

## Comparison of Benefits for Dependants

	Current			Post 1 July 26	
	VEA	DRCA	MRCA	VEA DCP Above General Rate (eg TPI/EDA)	MRCA
Program Intent	To support eligible dependants of deceased service personnel			To support eligible dependants of deceased service personnel	
Program eligibility	Dependants have access to compensation benefits where the veterans death was determined as service-related, or automatic access to compensation benefits where the veteran was EDA, TPI, TTI, BLI, INT or POW.	Dependants can access compensation where the veteran's death is determined to be service-related.	Dependants have access to compensation benefits where the veterans death was determined as service-related, or automatic eligibility to compensation benefits where the veteran was 80+ impairment points, or SRDP eligible.	Dependants of veterans on Disability Compensation Payment (DCP) of Above General Rate (EDA, TPI, TTI, BLI, INT), or POWs will continue to automatically be granted War Widow/ers Pension and/or Orphans Pension.  <i>Where the veteran's death is service-related the dependant/s can claim to have their benefits provided under MRCA (see MRCA column for MRCA death benefits)</i>	Dependants have access to compensation benefits where the veterans death was determined as service-related, or automatic eligibility to compensation benefits where the veteran was 80+ impairment points, ADA, or is SRDP eligible.
Auto Grant	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
	Dependants of veterans on Above General Rate (EDA, TPI, TTI, BLI, INT), POWs or in receipt of SDA items 1-8 <i>Note: no claim required</i>			No claim is required for dependants of veterans on Above General Rate (EDA, TPI, TTI, BLI, INT), POWs or in receipt of SDA items 1-8  <i>Note - to determine whether a veteran's death is service-related, the dependant will need to lodge a claim under MRCA before the benefits can be transferred to MRCA.</i>	
Auto Eligible	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
			Dependants of veterans who are 80+ impairment points or SRDP eligible. <i>Note: still requires a claim to be lodged.</i>		Dependants of veterans who are 80+ impairment points or SRDP eligible or ADA eligible. <i>Note: a claim is still required to be lodged.</i>
Other Dependants (parent, etc)	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
Compensation Payments	- War Widows Pension (fortnightly) - Orphans Pension (fortnightly)	- Fixed compensation amount shared across eligible Dependants (lump sum) - Dependent Partner (lump sum) - Prescribed Child (f'nightly and lump sum held in trust) - Other dependants (lump sum)	- Wholly Dependent Partner (f'nightly / lump sum) - Eligible Young Person (f'nightly) - Other Dependants (lump sum)	- War Widows Pension (fortnightly) - Orphans Pension (fortnightly)	- Wholly Dependent Partner (f'nightly / lump) - Eligible Young Person (f'nightly)
Additional benefit where Death is Service Related	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
			- Additional Death Benefit where death is service related (lump sum for each dep)		- Additional Death Benefit where death is service related (lump sum for each dep)
Financial Advice	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓
Legal Advice	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓
Funeral Benefit	✓ \$2,000	✓ up to \$14,062.53	✓ up to \$14,062.53	✓ \$3,000	✓ up to \$14,062.53
Gold Card - Widow/er	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓

Gold Card - Child/ren	✓ Up to the age of 16 16-25 if studying	✗	✓ Up to the age of 16 16-25 if studying	✓ Up to the age of 16 16-25 if studying	✓ Up to the age of 16 16-25 if studying
Education Scheme	✓ VCES	✗	✓ MRCAETS	✓ MRCAETS	✓ MRCAETS
Bereavement Payments	✓ 6 x rate of DCP	✗	✓ 6 x rate of fortnightly PI payment where veteran was receiving periodic PI payments	✓ 6 x rate of grandparented DCP	✓ 6 x rate of fortnightly payments the veterans was receiving

*Note: there are transitional arrangements for claims made after the commencement date that relate to veterans who die prior to the commencement date.*