

If a New Zealand veteran has passed away, we may be able to help with funeral expenses.

- The veteran must have had qualifying service (service before 1 April 1974, or Qualifying Operational Service).
- The veteran need not have been living in New Zealand at time of death.

## Applicants who qualify

Estate or next of kin may apply, using our *Funeral Expenses application form*.

## Situations that qualify

### *Death service-related*

We can help with funeral costs where death is from qualifying service.

### *Death not service-related*

Where death isn't from qualifying service, we can help with funeral costs if certain other conditions are met. The veteran must have been getting, at time of death, one of:

- Veteran's Pension
- Weekly Compensation
- Weekly Income Compensation
- NZ Superannuation (MSD)
- Supported Living Payment (MSD).

The veteran must also have left surviving family who qualify for one of:

- Children's Pension
- Dependant's Pension
- Survivor's Grant
- Surviving Spouse or Partner Pension
- Weekly Compensation for Family.

## Grants from other agencies

If another government agency has made a funeral grant, you can still apply to us. We'll take that grant into account in deciding what to pay.

## Costs we cover

### *Costs of funeral, burial & cremation*

Standard costs we can help with are for funeral, burial and cremation.

### *Costs of transporting body*

We may help with costs of taking the body to the place of interment, if death was from qualifying service and in a public or private hospital (as listed by the Ministry of Health).

The amount we'll pay may depend on the total distance travelled for this.

### *Total distance*

Total distance is calculated as:

1. vehicle's start point, to
2. the hospital (to take up the body), to
3. first transfer, to
4. final transfer, back to
5. vehicle's start point.

If total distance doesn't exceed 35km, we may pay reasonable costs of taking the body to burial or cremation.

If total distance exceeds 35km, we may pay the lesser of:

- the reasonable cost of taking the body to the burial or cremation place
- amount that would be the reasonable cost of carrying the body back to the veteran's home.

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