990	19 Apr	323.20	104.40	70.40	60.50	30.20	15.90	23.40
	20 Sep	333.80	112.50	75.90	65.20	32.60	17.10	25.20

Table A13.5 (continued)

	Date	Items						
		1-6	7	8	9&10	11&13	12&14	15
1991	21 Mar	345.10	112.50	75.90	65.20	32.60	17.10	25.20
	3 Oct	345.10	116.30	78.50	67.40	33.70	17.70	26.10
1992	2 Apr	350.30	116.30	78.50	67.40	33.70	17.70	26.10
	1 Oct	350.30	117.70	79.40	68.20	34.10	17.90	26.40
1993	4 Feb	354.80	117.70	79.40	68.20	34.10	17.90	26.40
	30 Sep	359.40	119.90	80.90	69.50	34.70	18.20	26.90
1994	31 Mar	361.60	119.90	80.90	69.50	34.70	18.20	26.90
	29 Sep	365.60	121.90	82.30	70.70	35.30	18.50	27.40
1995	30 Mar	370.70	121.90	82.30	70.70	35.30	18.50	27.40
	28 Sep	381.80	127.40	86.00	73.90	36.90	19.30	28.60
1996	28 Mar	389.40	127.40	86.00	73.90	36.90	19.30	28.60
	26 Sep	393.70	131.30	88.70	76.20	38.00	19.90	29.50
1997	27 Mar	395.30	131.30	88.70	76.20	38.00	19.90	29.50
	25 Sep	395.30	131.70	89.00	76.40	38.10	20.00	29.60
1998	24 Sep	397.60	132.60	89.60	76.90	38.40	20.10	29.80
1999	25 Mar	400.40	132.60	89.60	76.90	38.40	20.10	29.80
	23 Sep	401.60	134.10	90.60	77.70	38.80	20.30	30.10
2000	23 Mar	407.60	134.10	90.60	77.70	38.80	20.30	30.10
	13 Jul	423.90	139.50	94.20	80.80	40.40	21.10	31.30
	21 Sep	431.10	144.00	97.20	83.40	41.70	21.80	32.30
2001	22 Mar	439.80	144.00	97.20	83.40	41.70	21.80	32.30
	20 Sep	448.20	149.70	101.10	86.70	43.40	22.70	33.60
2002	20 Mar	453.60	149.70	101.10	86.70	43.40	22.70	33.60
	20 Sep	460.90	153.90	103.90	89.10	44.60	23.30	34.50

ALLOWANCES**Table A13.6 Recreation Transport Allowance**

Date	Higher rate	Lower rate
1927	\$20.00 per calendar month	–
1935	\$20.00 per calendar month	\$10.00 per calendar month
1969	\$25.00 per calendar month	\$12.50 per calendar month
1974	Sep \$32.00 per calendar month	\$16.00 per calendar month
1974	Nov \$36.00 per calendar month	\$18.00 per calendar month
1979	1 Nov \$40.00 per calendar month	\$20.00 per calendar month
1980	13 Nov \$44.00 per calendar month	\$22.00 per calendar month
1981	12 Nov \$48.00 per calendar month	\$24.00 per calendar month
1982	11 Nov \$53.00 per calendar month	\$26.50 per calendar month
1983	10 Nov \$59.00 per calendar month	\$29.50 per calendar month
1984	8 Nov \$61.40 per calendar month	\$30.70 per calendar month
1985	7 Nov \$65.60 per calendar month	\$32.80 per calendar month
1986	18 Dec \$33.00 per fortnight	\$16.50 per fortnight
1987	17 Dec \$36.20 per fortnight	\$18.10 per fortnight
1988	15 Dec \$38.60 per fortnight	\$19.30 per fortnight
1989	16 Nov \$41.60 per fortnight	\$20.80 per fortnight
1990	20 Sep \$44.80 per fortnight	\$22.40 per fortnight
1991	3 Oct \$46.30 per fortnight	\$23.20 per fortnight
1992	1 Oct \$46.90 per fortnight	\$23.50 per fortnight
1993	30 Sep \$47.80 per fortnight	\$23.90 per fortnight
1994	29 Sep \$48.60 per fortnight	\$24.30 per fortnight
1995	28 Sep \$50.80 per fortnight	\$25.40 per fortnight
1996	26 Sep \$52.40 per fortnight	\$26.20 per fortnight
1997	25 Sep \$52.60 per fortnight	\$26.30 per fortnight
1998	24 Sep \$53.00 per fortnight	\$26.50 per fortnight
1999	23 Sep \$53.60 per fortnight	\$26.80 per fortnight
2000	13 Jul \$55.70 per fortnight	\$27.90 per fortnight
2000	20 Sep \$57.50 per fortnight	\$28.80 per fortnight
2001	20 Sep \$59.80 per fortnight	\$29.90 per fortnight
2002	20 Sep \$61.50 per fortnight	\$30.70 per fortnight

Table A13.7 Decoration Allowance

Year	Allowance
1943–66	\$0.70 per fortnight
1966–2000	\$2.00 per fortnight
July 2000 to current	\$2.10 per fortnight
<i>Victoria Cross holders</i>	
1943–97	\$250.00 per year
1997–2000	\$2700 per year
July 2000 to current	\$2808 per year

Table A13.8 Clothing Allowance (\$ per fortnight)

- A One leg and one arm amputated
- B One leg or one arm amputated
- C Both legs or both arms amputated
- D One leg amputated (where a tilting table artificial limb must be worn)
- E Where an allowance is payable under this regulation of less than the amount shown against A and use of a crutch or crutches in addition to any other artificial aid is necessary, the rate may be increased to this amount
- F Disabilities other than A to D resulting in exceptional wear and tear or damage to clothing (maximum grant in dollars per year in addition to any allowances under A to E)

Date	A	B	C	D	E	F
1959 Oct	1.50	0.76	1.00	1.00	1.50	39.00
1968 Oct	1.70	0.86	1.10	1.10	1.70	44.20
1973 Oct	2.10	1.10	1.40	1.40	2.10	57.20
1974 7 Nov	2.10	1.10	1.40	1.40		
1979 1 Nov	3.00	1.50	2.00	2.00		
1980 13 Nov	3.30	1.60	2.20	2.20		
1981 12 Nov	3.60	1.70	2.40	2.40		
1982 11 Nov	4.00	1.90	2.60	2.60		
1983 10 Nov	4.40	2.10	2.90	2.90		
1984 8 Nov	4.60	2.20	3.00	3.00		
1985 7 Nov	4.90	2.30	3.20	3.20		

Date	High rate	Middle rate	Low rate
1986 8 May	4.90	3.20	2.30
18 Dec	5.30	3.50	2.50
1987 17 Dec	5.80	3.80	2.70
1988 15 Dec	6.20	4.00	2.90
1989 16 Nov	6.70	4.30	3.10
1990 20 Sep	7.20	4.60	3.30
1991 3 Oct	7.40	4.80	3.40
1992 1 Oct	7.50	4.90	3.40
1993 30 Sep	7.60	5.00	3.50
1994 29 Sep	7.70	5.10	3.60
1995 28 Sep	8.00	5.30	3.80
1996 26 Sep	8.20	5.50	3.90
1998 24 Sep	8.30	5.50	3.90
1999 23 Sep	8.40	5.60	3.90
2000 13 Jul	8.70	5.80	4.10
21 Sep	9.00	6.00	4.20
2001 20 Sep	9.30	6.30	4.40
2002 20 Sep	9.60	6.50	4.50

Allowances E and F ceased as of October 1973.

