

## WAR PENSIONS AMENDMENT (No. 2) BILL

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill amends the War Pensions Act 1954, as from 1 August 1955.

*Clause 2* provides for an increase of 5s. a week in the maximum rates of economic pensions where the pensioners are unmarried, or are living apart from their husbands or wives, subject to a discretionary power for the War Pensions Board to refuse the increase where the pensioner is sharing household expenses with another person.

*Clause 3: Subclause (1)* increases from £338 per annum to £351 per annum the rate of the special allowance payable where a war veteran dies leaving a widow or a dependent child. *Subclause (2)* provides for an increase of £13 per annum in the maximum rates of war veterans' allowances where the recipients are unmarried, subject to a discretionary power for the War Pensions Board to refuse the increase where the recipient is sharing household expenses with another person. (A War Pensions Board may treat as an unmarried person for the purposes of *subclause (2)* any person who is living apart from his or her wife or husband.)

*Clause 4* extends the domestic service concession so as to enable women to earn up to £78 a year in domestic or nursing service in private homes or in institutions approved by a War Pensions Board as hospitals, homes for the care of the aged, or charitable institutions, without their pensions or allowances being reduced. The concession at present relates only to domestic service in a private home.

*Clause 5* provides that in computing the income of war pensioners over sixty-five years of age no account is to be taken of the first £26 of pensions or annuities received after 30 November 1955 under Part II or Part III or Part IV of the Superannuation Act 1947 or the National Provident Fund Act 1950.

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### ANALYSIS

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the War Pensions Act 1954.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of

5 the same, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the War Pensions Amendment Act (No. 2) 1955, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the War Pensions Act 1954 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title and commencement.  
1954, No. 54

10 (2) This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the first day of August, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

2. The Sixth Schedule to the principal Act (as substituted by the War Pensions Amendment Act 1955) is hereby amended by adding the following Part:

Increasing rates of economic pensions for unmarried persons in certain cases.  
1955, No. 10

15 "Part IV—General

"5. The rates specified in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of this Schedule shall be increased by 5s. per week in any case where the claimant or pensioner is an unmarried person, or, being married, is, in the opinion of a War Pensions Board, living apart from his wife or her

20 husband, as the case may be:

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“Provided that a War Pensions Board may in its discretion refuse to increase any economic pension under this paragraph in any case where in the opinion of the Board the claimant or pensioner is sharing household expenses with any other person.”

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of war veterans'  
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3. (1) The Seventh Schedule to the principal Act (as substituted by the War Pensions Amendment Act 1955) is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph three the expression “£338”, and substituting the expression “£351”. 5

(2) The said Seventh Schedule is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph: 10

“4. General—

The rates specified in paragraph 1 of this Schedule shall be increased by £13 per annum in any case where the person claiming or in receipt of the allowance is an unmarried person: 15

“Provided that a War Pensions Board may in its discretion refuse to increase any allowance under this paragraph in any case where in the opinion of the Board the person claiming or in receipt of the allowance is sharing household expenses with any other person.” 20

Personal  
earnings from  
domestic or  
nursing  
service.

4. The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section seventy-nine, and substituting the following section:

“79. In computing the rate of any pension or allowance under this Act, a War Pensions Board may, in its discretion, take no account of the personal earnings of any woman from domestic or nursing service in any private home, or in a hospital, home for the care of the aged, or charitable institution approved by the Board for the purposes of this section, up to the appropriate rate specified in the Eighth Schedule to this Act.” 25 30

Superannuation  
and National  
Provident  
Fund pensions.

5. The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section seventy-nine, the following section:

“79A. In computing the rate of any pension or allowance under this Act, a War Pensions Board shall take no account of any money up to twenty-six pounds a year received after the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, by any person who has attained the age of sixty-five years by way of retiring allowance or annuity under Part II or Part III or Part IV of the Superannuation Act 1947, or by way of pension or allowance under Part II or Part III of the National Provident Fund Act 1950.” 35 40

1947, No. 57

1950, No. 55