

11.2.1 Overview of Disability Compensation Payment Instalments and Effective Dates

Instalments and dates of effect for pensions and allowances

<u>Disability compensation payment</u> is paid fortnightly in arrears. An instalment is payable in respect of the number of days in each fourteen day pension period for which the person is eligible to receive payment. In contrast, some Veterans' Compensation allowances are paid with respect to a relevant period, or as a lump sum. New claims for disability compensation payment and war widow's/widower's
pension generally take effect three months before receipt of the claim at a DVA office. Increases in disability compensation payment already in payment take effect from the day the application for increase is received at a DVA office.

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Payment on death of disability compensation payment recipient

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There is no entitlement to payment of disability compensation payment (including War Widow/er's Pension) for the pension period in which the disability compensation payment recipient dies. The disability compensation payment recipient must be alive for the whole pension period to be eligible for payment on the following pension payday, that is, the

pension payday which follows 2 days later. This is because that is the payday to which the pension period relates. Where the death occurs between the end of the pension period and the corresponding pension payday, there is entitlement to payment on that payday as the death has occurred in the following pension period.

Dates of effect of determinations resulting from reviews

Determinations in respect to grants, variations, suspensions or cancellations of pensions or allowances can be made at the <u>Commission</u> (section 31), <u>VRB</u>, and <u>AAT</u> levels of review. Dates of effect for these determinations depend on the circumstances of the case and the nature of the review.

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11.2.2 Instalments and Dates of Effect for Payments, Pensions and Allowances

Instalments of disability compensation payment and war widow's/widower's pension

<u>Disability compensation payments</u> and <u>war widow's/widower's</u> <u>pensions</u> are paid fortnightly in arrears. An instalment is payable in respect of the number of days in each fourteen day pension period for which the person is eligible and the pension is payable. (There is however no DCP/WWP entitlement in the payment/pension period in which the disability compensation payment recipient or war widow/er pensioner dies).

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The instalment for the pension period will be payable on the next pension payday after the end of the pension. Variations to payments, pensions or allowances begin affecting the rate of payment from the day the determination is made. In the case of an application for increase in pension, the date of effect would normally be the date the application is received at an office of the Department in Australia.

In the case of a reduction the date of effect specified would normally be the first day of the pension period.

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Daily entitlement

Daily entitlement is the amount of pension that is payable on a given day. This method of calculating pension instalments means that the pension for each payday will be made up of an amount for each day of the fourteen day pension period. The rate of pension payable to a person for a day is calculated by dividing the fortnightly rate of pension by 14. A system of daily entitlement will mean that:

- an instalment of pension can be made up of one or more pension rates, and
- pension variations may be effective from any day in the fortnight.

Allowances included in daily entitlement

Decoration allowance, clothing allowance, attendant allowance and recreation transport allowance are also paid fortnightly in arrears and on a system of daily entitlements.

Exception

Victoria cross allowance, loss of earnings allowance, temporary incapacity allowance and VCES payments are not paid using daily entitlements.

Dates of effect for new claims and increases in payments

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Section 20 VEA Date of operation of grant of claim for pension

Section 21 VEA Date of operation of grant of application under Section 15

Section 114 VEA Commencement of payment of certain allowances

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The following table outlines dates of effect for grants and increases of Veterans' Compensation payments:

Type of claim/payment	if	then the date of effect will be
new claim for disability compensation payment More →	the new claim for disability compensation payment is accepted	3 months before the date of receipt at a <u>DVA</u> office. <u>VEA →</u>
Disability Compensation Payment Eligibility		Section 20 VEA
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increase in rate of disability compensation payment	the application for an increase in disability compensation payment is accepted	the date of receipt at a DVA office. <u>VEA →</u>
		Section 21 VEA
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claim for war widow's/widower's or orphan's pension More →	a death is accepted as related to service and the death occurred at least 3 months ago	3 months before the date the claim was received at a DVA office.

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War Widow(er)s' Pension Eligibility		Section 20 VEA
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Eligibility Chapter 4.3	a death is accepted as related to service and the death occurred less than 3 months ago	the day after the death. <u>VEA →</u>
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 claim for: Clothing Allowance, Attendant Allowance, or Recreation 	the application is made within 3 months of an injury or disease being determined as war- caused, and is accepted	the date on which the determination is made. <u>VEA →</u>
Transport Allowance More →		Section 114 VEA
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Part 6 Veterans' Compensation	application is made at any other time and is accepted	the date on which the application is received at a DVA office.

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Allowances paid with respect to a period

Some Vetetrans' Compensation allowances are paid with respect to a relevant period, or are paid as a lump sum. These periods and lump sum payments are outlined below:

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 Temporary Incapacity Allowance is paid for a period of hospital or other institutional treatment for a war or defence caused disability. The period must be at least 28 days and commences from the date of hospitalisation. The period may include post discharge rest and recuperation.

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 Loss of Earnings Allowance is paid for the period the veteran must be absent from work without sick leave pay due to their war-caused injury or disease.

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 Vehicle Assistance Scheme provides lump sum payments to assist in purchasing a car, and to be used towards the cost of maintenance.

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Section 105 VEA

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Date of effect for new or amended Statements of Principles

A new <u>Statement of Principles</u> or a SoP that amends an existing SoP takes effect when it is notified in the Australia Government Gazette. Notification in the Gazette counts as informing the public at large that new SoPs have been made.

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11.2.3 Dates of Effect for Determinations Resulting from Reviews

This section outlines the dates of effect of determinations resulting from each of the three levels of reviews - reviews by the <u>Commission</u> (section 31), reviews by the <u>VRB</u>, and reviews by the <u>ART</u>.

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Dates of effect for determinations resulting from Commission reviews

This section outlines the dates of effect of determinations resulting from each of the three levels of reviews - reviews by the <u>Commission</u> (section 31), reviews by the <u>VRB</u>, and reviews by the <u>ART</u>.

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Dates of effect for determinations resulting from VRB reviews

This section outlines the dates of effect of determinations resulting from each of the three levels of reviews - reviews by the <u>Commission</u> (section 31), reviews by the <u>VRB</u>, and reviews by the <u>ART</u>.

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Dates of effect for determinations resulting from ART reviews

This section outlines the dates of effect of determinations resulting from each of the three levels of reviews - reviews by the <u>Commission</u> (section 31), reviews by the <u>VRB</u>, and reviews by the <u>ART</u>.

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