As of 8 May 1986, the allowances became known as high rate, middle rate and low rate.

WAR WIDOW/ER'S PENSION**Table A13.9 War Widow/er's Pension and Domestic Allowance**
(\$ per fortnight)

Date	War widow/er's pension	Domestic allowance	Total	
1914	4.00	–	4.00	
1918	4.00	4.40	8.40	
1919	4.00	4.40	8.40	
1920–42	4.70	3.70	8.40	
1943–46 ^a	10.00		10.00	
1947	11.00	1.50	12.50	
1948–49	12.00	1.50	13.50	
1950	14.00	2.00	16.00	
1951–52	14.00	6.40	20.40	
1953	14.50	6.90	21.40	
1954	16.00	6.90	22.90	
1955–56	18.00	6.90	24.90	
1957	19.50	8.00	27.50	
1958	19.50	9.50	29.00	
1959	21.00	11.00	32.00	
1960	22.00	12.00	34.00	
1961–62	23.00	12.50	35.50	
1963	23.00	14.00	37.00	
1964–65	24.00	14.00	38.00	
1966–67	26.00	14.00	40.00	
1968	28.00	14.00	42.00	
1969	30.00	15.00	45.00	
1970	31.00	16.00	47.00	
1971	Apr	32.00	16.00	48.00
	Sep	34.50	15.50	50.00
1972	Apr	36.50	16.00	52.50
	Sep	40.00	17.00	57.00
	Dec	43.00	17.00	60.00
1973	Sep	46.00	19.00	65.00
1974	Mar	52.00	19.00	71.00
	Aug	62.00	19.00	81.00
	Nov	62.00	24.00	86.00
1975	8 May	72.00	24.00	96.00
	6 Nov	77.50	24.00	101.50
1976	6 May	82.50	24.00	106.50
	4 Nov	87.00	24.00	111.00

Table A13.9 (continued)

Date		War widow/er's pension	Domestic allowance	Total
1977	5 May	94.20	24.00	118.20
	3 Nov	98.60	24.00	122.60
1978	4 May	102.90	24.00	126.90
	2 Nov	106.40	24.00	130.40
1979	1 Nov	115.80	24.00	139.80
1980	1 May	122.10	24.00	146.10
	13 Nov	128.20	24.00	152.20
1981	14 May	133.30	24.00	157.30
	12 Nov	139.40	24.00	163.40
1982	13 May	148.30	24.00	172.30
	11 Nov	154.50	24.00	178.50
1983	12 May	164.70	24.00	188.70
	10 Nov	171.80	24.00	195.80
1984	10 May	178.80	24.00	202.80
	8 Nov	183.80	24.00	207.80
1985	9 May	188.60	24.00	212.60
	7 Nov	195.80	24.00	219.80
1986	8 May	204.20	24.00	228.20
	18 Dec	212.40	24.00	236.40
1987	18 Jun	224.30	24.00	248.30
	17 Dec	232.20	24.00	256.20
1988	16 Jun	240.10	24.00	264.10
	15 Dec	248.50	24.00	272.50
1989	15 Jun	258.40	24.00	282.40
	16 Nov	267.20	24.00	291.20
1990	19 Apr	282.40	24.00	306.40
	20 Sep	291.70	24.00	315.70
1991	21 Mar	301.60	24.00	325.60
1992	2 Apr	306.10	24.00	330.10
1993	4 Feb	312.10	24.00	336.10
	30 Sep	316.20	24.00	340.20
1994	31 Mar	318.10	24.00	342.10
	29 Sep	321.60	24.00	345.60
1995	30 Mar	326.10	24.00	350.10
	28 Sep	335.90	24.00	359.90

Table A13.9 (continued)

Date		War widow/er's pension	Domestic allowance	Total
1996	28 Mar	342.60	24.00	366.60
	26 Sep	346.40	24.00	370.40
1997	27 Mar	347.80	24.00	371.80
1998	26 Mar	354.60	24.00	378.60
	24 Sep	357.30	24.00	381.30
1999	25 Mar	361.40	24.00	385.40
	23 Sep	366.50	24.00	390.50
2000	23 Mar	372.00	24.00	396.00
	13 Jul ^b	372.00	25.00 + supplement of 14.90 = 39.90	411.90
	21 Sep	378.90	25.00 + supplement of 15.20 = 40.20	419.10
2001	22 Mar	386.50	25.00 + supplement of 15.50 = 40.50	427.00
	20 Sep	394.70	25.00 + supplement of 15.80 = 40.80	435.50
2002	20 Mar	405.80	25.00 + supplement of 16.00 = 41.00	446.80
	20 Sep	413.10	25.00 + supplement of 16.30 = 41.30	454.40

^a Limited Standard Allotment Pension paid during this period.

^b Supplement started.

The rate of war widow/er's pension is \$25 per fortnight above the single rate of age or service pension. The \$25 component was once called domestic allowance; it is now part of the pension but is not indexed.

ORPHAN'S PENSION**Table A13.10 Single Orphan (\$ per fortnight)**

Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate
1914	1.00	1945	3.50	6 May 1976	20.90
1915	1.00	1946	3.50	3 Nov 1977	20.90
1916	2.00	1947	3.50	2 Nov 1978	20.90
1917	2.00	1948	3.50	1 Nov 1979	25.00
1918	2.00	1949	3.50	13 Nov 1980	27.60
1919	2.00	1950	4.40	12 Nov 1981	30.00
1920	2.00	1951	4.40	11 Nov 1982	33.20
1921	2.00	1952	5.30	10 Nov 1983	36.90
1922	2.00	1953	5.30	8 Nov 1984	38.40
1923	2.00	1954	5.30	7 Nov 1985	41.00
1924	2.00	1955	5.30	18 Dec 1986	44.40
1925	2.00	1956	5.30	17 Dec 1987	44.40
1926	2.00	1957	5.30	15 Dec 1988	44.40
1927	2.00	1958	6.30	16 Nov 1989	44.40
1928	2.00	1959	6.30	11 Jan 1990	47.80
1929	2.00	1960	6.30	10 Jan 1991	51.50
1930	2.00	1961	7.80	2 Apr 1992	53.30
1931	2.00	1962	7.80	4 Feb 1993	53.90
1932	2.00	1963	7.80	6 Jan 1994	55.00
1933	2.00	1964	7.80	5 Jan 1995	55.90
1934	2.00	1965	7.80	4 Jan 1996	58.40
1935	2.00	1966	7.80	2 Jan 1997	60.20
1936	2.00	1967	8.80	1 Jan 1998	60.40
1937	2.00	1968	10.80	24 Sep 1998	60.80
1938	2.00	1969	10.80	23 Sep 1999	60.80
1939	2.00	1970	12.00	13 Jan 2000	61.50
1940	2.00	1971	14.00	13 Sep 2000	64.00
1941	2.00	1972	14.70	11 Jan 2001	66.00
1942	2.00	1973	18.50	20 Mar 2002	68.60
1943	3.50	1974	20.90	20 Sep 2002	68.60
1944	3.50	6 Nov 1975	20.90		

