



Benefits for 1965–72 National Servicemen

DVA can provide a range of support and assistance to former National Servicemen who served during the 1965–72 National Service Scheme.

Support is available for service related injuries

All former National Servicemen are eligible for treatment for service-related injuries or illnesses. Compensation may be available. For service in Australia or peacetime service overseas this will be through the *Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation (Defence-Related Claims) Act 1988*.

Those National Servicemen who have Operational or Qualifying Service may also have coverage under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA). This includes those with service between specified dates in Vietnam or in Borneo during Confrontation.

Coverage for service in Australia or peacetime service overseas is also available under the VEA for those who were serving as a full-time National Serviceman in the Regular Army Supplement on 6 December 1972 and who chose to remain in the Defence Force to complete the full period of service for which they were originally engaged to serve after that date.

Full time service

National Servicemen with full-time service in the Regular Army Supplement can receive treatment for mental health conditions, whether or not they are related to service, through the Non-Liability Health Care (NLHC) arrangements. This treatment is fully funded by DVA and provided via the Veteran White Card.

Citizen Military Forces

Veterans who elected to fulfill their national service obligation through part-time service in the CMF do not qualify for NLHC mental health care unless they had service on border protection or disaster-relief activities or were involved in a serious service-related training accident. They may still make a liability claim if a mental health condition relates to their service.

More information

For further information please contact DVA:

www.dva.gov.au

1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372)

NLHC cancer

Those National Servicemen who are eligible for coverage under the VEA with Operational Service or by completing their full period of full time National Service after 7 December 1972 can be eligible for NLHC treatment of malignant cancers whether or not they are related to service. If an eligible veteran is diagnosed with a malignant cancer they should lodge a claim for treatment of this condition with DVA as soon as possible.

DVA can only provide payment for treatment that occurs up to three months prior to the date a claim or application is lodged with the Department.

Veteran Cards



Treatment for service-related medical conditions and specific conditions is provided through the Veteran White Card.

The White Card provides clinically required medical treatment in Australia for accepted service-related injuries or conditions including treatment at a hospital or day procedure facility, treatment provided by a GP, a specialist, an allied health professional, dental or optical professional, pharmaceuticals, community nursing, and pathology and medical imaging.

National Servicemen can also access clinically necessary services and support for their accepted service-related injuries or conditions. This may include supports such as aids, appliances and home modifications, travel to and from medical appointments and care services (including help around the home and garden).

Veterans who have very high levels of impairment accepted as related to service under the VEA or who served in defined conflicts may be able to receive the Veteran Gold Card, which provides treatment for all medical conditions.

Those National Servicemen who are eligible for Non Liability Health Care for mental health conditions are also able to access mental health and wellbeing support from Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling. Contact **1800 011 046** to find out more.