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**Annual increase to travelling allowance rates for 2024-25 under the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 (VEA)*, the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests and British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Treatment) Regulations 2007* and the *Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Rules 2019* (other minor Acts)**

**Purpose:** To advise of the 3.6% annual increase to travelling allowance rates paid to eligible clients under the VEA and other minor Acts.

**Key Points:**

The new rates are effective from 1 July 2024 and apply to all travel undertaken on or after this date. Rates are payable to eligible clients under:

- Regulation 9 of the *Veterans' Entitlements Regulations 1986 (VER)*;
- Part 3 of the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests and British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Treatment) Regulations 2007*; and
- Sections 8 and 9 of the *Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Rules 2019*.

**Background:**

Under regulation 9AA of the VER, the travelling allowance rates as prescribed in sub-regulation 9(11), 9(12), 9(13) and 9(15) are to be increased on 1 July each year. This increase reflects the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the year to the end of the March quarter. The rates affected by the increase include private vehicle travel, accommodation and meals in respect of travel under sections 110, 132, 170B and 196ZO of the VEA.

For travel relating to treatment under Part 3 of the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests and British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Treatment) Act 2006*, the travelling allowance rates are as prescribed under regulation 7 and sub-regulation 8(1), 8(2) and 8(3) of the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests and British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Treatment) Regulations 2007*. These rates are to be increased on 1 July each year, and reflect the change in the CPI over the year to the end of the March quarter.

For travel relating to treatment under Part 2 of the *Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Act 2019*, the travelling allowance rates are as prescribed under section 8 and subsections 9(1), 9(2) and 9(3) of the



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of the *Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Rules 2019*. These rates are to be increased on 1 July each year, and reflect the change in the CPI over the year to the end of the March quarter.

**Methodology:**

The March 2024 All Groups CPI (weighted average of eight capital cities) is 137.4 compared with 132.6 for March 2023, which equates to a 3.6% increase. The new rates shown in **Attachment A** have been calculated using the formula prescribed under:

- sub-regulation 9AB(2) and rounded in accordance with sub-regulation 9AB(3) and 9AB(4) of the VER;
- sub-regulation 12(2) and rounded in accordance with sub-regulation 12(3) and 12(4) of the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests and British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Treatment) Regulations 2007*; and
- sub-section 13(2) and rounded in accordance with subsections 13(3) and 13(4) of the *Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Rules 2019*.

The new rates apply to **all approved travel under the VEA and other minor Acts from 1 July 2024.**

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Attachment A

## CHANGES TO TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE RATES UNDER THE VEA AND OTHER MINOR ACTS

The March 2024 All Groups CPI (weighted average of eight capital cities) is 137.4 compared with 132.6 for March 2023. The following table outlines the current and the new travelling allowance rates. The new rates have been calculated in accordance with sub-regulation 9AB(2) and rounded in accordance with sub-regulations 9AB(3) and 9AB(4) of the *Veterans' Entitlements Regulations 1986* (VER). For travel relating to treatment under the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests and British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Treatment) Act 2006*, these rates have been calculated and rounded in accordance with sub-regulation 12(2), 12(3) and 12(4) of the *Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests and British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Treatment) Regulations 2007*. For travel relating to treatment under the *Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Act 2019*, these rates have been calculated and rounded in accordance with subsections 13(2), 13(3) and 13(4) of the *Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Rules 2019*.

The new rates are effective for all travel under the VEA and other minor Acts undertaken on and after 1 July 2024.

<b>Veterans' Entitlements Regulation (VER)</b>	<b>Type of Allowance</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (\$)</b>	<b>Increase (\$)</b>	<b>With medically required attendant (#)</b>	<b>1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 (\$)</b>
<b>9 (11)</b>	Private vehicle	Per kilometre	<b>0.418</b>	0.015	x1	<b>0.433</b>
<b>9 (11)</b>	Public, community or air transport	actual fare	Actual fare		x2	Actual fare
<b>9(11)</b>	Taxi transport	actual fare	Actual fare		x1	Actual fare
<b>9 (12)</b>	Commercial Accommodation non–Capital City –single †	Per night	<b>172.70</b>	6.30	x2	<b>179.00</b>
<b>9 (12)</b>	Commercial accommodation Capital City – single †	Per night	<b>205.20</b>	7.40	x2	<b>212.60</b>
<b>9 (13)</b>	Entitled person and medically required attendant sharing Commercial Accommodation – shared †	Per night	<b>280.90</b>	10.20	x1	<b>291.10</b>
<b>9 (12)</b>	Subsidised Accommodation – single †	Per night	<b>107.90</b>	3.90	x2	<b>111.80</b>
<b>9 (12)</b>	Private Accommodation – single †	Per night	<b>53.80</b>	1.90	x2	<b>55.70</b>
<b>9 (15)</b>	Meal Allowance > 50 kilometres ≤ 200 kilometres	Per day	<b>17.20</b>	0.60	x2	<b>17.80</b>
<b>9 (15)</b>	Meal Allowance > 200 kilometres	Per day	<b>34.90</b>	1.30	x2	<b>36.20</b>

† Please note: A separate meal allowance is not paid on a day where an accommodation allowance is paid.

# This column refers to the number of times an allowance is paid when an entitled person travels with a medically required attendant. For instance, if an entitled person shares a room with an attendant, only the allowance for one room is paid for (x1). If they each have a single room, the allowance for both rooms is paid for (x2).