**Table A13.11 Double Orphan (Child of a Deceased Veteran
— Other Parent Also Dead) (\$ per fortnight)**

Date	Rate	Date	Rate	Date	Rate
1914	1.00	1945	4.00	6 May 1976	41.80
1915	1.50	1946	4.00	3 Nov 1977	41.80
1916	3.00	1947	4.00	2 Nov 1978	41.80
1917	3.00	1948	8.00	1 Nov 1979	50.00
1918	3.00	1949	8.00	13 Nov 1980	55.20
1919	3.00	1950	8.00	12 Nov 1981	60.00
1920	3.00	1951	8.00	11 Nov 1982	66.40
1921	3.00	1952	9.60	10 Nov 1983	73.80
1922	3.00	1953	9.60	8 Nov 1984	76.80
1923	3.00	1954	9.60	7 Nov 1985	82.00
1924	3.00	1955	9.60	18 Dec 1986	88.80
1925	3.00	1956	9.60	17 Dec 1987	88.80
1926	3.00	1957	9.60	15 Dec 1988	88.80
1927	3.00	1958	12.60	16 Nov 1989	88.80
1928	3.00	1959	12.60	11 Jan 1990	95.60
1929	3.00	1960	12.60	10 Jan 1991	103.00
1930	3.00	1961	14.30	2 Apr 1992	106.50
1931	3.00	1962	14.30	4 Feb 1993	107.80
1932	3.00	1963	14.30	6 Jan 1994	109.90
1933	3.00	1964	14.30	5 Jan 1995	111.80
1934	3.00	1965	14.30	4 Jan 1996	116.80
1935	3.00	1966	14.30	2 Jan 1997	120.40
1936	3.00	1967	16.30	1 Jan 1998	120.80
1937	3.00	1968	20.30	24 Sep 1998	121.60
1938	3.00	1969	20.30	23 Sep 1999	121.60
1939	3.00	1970	24.00	13 Jan 2000	122.90
1940	3.00	1971	28.00	13 Sep 2000	127.80
1941	3.00	1972	29.40	11 Jan 2001	131.90
1942	3.00	1973	37.00	20 Mar 2002	137.20
1943	4.00	1974	41.80	20 Sep 2002	137.20
1944	4.00	6 Nov 1975	41.80		

DEPENDANT'S PENSION**Table A13.12 Dependant's Pension — Wife of Veteran (\$ per fortnight)**

Date	Rate	% of general rate	Date	Rate	% of general rate
1914	2.00	50	1943	4.40	44
1915	2.00	50	1944	4.40	44
1916	3.00	50	1945	4.40	44
1917	3.00	50	1946	4.40	44
1918	3.00	50	1947	4.40	44
1919	3.00	50	1948	4.80	44
1920	3.60	43	1949	4.80	44
1921	3.60	43	1950	6.10	43.5
1922	3.60	43	1951	6.10	43.5
1923	3.60	43	1952	7.10	44
1924	3.60	43	1953	7.10	43
1925	3.60	43	1954	7.10	39
1926	3.60	43	1955	7.10	37
1927	3.60	43	1956	7.10	37
1928	3.60	43	1957	7.10	35
1929	3.60	43	1958	7.10	35
1930	3.60	43	1959	7.10	32
1931	3.60 ^a	43	1960	7.10	32
1932	3.60 ^a	43	1961	7.10	31
1933	3.60 ^a	43	1962	7.10	31
1934	3.60 ^a	43	1963	7.10	31
1935	3.60 ^a	43	1964	8.10	34
1936	3.60 ^a	43	1965	8.10	34
1937	3.60 ^a	43	1966	8.10	34
1938	3.60 ^a	43	1967	8.10	34
1939	3.60 ^a	43	1968	8.10	27 ^b
1940	3.60 ^a	43	1969	8.10	24 ^b
1941	3.60 ^a	43	1970	8.10	22.5 ^b
1942	3.60 ^a	43	1971	8.10	22.5 ^b

Table A13.12 (continued)

Date	Rate	% of general rate	Date	Rate	% of general rate
1972	8.10	20 ^b	1980	8.10	9
1973	8.10	18 ^b	1981	8.10	8
1974	8.10	16	1982	8.10	8
1975	8.10	14	1983	8.10	7
1976	8.10	14	1984	8.10	6
1977	8.10	12	1985	8.10	6
1978	8.10	11	July 2000	8.42	3
1979	8.10	10			

^a Although the rates shown are those existing under repatriation legislation, the actual amounts payable reduced under the *Financial Emergency Act, No 10 of 1931*, initially by 22.5% in 1931 and by lesser rates in subsequent years until 1943 when this section of the *Financial Emergency Act* was repealed.

^b From 1968 to 1973 the Special Compensation Allowance has been included in the general rate.

Amounts shown were paid to wives whose husbands were in receipt of the full general rate disability pension. Where the husband received less than the full general rate, the wife's pension was reduced proportionally.

War widows in receipt of the former dependant's pension who qualified for the war widow's pension before this date lost the dependant's pension upon being granted a war widow's pension.

Dependant's pensions have not been granted for claims lodged since 6 June 1985. Existing payments of the former dependant's pensions were saved but frozen at the rates payable at that time. Wife's pension has not been increased since 1964.

The Government considered that the pensions were no longer necessary with the advent of other forms of assistance through the social security system and that the cost of increasing them to a reasonable level would divert funds away from the primary focus of veterans' benefits. Recipients were given the option of commuting the pension to a final lump sum payment equal to three years of pension and many took this option.

The remaining dependant's pensions have since been increased only once, with the introduction of the GST.

Table A13.13 Dependant's Pension — Children (\$ per fortnight)

Date	Rate payable
1914	1.00
1915	1.00
1916–30	2.00, 1.50, 1.00
1931–39	2.00, 1.50, 1.00 ^a
1940	2.00, 1.50 ^a
1941	2.00, 1.50 ^a
1942	2.00, 1.50 ^a
1943–49	1.80
1950–51	2.30
1952–2000	2.75
July 2000	2.86

Where more than one amount is shown the initial figure is for a first child and subsequent amounts for second, third etc., children.

^a Although the rates shown are those existing under repatriation legislation, the actual amounts payable were reduced under the *Financial Emergency Act, No 10 of 1931*, initially by 22.5% in 1931 and by lesser rates in subsequent years until 1943 when this section of the *Financial Emergency Act* was repealed.

Amounts shown were paid to children whose fathers were in receipt of the full general rate war pension. Where the father received less than the full general rate, the child's pension was reduced proportionally.

Dependant's pensions have not been granted for claims lodged since 6 June 1985 and were frozen at the rates payable at that time. Apart from one increase (see below), children's pensions have not been increased since 1952.

The Government considered that the pensions were no longer necessary with the advent of other forms of assistance through the social security system and that the cost of increasing them to a reasonable level would divert funds away from the primary focus of veterans' benefits. Recipients were given the option of commuting the pension to a final lump sum payment equal to three years of pension and many took this option.

