



**Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 (VEA)
Eligibility**

Peacekeeping Service

Overview

This Factsheet explains what is included as peacekeeping service under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* (VEA) and provides a brief description of the disability compensation entitlements for peacekeepers.

What are Peacekeeping Forces?

Under the VEA a member of a Peacekeeping Force is a person who is serving or has served with a Peacekeeping Force outside Australia as an Australian member, or as a member of an Australian contingent, of a peacekeeping force.

Peacekeeping Forces are either listed in Schedule 3 of the VEA or described in determinations issued by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

Must I be a member of the Australian Defence Force to qualify?

No, but you must be a member of a contingent that has been authorised or approved by the Australian Government.

It is important to note that peacekeeping service is different to normal policing operations that may be conducted overseas. Such service must either be listed in Schedule 3 of the VEA or designated as peacekeeping under s.68(1) of the VEA.

What am I eligible for?

If you served in a Peacekeeping Force, you are eligible for payment of disability pension and treatment for any disease or injury that is accepted as being caused by your peacekeeping service.

VEA Schedule 3 - Peacekeeping Forces

Description of Peacekeeping Force	Initial date as a Peacekeeping Force
1. Security Council Commission of Investigation on the Balkans	29 January 1947
2. Committee of Good Offices	25 August 1947
3. United Nations Special Commission on the Balkans	26 November 1947
4. United Nations Commission on Korea	1 January 1949

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Description of Peacekeeping Force	Initial date as a Peacekeeping Force
5. United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan	1 January 1949
6. United Nations Commission for Indonesia	28 January 1949
7. United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation	1 June 1956
8. United Nations Operations in the Congo	1 August 1960
9. United Nations Yemen Observation Mission	1 January 1963
10. United Nations Force in Cyprus	14 May 1964
11. United Nations India-Pakistan Observation Mission	20 September 1965
12. United Nations Disengagement Observer Force	1 January 1974
13. United Nations Emergency Force Two	1 July 1976
14. United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon	23 March 1978
15. Commonwealth Monitoring Force in Zimbabwe	24 December 1979
16. Sinai Multinational Force and Observers established by the Protocol between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the State of Israel dated 3 August 1981	18 February 1982
17. United Nations Iran/Iraq Military Observer Group	11 August 1988
18. United Nations Border Relief Operation in Cambodia	1 February 1989
19. United Nations Transition Assistance Group Namibia	18 February 1989
20. United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (Mission des Nations Unies pour un Referendum au Sahara Occidental)	27 June 1991
21. The Australian Police Contingent of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia	18 May 1992
22. The Australian Police Contingent of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique	27 March 1994
23. Australian Defence Support to a Pacific Peacekeeping Force for a Bougainville Peace Conference	21 September 1994
24. The Australian Police Contingent of the Multi-National Force in Haiti	10 October 1994

The following contingents are designated peacekeeping forces under the terms of Ministerial determinations:

1. The Australian Police Contingent of the United Nations Assistance Mission in East Timor (UNAMET)	11 June 1999 – 25 October 1999
2. The Australian Police Contingent of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET)	25 October 1999 – 19 May 2002
3. The Australian Police Contingent of the United Nations Mission in Support of East Timor (UNMISSET)	20 May 2002
4. The Australian Police Contingent of the Regional Assistance Mission Solomon Islands (RAMSI)	24 July 2003
5. The Australian Police Contingent of the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS)	1 January 2006

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Note: For details of the legislation see subsections 68(1) and (3) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*.

The Consolidated Library of Information and Knowledge (CLIK) contains the Department's legislation, policy and reference material. It is available on the DVA Website. For more information about the Ministerial determinations described above, please refer to <http://www.dva.gov.au/aboutDVA/publications/corporate/clik/Pages/index.aspx>, then, via the following pathway: "*Legislation/Service Eligibility Assistant*". If you have difficulty accessing CLIK, you can get more help from any DVA office.

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- *DP 18 Making a Claim/Applying for an Increase in Disability Pension*
- *DP 80 Peacekeeping Service – Australian Federal Police*
- *DP 07 Military Service*

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