



Budget 2020-21

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Totally and permanently incapacitated veterans – rent assistance response

This measure will simplify payment arrangements for veterans from 20 September 2022. It will remove the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Disability Pension rent test for rent assistance under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA).

This measure will also exempt the DVA Disability Pension from the income test under the *Social Security Act 1991* (SSA). This will mean the Defence Force Income Support Allowance (DFISA) paid by DVA is no longer needed. It may also mean changes to payment rates for some Services Australia customers.

This change is subject to the passage of legislation.

Who does this measure affect?

This affects Services Australia income support customers whose payments are affected by the DVA Disability Pension.

Questions about the impact to DVA payments, including DFISA, should be directed to DVA on 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372).

When will this start and finish?

This starts from 20 September 2022 and is ongoing.