The remaining dependant's pensions have since been increased only once, with the introduction of the GST.

SERVICE PENSION AND ASSOCIATED ALLOWANCES**Table A13.14 Service Pension — Maximum Rates (\$ per fortnight)**

Date	Notes	Single 'standard' rate	Partnered rate — veteran	Partner	Child add-on pension
1 Jan 1936		\$3.60	\$3.00	\$3.00	0.50 each
1 Oct 1936		\$3.80	\$3.20	\$3.20	0.50 each
16 Sep 1937		\$4.00	\$3.40	\$3.40	0.50 each
2 Jan 1941		\$4.20	\$3.60	\$3.60	0.50 each
10 Apr 1941		\$4.20	\$3.60	\$3.60	0.50 each
18 Dec 1941		\$4.70	\$4.60	\$3.60	0.50 each
9 Apr 1942		\$5.00	\$5.00	\$3.60	0.50 each
8 Oct 1942		\$5.10	\$5.10	\$3.60	0.50 each
14 Jan 1943		\$5.20	\$5.20	\$3.60	0.50 each
8 Apr 1943		\$5.30	\$5.30	\$3.60	0.50 each
6 May 1943		\$5.30	\$5.30	\$4.40	1 @ 1.00; 3 @ 0.50
26 Aug 1943		\$5.40	\$5.40	\$4.40-	1 @ 1.00; 3 at 0.50
2 Dec 1943		\$5.30	\$5.30	\$4.30	1 @ 1.00; 3 @ 0.50
2 Dec 1943		\$5.40	\$5.40	\$4.40	1 @ 1.00; 3 @ 0.50
12 Jul 1945		\$6.50	\$6.50	\$4.40	1 @ 1.00; 3 @ 0.50
22 Aug 1946		\$6.50	\$6.50	\$4.40	1 @ 1.00; 3 @ 0.50
10 Jul 1947		\$7.50	\$7.50	\$4.40	1 @ 1.00; 3 @ 0.50
28 Oct 1948		\$8.50	\$8.50	\$4.80	1 @ 1.00; 3 @ 0.50
7 Jul 1949		\$8.50	\$8.50	\$4.80	1 @ 1.80; 3 @ 0.50
2 Nov 1950		\$10.00	\$10.00	\$4.80	1 @ 1.80; 3 @ 0.50
1 Feb 1951	a				
1 Nov 1951		\$12.00	\$12.00	\$6.00	1 @ 2.30; 3 @ 0.50
2 Oct 1952		\$13.50	\$13.50	\$7.00	1 @ 2.30; 3 @ 0.50
5 Nov 1953		\$14.00	\$14.00	\$7.00	1 @ 2.30; 3 @ 0.50
7 Oct 1954		\$14.00	\$14.00	\$7.00	1 @ 2.30; 3 @ 0.50
20 Oct 1955		\$16.00	\$16.00	\$7.00	1 @ 2.30; 3 @ 0.50
11 Nov 1955	b				
18 Oct 1956	c				
17 Oct 1957		\$17.50	\$17.50	\$7.00	1 @ 2.30; 3 @ 0.50
2 Oct 1958		\$17.50	\$17.50	\$7.00	1 @ 2.30; 3 @ 0.50
1 Oct 1959		\$19.00	\$19.00	\$7.00	1 @ 2.30; 3 @ 0.50
29 Sep 1960		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$7.00	1 @ 2.30; 3 @ 0.50
2 Mar 1961	d.				
28 Sep 1961		\$21.00	\$21.00	\$9.50	1 @ 3.00; 3 @ 0.50

Table A13.14 (continued)

Date	Notes	Single 'standard' rate	Partnered rate — veteran	Partner	Child add-on pension
17 Jan 1963	e				
26 Sep 1963	f	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$12.00	1 @ 3.00; 3 @ 0.50
7 Nov 1963		\$23.00	\$21.00	\$12.00	1 @ 3.00; 3 @ 0.50
24 Sep 1964		\$24.00	\$22.00	\$12.00	1 @ 3.00; 3 @ 0.50
7 Oct 1965	g	\$24.00	\$22.00	\$12.00	1 @ 3.00; 3 @ 0.50
6 Oct 1966	h	\$26.00	\$23.50	\$12.00	1 @ 3.00; 3 @ 0.50
4 May 1967	i				
3 Oct 1968	j	\$28.00	\$25.00	\$14.00	1 @ 5.00; 3 @ 0.50
2 Oct 1969	k	\$30.00	\$26.50	\$14.00	1 @ 5.00; 3 @ 0.50
2 Apr 1970	l				
1 Oct 1970		\$31.00	\$27.50	\$14.00	1 @ 5.00; 3 @ 0.50
1 Apr 1971	m	\$32.00	\$48.50	\$14.00	1 @ 5.00; 3 @ 0.50
30 Sep 1971	n	\$34.50	\$30.50	\$16.00	1 @ 5.00; 3 @ .50
27 Apr 1972	o	\$36.50	\$32.00	\$16.00	1 @ 9.00; 3 at 0.50
28 Sep 1972	p	\$40.00	\$34.50	\$34.50	1 @ 9.00; 3 @ 0.50
7 Dec 1972	q	\$43.00	\$37.50	\$37.50	1 @ 9.00; 3 @ 0.50
27 Sep 1973	r	\$46.00	\$40.50	\$40.50	\$10.00 each
28 Sep 1974		\$52.00	\$45.50	\$45.50	\$10.00 each
1 Aug 1974		\$62.00	\$51.50	\$51.50	\$10.00 each
7 Nov 1974		\$62.00	\$51.50	\$51.50	\$11.00 each
8 May 1975	s	\$72.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$11.00 each
6 Nov 1975		\$77.50	\$64.50	\$64.50	\$15.00 each
6 May 1976		\$82.50	\$68.50	\$68.50	\$15.00 each
		\$94.20	\$78.50	\$78.50	\$15.00 each
3 Nov 1977		\$98.60	\$82.20	\$82.20	\$15.00 each
4 May 1978		\$102.90	\$85.80	\$85.80	\$15.00 each
2 Nov 1978		\$106.40	\$88.70	\$88.70	\$15.00 each
1 Nov 1979		\$115.80	\$96.50	\$96.50	\$15.00 each
1 May 1980		\$122.10	\$101.70	\$101.70	\$15.00 each
13 Nov 1980		\$128.20	\$106.80	\$106.80	\$20.00 each

Table A13.14 (continued)

Date	Notes	Single 'standard' rate	Partnered rate — veteran	Partner	Child add-on pension
14 May 1981		\$133.30	\$111.10	\$111.10	\$20.00 each
12 Nov 1981		\$139.40	\$116.20	\$116.20	\$20.00 each
13 May 1982		\$148.30	\$123.60	\$123.60	\$20.00 each
11 Nov 1982		\$154.50	\$128.80	\$128.80	\$20.00 each
12 May 1983		\$164.70	\$137.30	\$137.30	\$20.00 each
10 Nov 1983		\$171.80	\$143.20	\$143.20	\$24.00 each
10 May 1984		\$178.80	\$149.10	\$149.10	\$24.00 each
8 Nov 1984		\$183.80	\$153.30	\$153.30	\$28.00 each
9 May 1985		\$188.60	\$157.30	\$157.30	\$28.00 each
7 Nov 1985		\$195.80	\$163.30	\$163.30	\$32.00 each
8 May 1986		\$204.20	\$170.30	\$170.30	\$28.00 each prescribed student child \$32.00 each non- prescribed student child
18 Dec 1986		\$212.40	\$177.10	\$177.10	\$28.00 each prescribed student child \$34.00 each non- prescribed student child
18 Jun 1987		\$224.30	\$187.00	\$187.00	\$28.00 each prescribed student child \$34.00 each non- prescribed student child
17 Dec 1987		\$232.20	\$193.50	\$193.50	\$44 each child under 13 \$56 each child 13–15 \$34 each non- prescribed student child \$10 each prescribed student child

