

Claim for \$25,000 *Ex-gratia* Payment by a Prisoner of War in Europe

- by a former prisoner of war (POW) of Germany, Italy or their allies, or
- by a civilian detained or interned by Germany, Italy or their allies during World War II

On 8 May 2007 the Australian Government announced that all Australian service personnel who were held prisoner of war (POW) by Germany, Italy or their allies and civilians who were interned or detained by Germany, Italy or their allies will receive an *ex-gratia* payment of \$25,000 in recognition of the unique hardships they suffered.

Before completing this form

POW status was only noted on the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) computer records from 1985 for veterans who were then alive.

You should first contact the DVA to check your eligibility from original records by phoning 1800 VETERAN (1800 383 372).

Who is eligible?

This form relates to a person who was alive on 1 January 2007, and they were:

- a veteran who was a POW of Germany, Italy or their allies between 3 September 1939 and 11 May 1945, or
- a civilian, who was interned or detained by Germany, Italy or their allies between 3 September 1939 and 11 May 1945, and was domiciled in Australia immediately before their detention or internment.

If the eligible veteran was alive on 1 January 2007 and:

- has since died the surviving widow/widower will receive the payment;
- in the event that there is no eligible widow/widower or the eligible widow/widower has died since **1 January 2007** a "Surviving Spouse" claim form should be completed by the executor of the estate.

Where to lodge this claim

This claim should be sent to:

Department of Veterans' Affairs GPO Box 9998 Brisbane Qld 4001

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

Exempt Status of the \$25,000 ex-gratia lump sum payment

The ex-gratia lump sum payment itself:

- is **not** taxable; and
- does not affect any disability compensation payment or war widow's/widower's pension; and

Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence					

Section 1.	Camp 2		
Applicant's (POW or Civilian) Details	Country Dates you were held there		
Surname			
Other names in full	If you were held in more camps please give details		
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Date of birth			
1 1			
Address where you live now			
Postcode			
Daytime phone number (please include STD code)			
Section 2.			
Captivity Details			
Were you:			
a member of the Army?			
a member of the Navy?			
a member of the RAAF? Please complete Section 3	If inputficient appear places attach a congrete sheet		
a merchant mariner?	If insufficient space, please attach a separate sheet ———————————————————————————————————		
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a civilian? Section 4	Civilians Details		
Section 3.	Dates of Capture and Release		
Armed Forces and Mariners Details	1. Captured / / Captured / /		
	Released / / /		
What was your rank (or occupation if mariner)	Your home address when captured		
What was your service number (not applicable if mariner)	Postcode		
	Where were you held?		
What was the name of your ship or unit when captured?	Camp 1		
captured:	Country		
Where were you held?	Dates you were held there		
Camp 1			
Country	Camp 2		
Dates you were held there	Country		
	Dates you were held there		

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If you were held in more camps please give details	Section 5.
	Payment Details If your claim is successful, the \$25,000 ay gratia nayment.
	If your claim is successful, the \$25,000 ex-gratia payment will be made directly into an account at an Australian bank, credit union or building society.
	Name of bank, credit union or building society
	Branch
	Address
	Account in the name of
	BSB number
	Account number
	Account type (e.g. savings)
If insufficient space, please attach a separate sheet Please give the following details as far as you are able: Why were you overseas when you were captured?	If you are not a DVA client you are required to show documents that prove your identity when making your claim for payment. You must show original documents or copies that are certified as true copies of the originals. Declaration I declare that the details provided in this form are
	complete and correct.
When did you leave Australia?	 I am aware that there are penalties for making false and misleading statements.
	 I authorise the Repatriation Commission and DVA to obtain information needed to process, determine
How long did you intend to remain overseas?	or review 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
What was the name of the embarkation ship?	on your behalf they must provide their authority for signing.
	Your signature
What was the name of the embarkation port?	
	Date / /
What was the date embarkation?	Date / /
	Before returning this form, please check and tick the
Where were you living prior to leaving Australia?	following: Have you signed the declaration and checked this
	form carefully?
When did you return to Australia?	Have you filled in all parts that apply to you?
	Have you enclosed any other evidence that you feel will support your claim?
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