

## **FACT SHEET: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COVID-19 SUPPORT FOR VETERANS**

### **Stimulus package payments**

Under the Government's stimulus package, veterans or dependants who receive any of the income support or compensation benefits through the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) listed below, any time from 12 March to 13 April 2020, and who are currently residing in Australia, will receive the first one-off stimulus payment of \$750. This includes:

- Service Pension, Partner Service Pension, Income Support Supplement or Veteran Payment
- Disability Pension
- Special Rate Disability Pension
- Permanent Impairment compensation
- War Widow(er)'s Pension or Wholly Dependent Partner Payment
- Gold Cards, Commonwealth Seniors Health Cards and Pensioner Concession Cards
- DVA Education Schemes, where recipients are aged 16 and over
- Age or Wife Pension paid by DVA

Payments will be automatically paid into people's nominated bank accounts by DVA or Services Australia from 31 March, with most payments to be made by 17 April.

There is no need to lodge a claim, but DVA clients should ensure that DVA has their correct bank details and address by logging in to [MyService](#) or calling DVA on 1800 555 254. DVA or Services Australia will contact Gold Card holders to confirm their details so the payment can be made as soon as possible.

All those receiving the above DVA benefits will receive a second one-off \$750 payment to be paid from 13 July. However, it will not be payable to those who receive the Coronavirus supplement, which is an additional \$550 per fortnight on top of social security payments such as the JobSeeker Payment.

More information is available on the [DVA website](#) and Department of Social Services' [COVID-19 Information and Support page](#).

### **Health package support**

The Government's health package allows older and at-risk veterans to access some health consultations and assessments remotely, via video or phone where video is not available.

Veterans who are in home isolation or from a vulnerable patient group will be able to have their Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) prescriptions filled online or remotely and have their medication delivered directly to their home.

More information is available on the [Department of Health website](#). Veterans should contact their doctor or health provider, and their local pharmacy, to make arrangements for these services.

Older and at-risk veterans, or those in self-isolation, can also access assistance with shopping provided through DVA's [Veterans' Home Care](#) or by calling DVA on 1800 555 254.