Table A13.14 (continued)

Date	Notes	Single 'standard' rate	Partnered rate — veteran	Partner	Child add-on pension
16 Jun 1988		\$240.10	\$200.10	\$200.10	\$44 each child under 13 \$56 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student child \$10 each prescribed student child
15 Dec 1988		\$248.50	\$207.10	\$207.10	\$48 each child under 13 \$62 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student child \$10 each prescribed student child (until 12 Jan 1989)
15 Jun 1989		\$258.40	\$215.40	\$215.40	\$48 each child under 13 \$62 each child 13–15 \$68.20 each child 13–15 DOE 13 Jul 1989 \$34 each non-prescribed student child
16 Nov 1989		\$267.20	\$222.70	\$222.70	\$48 each child under 13 \$68.20 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student child
11 Jan 1990		\$267.20	\$222.70	\$222.70	\$48.30 each child under 13 \$70.50 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
19 Apr 1990		\$282.40	\$235.40	\$235.40	\$48.30 each child under 13 \$70.50 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
20 Sep 1990		\$291.70	\$243.20	243.20	\$48.30 each child under 13 \$70.50 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student

Table A13.14 (continued)

Date	Notes	Single 'standard' rate	Partnered rate — veteran	Partner	Child add-on pension
10 Jan 1991		\$291.70	\$243.20	\$243.20	\$53 each child under 13 \$77.30 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
21 Mar 1991		\$301.60	\$251.50	\$251.50	\$53 each child under 13 \$77.30 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
2 Apr 1992		\$306.10	\$255.30	\$255.30	\$60.80 each child under 13 \$85.90 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
4 Feb 1993		\$312.10	\$260.30	\$260.30	\$61.90 each child under 13 \$87.40 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
30 Sep 1993		\$316.20	\$263.70	\$263.70	\$61.90 each child under 13 \$87.40 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
6 Jan 1994		\$316.20	\$263.70	\$263.70	\$64.20 each child under 13 \$90.60 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
31 Mar 1994		\$318.10	\$265.30	\$265.30	\$64.20 each child under 13 \$90.60 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
29 Sep 1994		\$321.60	\$268.20	\$268.20	\$64.20 each child under 13 \$90.60 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student

Table A13.14 (continued)

Date	Notes	Single 'standard' rate	Partnered rate — veteran	Partner	Child add-on pension
5 Jan 1995		\$321.60	\$268.20	\$268.20	\$67.20 each child under 13 \$94.10 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
30 Mar 1995		\$326.10	\$272.00	\$272.00	\$67.20 each child under 13 \$94.10 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
28 Sep 1995		\$335.90	\$280.20	\$280.20	\$67.20 each child under 13 \$94.10 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
4 Jan 1996		\$335.90	\$280.20	\$280.20	\$70.40 each child under 13 \$98.40 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
28 Mar 1996		\$342.60	\$285.80	\$285.80	\$70.40 each child under 13 \$98.40 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
26 Sep 1996		\$346.40	\$288.90	\$288.90	\$70.40 each child under 13 \$98.40 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
2 Jan 1997		\$346.40	\$288.90	\$288.90	\$72.60 each child under 13 \$101.50 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
27 Mar 1997		\$347.80	\$290.10	\$290.10	\$72.60 each child under 13 \$101.50 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student

Table A13.14 (continued)

Date	Notes	Single 'standard' rate	Partnered rate — veteran	Partner	Child add-on pension
1 Jan 1998		\$347.80	\$290.10	\$290.10	\$72.90 each child under 13 \$101.90 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
26 Mar 1998		\$354.60	\$295.80	\$295.80	\$72.90 each child under 13 \$101.90 each child 13–15 \$34 each non-prescribed student
24 Sep 1998		\$357.30	\$298.10	\$298.10	\$75.30 each child under 13 \$105.10 each child 13–15
25 Mar 1999		\$361.40	\$301.60	\$301.60	\$75.30 each child under 13 \$105.10 each child 13–15
20 Sep 1999		\$366.50	\$305.90	\$305.90	\$75.30 each child under 13 \$105.10 each child 13–15
1 Jan 2000		\$366.50	\$305.90	\$305.90	\$77.60 each child under 13 \$108.20 each child 13–15
20 Mar 2000		\$372.00	\$310.50	\$310.50	\$77.60 each child under 13 \$108.20 each child 13–15
1 Jul 2000		\$372.00 Pension Supplement = \$14.90 Total excluding PA = \$386.90	\$310.50 Pension Supplement = \$12.40 Total excluding PA = \$322.90	\$310.50 Pension Supplement = \$12.40 Total excluding PA = \$322.90	\$78.80 each child under 13 \$109.90 each child 13–15
20 Sep 2000		\$378.90 Pension Supplement = \$15.20 Total excluding PA = \$394.10	\$316.30 Pension Supplement = \$12.60 Total excluding PA = \$328.90	\$316.30 Pension Supplement = \$12.60 Total excluding PA = \$328.90	\$78.80 each child under 13 \$109.90 each child 13–15

Table A13.14 (continued)

Date	Notes	Single 'standard' rate	Partnered rate — veteran	Partner	Child add-on pension
1 Jan 2001		\$378.90	\$316.30	\$316.30	\$81.30 each child under 13 \$113.40 each child 13–15
		Pension Supplement = \$15.20	Pension Supplement = \$12.60	Pension Supplement = \$12.60	
		Total excluding PA = \$394.10	Total excluding PA = \$328.90	Total excluding PA = \$328.90	
20 Mar 2001		\$386.50	\$322.70	\$322.70	\$81.30 each child under 13 \$113.40 each child 13–15
		Pension Supplement = \$15.50	Pension Supplement = \$12.80	Pension Supplement = \$12.80	
		Total excluding PA = \$402.00	Total excluding PA = \$335.50	Total excluding PA = \$335.50	
20 Sep 2001		\$394.70	\$329.60	\$329.60	\$81.30 each child under 13 \$113.40 each child 13–15
		Pension Supplement = \$15.80	Pension Supplement = \$13.00	Pension Supplement = \$13.00	
		Total excluding PA = \$410.50	Total excluding PA = \$342.60	Total excluding PA = \$342.60	
20 Mar 2002		\$405.80	\$338.90	\$338.90	\$81.30 each child under 13 \$113.40 each child 13–15
		Pension Supplement = \$16.00	Pension Supplement = \$13.20	Pension Supplement = \$13.20	
		Total excluding PA = \$421.80	Total excluding PA = \$352.10	Total excluding PA = \$352.10	
20 Sep 2002		\$413.10	\$345.00	\$345.00	\$81.30 each child under 13 \$113.40 each child 13–15
		Pension Supplement = \$16.30	Pension Supplement = \$13.40	Pension Supplement = \$13.40	
		Total excluding PA = \$429.40	Total excluding PA = \$358.40	Total excluding PA = \$358.40	

Notes

- a Pensioner Medical Service gazetted 20 Aug 1950 and came into operation Feb 1951.
b 1953 Means Test applied to grants in respect of eligibility under Pensioner Medical Service.

