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DVA's Latest news for Veterans

<https://www.dva.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news-veterans>

DSH Insurance launches online quoting tool

31 August 2021

Eligible veterans and serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel can now receive an online quote for their home building insurance at their convenience, any time. DSH Insurance has launched an [online quoting tool](#) that's accessible through its

<https://www.dva.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news-veterans/dsh-insurance-launches-online-quoting-tool>

Discount rates on North Queensland holidays for veterans

30 August 2021

by Terry Walsh, Defence Holidays North Queensland

Defence Holidays North Queensland is a not-for-profit company owned by the soldiers of North Queensland since 1972. It has recently bought the Island Leisure Resort (pictured) located on Magnetic Island, North Queensland, which is a relaxing 20-minute ferry ride from Townsville.

Along with its sister property, Cocos at Trinity Beach north of Cairns, it is available for holidays at a much-reduced rate (30% discount) for all serving and ex-serving personnel. Public servants and emergency services from all states can also enjoy the same discount.

<https://www.dva.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news-veterans/discount-rates-north-queensland-holidays-veterans>

Changes to exercise physiology arrangements from 1 September 2021

30 August 2021

From 1 September 2021, exercise physiology – as a musculoskeletal treatment service – will be considered in a similar way. This means that DVA will not pay for the second service where a person has exercise physiology and another musculoskeletal service on the same day, for treatment of the **same** condition.

DVA will continue to pay for an exercise physiology service on the same day as another musculoskeletal treatment, where the treatment is for **different** health conditions.

<https://www.dva.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news-veterans/changes-exercise-physiology-arrangements-1-september-2021>

Applications for the 2022 Long Tan Bursary open today

18 August 2021

The 2022 round of the Long Tan Bursary opened today, on Vietnam Veterans' Day, with bursaries available to support the descendants of Vietnam veterans with their post-secondary education expenses.

<https://www.dva.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news-veterans/applications-2022-long-tan-bursary-open-today>

Support is available for those affected by the Afghanistan situation

18 August 2021

<https://www.dva.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news-veterans/please-reach-out-support-available-those-affected-afghanistan>

Updates to our COVID-19 vaccination FAQs

17 August 2021

DVA's Deputy Chief Health Officer Dr Trish Batchelor has updated our [COVID-19 vaccination roll-out FAQ page](#)

<https://www.dva.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news-veterans/updates-our-covid-19-vaccination-faqs>

AIHW report helps paint a picture of the veteran community

13 August 2021

A new report released today by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) titled *Serving and ex-serving Australian Defence Force members who have served since 1985: population characteristics 2019*, provides new insights into the veteran community.

Link for the report - <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/veterans/adf-members-population-characteristics-2019/contents/about>

The latest edition of Vetaffairs is out now

9 August 2021

The July 2021 edition of *Vetaffairs* is now available on the [DVA website](#).

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2 August 2021

The July 2021 issue of *Vetaffairs*.

<https://www.dva.gov.au/newsroom/vetaffairs/vetaffairs-vol-37-no2-july-2021>

Entitlements for those who served in the former Yugoslavia or the Tanker War

22 July 2021

Former Yugoslavia in the 1990s

If you served as an Australian Defence Force (ADF) member in the former Yugoslav republics between 12 January 1992 and 24 January 1997, you might be eligible for a range of benefits including a means-tested Service Pension at age 60 and/or the automatic grant of the Gold Card at age 70.

The Department of Defence has recently issued a new allotment instrument for service in the former Yugoslav republics during that period. It covers certain ADF members who served there on attachment with allied forces.

<https://www.dva.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news-veterans/entitlements-those-who-served-former-yugoslavia-or-tanker-war>

Entitlements and services for veterans living overseas

22 July 2021

Health care entitlements

DVA Health Card arrangements are primarily designed to support entitled persons seeking treatment within the Australian health care system.

If you are travelling overseas, there are varying arrangements you may be able to access for necessary treatment for your accepted conditions.

DVA has reciprocal arrangements in place with the United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand. Treatment can sometimes be provided under reciprocal arrangements for accepted conditions (contact us on overseas.treatment@dva.gov.au if you don't know what this is). Apart from the reciprocal arrangements, you cannot use your DVA Veteran Card outside Australia.

In a country where there are no reciprocal arrangements, support may be provided through a reimbursement system from DVA for your accepted conditions.

<https://www.dva.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news-veterans/entitlements-and-services-veterans-living-overseas>

Management of the ATDP – Message from DVA

19 July 2021

DVA recently announced that the ATDP's Strategic Governance Board and Capability Framework Management Group will discontinue and be replaced by a new approach. What does this mean for the delivery of training under the ATDP?

<https://www.dva.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news-veterans/management-atdp-message-dva>

Finding an advocate

Last updated:

21 April 2021

Learn about advocates and how they can help you.

<https://www.dva.gov.au/civilian-life/finding-advocate>

Disability Pension changes

18 July 2021

From 1 January 2022, pending passage of legislation, the DVA Disability Pension will be removed from the income test for Social Security payments.

This will simplify the way income support payments are calculated, indexed, and administered by DVA and Services Australia. The initiative will exempt the Disability Pension from the *Social Security Act 1991* income test and the rent assistance test under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

As part of these changes Disability Pension will be re-named 'Disability Compensation Payment' to better reflect the nature of the payment.

The Defence Force Income Support Allowance (DFISA) will no longer be paid because the Disability Pension will not reduce income support payments from Centrelink and Age Pension from DVA. These payments to affected Disability Pension recipients and their partners may increase.

DVA Disability Pension will no longer affect the Rent Assistance of Service Pension, Income Support Supplement and Veteran Payment recipients.

This means that Disability Pension recipients and their partners may receive increased Rent Assistance payments, or receive Rent Assistance for the first time if they are renting privately.

<https://www.dva.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news-veterans/disability-pension-changes>

New Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel

12 July 2021

The Hon Andrew Gee MP was sworn in as the Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel on 2 July 2021.

<https://www.dva.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news-veterans/new-minister-veterans-affairs-and-minister-defence-personnel>

More face-to-face services for Australian veterans and their families

5 July 2021

Face-to-face services for veterans and their families are being expanded, thanks to an enhanced service arrangement between DVA and Services Australia.

From 1 July veterans and their families can receive face-to-face assistance for a range of DVA support services through the 318 Services Australia service centres located across the country.

<https://www.dva.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news-veterans/more-face-face-services-australian-veterans-and-their-families>

'Claim travel expenses' function improved on MyService

5 July 2021

DVA is continuing to improve MyService. The need for simpler, better, and more accessible online services has never been more important and your feedback on our services is central to helping us deliver better services for you.

Veterans and the veteran community have provided substantial feedback on the new *Claim travel expenses* functionality in MyService over the last few months. Based on your feedback, we've made several improvements, which are available in MyService now.

More improvements are coming in the next few months.

<https://www.dva.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news-veterans/claim-travel-expenses-function-improved-myservice>

Moving to MyService

Last updated:

16 July 2021

DVA is making changes that will give you a better, more accessible experience online. To achieve this, we are moving MyAccount transactions to MyService so that you have a single platform to interact with, and we will say goodbye to MyAccount later this year.

<https://www.dva.gov.au/about-us/online-services/moving-myservice>