



Restoration of reversionary pensions

As a result of superannuation reforms announced in the 2007 Federal Budget amendments have been made to the *Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Act 1948* and the *Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Act 1973* to allow restoration of certain widow and widower pensions previously cancelled under those Acts.

How can I have my cancelled, or partially restored, pension fully restored?

You will need to complete a **Restoration of reversionary pension benefit application (DRRP)** form and supply DFRDB with as much information you have regarding your original pension such as:

- a copy of letter/s from Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (CSC), the Australian Government Retirement Benefits Office, or ComSuper (now known as CSC), Department of Social Security (DSS) – now known as Centrelink, or the Department of Defence
- a copy of a bank book or statement confirming date pension was ceased
- a copy of your Marriage Certificate
- a copy of the member's Death Certificate.

All copies of relevant documentation must be certified as true and correct copies of the original.

How long will it take to process my application?

This will depend, in part, on how much information you can supply DFRDB at the time you apply. There could be delay in determining your eligibility should records and information prove difficult to locate.

Please note: We will process your application as soon as all supporting documentation is to hand. We request that you fully complete the form to reduce any delay in processing.

Who should read this?

A spouse of a DFRB or DFRDB deceased pensioner, whose pension was cancelled, prior to 1977, upon their re-marriage.

A spouse whose pension, previously cancelled, was only later partially restored due either to their being in necessitous circumstances or on the grounds that it was otherwise warranted.

Can someone act on my behalf?

Yes, a legally authorised representative, such as a Guardian or a Power of Attorney may act on your behalf, however you are required to provide a signed authorisation allowing them to do so.



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When will my pension commence?

It will commence with effect from 1 January 2008 or from the date the application is received at DFRDB – which ever is the latter.

The pension is prospective only and will not be backdated to the day it was ceased.

How much will I receive?

Your new pension payment will be at the same rate you would have received, indexed twice a year, had your pension not been cancelled.

Will this affect any other payments I am receiving?

It may. You need to inform any agency that pays you a benefit that is income tested.

This payment, however, is not affected by other payments you may receive.

What if I die while the application is being finalised?

If you die while the application is being finalised we will pay a lump sum to your Estate. This amount will be based on the amount of pension that would have been payable for the period from 1 January 2008 (or the date of receipt of your application form if lodged after that date) through to your date of death.

How can I get more information?



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