- c Members in respect of Permanently Unemployable Pensions received allowance of \$1 a week for each child after the first.
- d Merged Means Test SAI now known as MPM.
- e Differential rates brought in for 'single' pensioners.
- f Service pension continued to the end of the year in which student children attained 18 years.
Additional allowance in respect of second and subsequent children (PU cases) increased to \$1.50 a week.
- g Additional allowance of \$1.50 a week for second and subsequent children extended to SPOA and SPTB pensioners.
'Differential' rate renamed 'standard' rate and extended to service pensioner whose wife receives service pension as wife.
Supplementary assistance increased to \$2 subject to reduction if MAA exceeds \$1 a week.
Supplementary assistance extended to married service pensioner whose wife receives a service pension at 'wife's' rate.
Service pension now payable to wife of SPOA pensioner if she has one or more children.
Guardian's allowance of \$4 a week now payable to unmarried member service pensioner who has custody, care and control of 1 or more children. Age limit for student children raised to 21 years.
- h A deduction of \$3 a week from the gross income of a service pensioner for each child who qualifies as such under s.83 of the Act and is dependent on him or her.
Retrospective payments to service and AMS pensioners, on discharge from mental hospitals, of up to six instalments of pension at the maximum assessable rate less the 'institutional' or 'comforts' rate.
- i Permissible income under the means test increased; MPM increased accordingly.
- j Service Pension provisions extended under *Repatriation (Special Overseas Service) Act 1962* to those who have had 'special service' as defined.
Re-adjustment Allowance – payment for 12 weeks after the death of a married service pensioner or social security pensioner, where spouse also receives such a pension, of the combined amount that would have been payable had one of them not died.
Payment of service pension at the 'standard' rate extended to a member whose spouse is receiving an unemployment or a sickness benefit under the *Social Services Act*.
Additional allowance increased to \$2.50 and extended to include first child.
Note: pension is not payable to a first child only where no additional allowance is payable to the member for that child or the member is deceased.
- k Tapered means test introduced.
Additional pension in respect of second and subsequent children increased from \$5.00 to \$7.00.
No change in respect of first child addition.
Change in calculation method of additional pension.
Note: pension payable to a first child only where no additional allowance is payable to the member for that child or the member is deceased.
Eligibility for fringe benefits ceases when MAA is equal to or exceeds \$25 (single) or \$27 (standard or married).
Income deduction for each child increased from \$3 to \$4.
- l Pensions based on the 'standard' MPM and payable at the equivalent of the single rate extended to each of a married couple who, because of ill health or infirmity of either or both of them, have lost, indefinitely, the economies of living together.
Eligibility for fringe benefits ceases when MAA is equal to or exceeds \$51 (single), \$48 (standard, married).
- m Where MAA is between \$20 and \$22 (single) or \$17 (standard and married) the pension assessed is increased by an amount equal to half the difference between \$22 (single) and \$19 (standard and married) and the MAA.
Eligibility for fringe benefits ceases when MAA is equal to or exceeds \$51 (single) or \$48 (standard or married).
- n Where MAA is between \$20 and \$27 (single) or \$17 and \$24 (standard) or \$17 and \$23 (married) the pension assessed is increased by an amount (known as variable addition) equal to half the difference between \$27 (single), \$24 (standard) or \$23 (married) and the MAA.
Additional pension in respect of first child increased from \$5 to \$9 and in respect of second and subsequent children from \$7 to \$9.
Eligibility for fringe benefits ceases when the MAA is equal to or exceeds \$54.50 (single) or \$48.00 (standard or married).

- o Variable addition concept discarded.
Eligibility for fringe benefits ceases when the MAA is equal to or exceeds \$56.50 (single) or \$49 (standard or married).
- p Wife's service pension increased to the same rate as that payable to a married member.
BML increased to \$40 (single) and \$234.50 (married).
Eligibility for fringe benefits ceases where a member's MAA is equal to or exceeds \$60 (single) or \$51.50 (married).
Concept of 'maximum permissible means' discarded
- q Service pension for member is limited to the married rate where wife receives unemployment or sickness benefits from the Department of Social Security.
- r 25% of war pension exempt from the assessment of service pension, but not supplementary assistance.
Service pension free of means test at age 75 years or over (supplementary assistance, addition for children and fringe benefits still subject to means test.).
Service pension of \$0.25 for second, third and fourth children cancelled.
Grants of service pension to single children ceased.
- s 50% of disability pension exempt from the assessment of service pension but not supplementary assistance.
Service pension free of means test at age 70 years or over (supplementary assistance, addition for children, and fringe benefits still subject to means test). Transitional benefit cancelled.

Rent Assistance**Table A13.15 Maximum Rent Assistance (\$ per fortnight)**

Date	Veteran single rate	Veteran partnered rate — combined	Maximum additional rent assistance for 1–2 children	Maximum additional rent assistance for 3 or more children	
1958	2 Oct	2.00			
1959	1 Oct	2.00			
1960	29 Sep	2.00			
1961	28 Sep	2.00			
1963	7 Nov	2.00			
1964	24 Sep	2.00			
1965	7 Oct	4.00			
1966	6 Oct	4.00			
1968	3 Oct	4.00			
1969	2 Oct	4.00			
1970	1 Oct	4.00			
1971	30 Sep	4.00			
1972	28 Sep	4.00	4.00		
1973	27 Sep	8.00	8.00		
1974	7 Nov	10.00	10.00		
1975	6 Nov	10.00	10.00		
1976	6 May	10.00	10.00		
1977	3 Nov	10.00	10.00		
1978	2 Nov	10.00	10.00		
1979	1 Nov	10.00	10.00		
1980	13 Nov	10.00	10.00		
1982	4 Feb	16.00	16.00		
1982	11 Nov	20.00	20.00		
1983	10 Nov	20.00	20.00		
1984	8 Nov	30.00	30.00		
1985	7 Nov	30.00	30.00		
1986	18 Dec	30.00	30.00		
1987	17 Dec	30.00	30.00		
1988	15 Dec	30.00	30.00		
1989	15 Jun	30.00	30.00	10.00	10.00
1989	30 Nov	40.00	30.00	10.00	10.00
1990	11 Jan	40.00	40.00	10.00	10.00
1990	14 Jun	50.00	50.00	10.00	20.00
1990	20 Sep	60.00	60.00	10.00	20.00

Table A13.15 (continued)

