

Travel Concessions under the Veterans' Independence Programme can help with costs of travel within and around New Zealand.

Travel covered

Travel Concessions are for personal travel:

- within New Zealand (North, South, Stewart and Chatham Islands)
- at least 80km (one way) or 160km (return); and
- by public transport, scheduled air service or private vehicle.

Travel is only covered if you'd otherwise have to pay for it. It's not covered, for example, when you could use a SuperGold Card.

Types of Travel Concession

Partial Travel Concession

You can get this if, for a condition that directly restricts you using your legs to move around, you're on either:

- War Disablement Pension (permanent) of at least 55%
- (permanent) Disablement Pension or impairment compensation, for whole-person impairment of at least 48%.

It pays half the amount a full concession pays.

Full Travel Concession

You can get this if you're on (permanently, or for the last 3 years continuously):

- War Disablement Pension of at least 100%; or
- Disablement Pension or impairment compensation, for whole person impairment of at least 75%.

It pays:

<i>Public transport</i>	cost of the fare
<i>Air travel</i>	lesser of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cost of the fare; or • 27.1 cents per km
<i>Private vehicle</i>	27.1 cents per km

Full Travel Concession with Escort

You can get this if you qualify for *Full Travel Concession*, and one of these applies to you:

- medically assessed as unfit to travel alone
- totally blind
- lost both legs above the knee
- (War) Disablement Pension / Impairment Compensation for loss of at least part of a limb.

It gives you:

- *Full Travel Concession* for your own costs; and
- help with an escort's travel on public transport journeys (but not for air travel).

Claims for travel

Travel type	Evidence needed
<i>Public transport</i>	ticket
<i>Air travel</i>	ticket + receipt
<i>Private vehicle</i>	fuel receipts (at journey's beginning & end) or completed statutory declaration form (can be used for first \$200 of travel each year)

Talk to a case manager if, for exceptional reasons, you can't meet these requirements.

We must get your claim after the travel, but by the end of the following calendar month.

For further help or to request other factsheets contact Veterans' Affairs:
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