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PENSION INCREASE FOR VETERANS

Veterans, their partners, war widows and widowers across Australia will see an increase to their pensions from 20 September 2015 as part of the bi-annual indexation process.

As pension rates are calculated on a daily basis, the next pension paid after the 20 September increase (on payday 1 October 2015) will be paid partly at the old rate and partly at the new rate. The first full payment at the new pension rates will be 15 October 2015. The table below highlights the new fortnightly rates.

Pension	September 2013	March 2015	September 2015	Increase since September 2013
Service Pension—single	\$827.10	\$860.20	\$867.00	\$39.90
Service Pension—couples (each)	\$623.40	\$648.40	\$653.50	\$30.10
(combined)	\$1246.80	\$1,296.80	\$1,307.00	\$60.20
War Widow(er)'s Pension	\$840.20	\$874.10	\$880.90	\$40.70
Income Support Supplement	\$247.60	\$257.80	\$259.90	\$12.30
Special Rate (TPI) of Disability Pension	\$1,269.00	\$1,320.50	\$1,330.90	\$61.90
Intermediate Rate of Disability Pension	\$861.30	\$896.40	\$903.50	\$42.20
Extreme Disablement Adjustment	\$700.70	\$729.30	\$735.10	\$34.40

100 per cent General Rate of Disability Pension	\$451.00	\$469.40	\$473.10	\$22.10
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These are the maximum rates of payment and include any Energy Supplement payable.

Pensions are indexed twice a year in March and September. A full list of pension rates are available on www.dva.gov.au or by calling 133 254 or 1800 555 254 from regional Australia.

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