Date		Veteran single rate	Veteran partnered rate — combined	Maximum additional rent assistance for 1–2 children	Maximum additional rent assistance for 3 or more children
1991	21 Mar	62.00	62.00	10.40	20.70
1992	2 Apr	62.90	62.90	10.60	21.00
1992	1 Oct	63.00	63.00	10.60	21.00
1993	1 Apr	67.20	63.20	10.60	21.00
1993	30 Sep	68.00	64.00	10.80	21.20
1994	31 Mar	68.40	64.40	10.80	21.40
1994	29 Sep	69.20	65.20	10.80	21.60
1995	30 Mar	70.20	66.20	10.80	21.80
1995	28 Sep	72.40	68.20	11.20	22.40
1996	28 Mar	73.80	69.60	16.40	27.80
1996	26 Sep	74.60	70.40	16.60	28.00
1997	27 Mar	74.80	70.60	16.80	28.20
1998	24 Sep	75.20	71.00	17.00	28.40
1999	25 Mar	75.80	71.40	17.20	28.60
1999	20 Sep	76.00	71.60	17.20	28.80
2000	20 Mar	77.20	72.60	17.60	29.40
2000	1 Jul	85.00	79.80	19.40	32.40
2000	20 Sep	86.40	81.20	19.60	33.00
2001	20 Mar	88.00	82.80	20.00	33.80
2001	20 Sep	89.60	84.40	20.40	34.40
2002	20 Mar	90.60	85.40	20.60	34.80
2002	20 Sep	92.00	86.80	20.80	35.40

Notes

- The amount of rent assistance granted is dependent on the amount of rent being paid, the rent threshold and the amount of income received. Disability pension is income for rent assistance purposes.
- The maximum amount of rent assistance after application of the rent test is added to the maximum rate of the income support supplement (ISS). Any income (including war widow's pension) above the free area then reduces the combined rent assistance and ISS by 40 cents in the dollar. The resulting payment or the ceiling rate of ISS (whichever is the lesser) is then paid to the war widow, with the non-taxable rent assistance element being payable before taxable ISS.
- This mirrors the social security system assessment for pensioners where rent assistance is involved.

SOLDIERS' CHILDREN EDUCATION SCHEME / VETERANS' CHILDREN EDUCATION SCHEME**Table A13.16 Soldiers' Children Education Scheme / Veterans' Children Education Scheme — Allowances (\$ per fortnight)**

	1920–31		1931–36		1936–45		1945–48		1948–52	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Pension allowance etc.										
Children 12–16 yrs	2.00	4.00	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Children 12–14 yrs	–	–	1.00	4.00	1.00	4.00	1.20	4.80	1.80	6.00
Children 14–16 yrs	–	–	1.60	4.00	1.60	4.00	1.90	4.80	2.40	6.00
Children 16–18 yrs	4.00	6.00	3.60	6.00	3.60	6.00	5.40	7.20	6.60	10.00
Professional	6.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	7.00	11.00	9.00	13.00
Industrial 1st yr	3.00	–	2.40	–	2.40	4.00	2.90	4.80	2.90	4.80
Industrial 2nd yr	3.50	–	2.80	–	2.80	4.00	3.40	4.80	3.40	4.80
Industrial 3rd yr	4.00	–	3.20	–	3.20	4.50	3.80	5.40	3.80	5.40
Industrial 4th yr	4.50	–	4.00	–	4.00	5.00	4.80	6.00	4.80	6.00
Industrial 5th yr	5.00	–	4.00	–	4.00	5.00	4.80	6.00	4.80	6.00
Agriculture	–	–	–	–	–	2.00	–	2.40	–	3.00

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Table A13.16 (continued)

	1952–56		1956–59		1959–61		1961–63		1963–64	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Pension allowance etc.										
Children 12–14 yrs	2.30	8.00	3.30	11.00	3.30	11.00	3.30	11.00	3.80	12.66
Children 14–16 yrs	3.00	8.00	5.00	11.00	5.00	11.00	5.00	11.00	5.76	12.66
Children 16–18 yrs	8.00	13.00	11.00	17.00	11.00	17.00	11.00	17.00	12.66	19.56
Professional	10.50	16.50	15.00	22.00	17.00	26.00	19.00	29.50	19.00	29.50
Industrial 1st yr	2.90	4.80	4.00	8.00	4.00	8.00	4.00	8.00	4.60	9.20
Industrial 2nd yr	3.40	4.80	4.00	8.00	4.00	8.00	4.00	8.00	4.60	9.20
Industrial 3rd yr	3.80	5.40	4.00	8.00	4.00	8.00	4.00	8.00	4.60	9.20
Industrial 4th yr	4.80	6.00	4.00	8.00	4.00	8.00	4.00	8.00	4.60	9.20
Industrial 5th yr	4.80	6.00	4.00	8.00	4.00	8.00	4.00	8.00	4.60	9.20
Agriculture	–	3.00	–	5.50	–	5.50	–	5.50	–	6.34

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Table A13.16 (continued)

	1964–66		1966–67		1967–68		1968–70		1970	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Pension allowance etc.										
Children 12–14 yrs	3.80	12.65	3.80	12.65	3.80	12.65	4.35	14.55	4.35	14.55
Children 14–16 yrs	5.75	12.65	5.75	12.65	5.75	12.65	6.60	14.55	6.60	14.56
Children 16–18 yrs	12.65	19.55	12.65	19.55	12.65	19.55	14.55	22.50	14.55	22.50
Professional	20.00	30.50	21.50	32.80	21.50	32.80	21.50	34.80	23.85	38.46
Industrial 1st yr	4.60	9.20	4.60	9.20	4.60	9.20	5.30	10.60	5.30	10.60
Industrial 2nd yr	4.60	9.20	4.60	9.20	4.60	9.20	5.30	10.60	5.30	10.60
Industrial 3rd yr	4.60	9.20	4.60	9.20	4.60	9.20	5.30	10.60	5.30	10.60
Industrial 4th yr	4.60	9.20	4.60	9.20	4.60	9.20	5.30	10.60	5.30	10.60
Industrial 5th yr	4.60	9.20	4.60	9.20	4.60	9.20	5.30	10.60	5.30	10.60
Agriculture	–	6.30	–	6.35	–	6.35	–	7.30	–	7.30

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Table A13.16 (continued)

	1971-72		January 1973		September 1973		1974		1975	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
Pension allowance etc.										
Children 12-16 yrs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children 12-14 yrs	4.35	14.55	5.20	17.20	6.50	21.50	6.50	21.50	7.40	24.30
Children 14-16 yrs	6.60	14.55	7.80	17.20	9.80	21.50	9.80	21.50	11.10	24.30
Children 16-18 yrs	14.55	22.50	17.20	26.60	21.50	33.30	21.50	33.30	24.30	37.60
Professional	26.92	42.31	30.77	50.00	30.77	50.00	32.70	53.85	38.46	61.54
Industrial 1st yr	5.30	10.60	6.30	12.50	7.90	15.60	7.90	15.60	8.70	17.60
Industrial 2nd yr	5.30	10.60	6.30	12.50	7.90	15.60	7.90	15.60	8.70	17.60
Industrial 3rd yr	5.30	10.60	6.30	12.50	7.90	15.60	7.90	15.60	8.70	17.60
Industrial 4th yr	5.30	10.60	6.30	12.50	7.90	15.60	7.90	15.60	8.70	17.60
Industrial 5th yr	5.30	10.60	6.30	12.50	7.90	15.60	7.90	15.60	8.70	17.60
Agriculture	-	7.30	-	8.60	-	10.80	-	10.80	-	10.80

