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VETERAN PENSIONS SET TO INCREASE

Veteran pension payments have increased in line with the biannual indexation.

The increase will cover pension recipients including veterans, their partners, war widows and widowers.

Due to the calculation of pension rates on a daily basis, the first pension paid after the indexation on payday 28 September 2017 will comprise a component of both the old and new rates.

The new pension rates will be fully effective from pension payday 12 October 2017.

The table below highlights the new fortnightly rates.

SERVICE PENSION	Old rate (fortnightly)	New rate (fortnightly)	Increase (fortnightly)
Single person	\$888.30	\$894.40	\$6.10
Couples (each)	\$669.60	\$674.20	\$4.60
Single person – transitional	\$748.00	\$752.40	\$4.40
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WAR WIDOWS			
War widow(er)'s pension	\$902.80	\$909.10	\$6.30
Income support supplement	\$266.60	\$268.50	\$1.90
DISABILITY PENSION			
T&PI (Special rate)	\$1,364.30	\$1,373.80	\$9.50
Intermediate rate	\$926.20	\$932.70	\$6.50
EDA	\$753.60	\$758.90	\$5.30
100 per cent	\$485.00	\$488.40	\$3.40

10 per cent	\$55.43	\$55.77	\$0.34

These are the maximum rates of payment and include any Energy Supplement payable.

Pensions are indexed twice a year in March and September. For a full list of pension rates, please visit www.dva.gov.au or call 133 254 or 1800 555 254 from regional Australia.

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