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Table A13.16 (continued)

Date of effect	12–14 yrs		14–16 yrs		16–18 yrs		16–18 yrs single orphan		16–18 years double orphan	Professional		Independent
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B		A	B	
1 Jan 1976	7.40	24.30	11.10	24.30	24.30	37.60	32.00	45.20	–	38.46	61.54	61.54
1 Jan 1977	7.40	24.30	11.10	24.30	24.30	37.60	32.00	45.20	–	48.00	76.00	86.00
1 Jan 1978	7.40	24.30	11.10	24.30	24.30	37.60	32.00	45.20	–	48.00	79.80	90.30
1 Nov 1979	7.40	24.30	11.10	24.30	24.30	37.60	36.10	49.30	74.30	48.00	79.80	90.30
13 Nov 1980	7.40	24.30	11.10	24.30	24.30	37.60	38.70	51.90	79.50	48.00	79.80	90.30
1 Jan 1981	10.00	30.00	14.00	30.00	30.00	50.00	41.60	57.60	85.20	53.85	88.85	99.35
14 May 1981	10.00	30.00	14.00	30.00	30.00	50.00	41.60	57.60	85.20	53.85	88.85	99.35
1 Nov 1981	10.00	30.00	14.00	30.00	30.00	50.00	44.60	60.00	90.00	53.85	88.85	99.35
7 Jan 1982	10.90	32.60	15.20	32.60	32.60	54.40	45.20	62.60	92.60	53.85	88.85	99.35
11 Nov 1982	10.90	32.60	15.20	32.60	32.60	54.40	48.40	65.80	99.00	53.85	88.85	99.35
6 Jan 1983	12.10	36.10	16.80	31.10	36.10	60.20	50.00	69.30	102.50	66.50	108.40	118.90
10 Nov 1983	12.10	36.10	16.80	31.10	36.10	60.20	53.70	73.00	109.90	66.50	108.40	118.90
5 Jan 1984	13.50	40.10	18.470	40.10	40.10	66.90	55.60	77.00	113.90	70.20 68.00 66.50	119.00 111.80 110.10	124.80
8 Nov 1984	13.50	40.10	18.470	40.10	40.10	66.90	57.10	78.50	116.90	70.20 68.00 66.50	119.00 111.80 110.10	124.80

Table A13.16 (continued)

Date of effect	12–14 yrs		14–16 yrs		16–18 yrs		16–18 yrs single orphan		16–18 years double orphan	Professional		
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B		A	B	Independent
3 Jan 1985	14.00	41.80	19.40	41.80	41.80	69.50	57.80	80.20	118.60	78.60 76.40 74.60	126.90 124.80 123.00	124.80
7 Nov 1985	14.00	41.80	19.40	41.80	41.80	69.50	60.40	82.80	123.80	78.60 76.40 74.60	126.90 124.80 123.00	124.80
2 Jan 1986	14.90	49.60	20.70	44.60	44.60	74.20	61.70	85.60	126.60	95.00	146.60	146.60
18 Dec 1986	14.90	49.60	20.70	44.60	44.60	74.20	65.10	89.00	133.40	95.00	146.60	146.60
1 Jan 1987	38.40	100.00	80.00	146.60	90.00	160.00	107.00	152.00	120.00	90.00	152.00	190.00
14 Jan 1988	20.00	100.00	100.00	152.00	120.00	170.00	107.00	152.00	120.00	190.00	152.00	190.00
12 Jan 1989	20.00	100.00	107.10	162.0	128.60	195.40	107.10	62.80	128.60	195.90	162.80	195.40
11 Jan 1990	20.00	115.20	115.20	190.20	138.40	210.30	115.20	190.20	138.40	210.30	190.20	210.30
10 Jan 1991	20.00	124.10	124.10	204.80	149.10	226.50	124.10	204.80	149.10	226.50	104.80	226.50

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Table A13.16 (continued)
Secondary / Tertiary (\$ per fortnight)

Date	Under 16 yrs living at home	Under 16 yrs living away from home	Under 16 yrs homeless student	16–17 yrs living at home	16–17 yrs living away from home	16–17 yrs homeless students	18 yrs and over at home	18 yrs and over living away from home	18 yrs and over homeless students
1 Jan 1992	20.00	128.30	211.80	128.30	211.80	211.80	154.20	234.20	234.20
1 Jan 1993	29.00	129.80	214.30	129.80	214.30	214.30	156.10	237.00	237.00
1 Jan 1994	30.00	132.30	218.40	132.30	218.40	218.40	159.10	241.50	241.50
1 Jan 1995	31.00	134.50	222.10	134.50	222.10	222.10	161.80	245.60	245.60
1 Jan 1996	32.00	140.60	232.10	140.60	232.10	232.10	169.10	256.70	256.70
1 Jan 1997	33.00	160.00	239.30	145.00	239.30	239.30	174.30	264.70	264.70
1 Jan 1998	33.00	160.83	240.07	145.41	240.07	240.07	174.90	265.39	265.39
1 Jul 1998	33.00	160.83	265.50	145.41	265.50	265.50	174.90	265.50	265.50
1 Jan 1999	33.20	161.94	267.40	146.40	267.40	267.40	176.00	267.40	267.40
1 Jul 2000	34.90	176.03	281.10	153.90	281.10	281.10	185.00	281.10	281.10
1 Jan 2001	36.00	191.74	290.10	158.80	290.10	290.10	190.90	290.10	290.10
10 Jan 2002	37.40	199.41	301.70	165.10	301.70	301.70	198.60	301.70	301.70
1 Jan 2003	38.40	205.00	310.10	169.70	310.10	310.10	204.20	310.10	310.10

Table A13.17 Allowance for Primary School Students (annual \$)

Year		Rate
1986	1 Jan	100.00
1987	1 Jan	100.00
1988	1 Jan	100.00
1989	1 Jan	100.00
1990	1 Jan	100.00
1991	1 Jan	100.00
1992	1 Jan	100.00
1993	1 Jan	143.00
1994	1 Jan	146.00
1995	1 Jan	148.00
1996	1 Jan	155.00
1997	1 Jan	160.00
1998	1 Jan	160.00
1999	1 Jan	161.10
2000	1 Jul	169.40
2001	1 Jan	174.80
2002	1 Jan	181.80
2003	1 Jan	186.90

Table A13.18 Additional Tuition (annual \$)

Year		Primary	Secondary	Tertiary
1987	1 Jan	500	500	500
1989	1 Jan	300	450	600
1990	1 Jan	500	750	1000
1995	19 Sep	1000	1250	1500
2000	1 Jul	1040	1300	1560
2003	1 Jan	1300	1600	2000

Table A13.19 Special Financial Assistance Annual Limit

Date	Amount
1 Jul 2000	\$1560
1 Jan 2003	\$2000

Notes:

The Veterans' Children Education Scheme (VCES) replaced the Soldiers' Children Education Scheme as of 22 May 1986.

The VCES was designed to provide financial assistance to support the education of eligible children and to help them achieve their full potential in education.

Figures prior to 1 July 2000 are not available.