Veterans' Entitlements (Direct Deductions Arrangements) Instrument 2015

Instrument 2015 No. R23

The REPATRIATION COMMISSION makes this Instrument under subsection 122B(5) of the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 (VEA).

Dated this 2nd day of July 2015

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Part 1: Preliminary

1.1 Name of instrument

This Instrument is the Veterans’ Entitlements (Direct Deductions Arrangements) Instrument 2015.

1.2 Commencement

1.2.1 Subject to clause 1.2.2, this Instrument commences on the day after it is registered.

1.2.2 In so far as this Instrument relates to payments (DFISA-like payments) under regulations made under section 118NJ of the Act, for the purposes of approvals made by the Commission under Part 2 and Part 3 of this Instrument, the approvals take effect on the day that regulations (if any) under section 118NJ commence.

1.3 Revocation


1.4 Purpose

This instrument sets out classes of pensions, allowances and pecuniary benefits under the VEA from which direct deductions may be made at the recipient’s request.

1.5 Definitions

allowances paid under the Veterans’ Children Education Scheme means those allowances that are payable by instalments under the Scheme established by the Commission under section 117 of the VEA.

attendant allowance means an allowance under section 98 of the VEA.

clothing allowance means an allowance under section 97 of the VEA.

Commission means the Repatriation Commission continued in existence by section 179 of the VEA.

decoration allowance means an allowance under section 102 of the VEA.

disability pension means:
(a) a pension under Part II or IV of the VEA (other than a pension that is payable under section 30 to a dependant of a deceased veteran); or
(b) a pension payable because of subsection 4(6) or (8B) of the Veterans’ Entitlements (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Act 1986 (other than a pension payable in respect of a child).

DFISA means a Defence Force Income Support Allowance under Part VIIAB of the VEA.

*income support supplement* means a payment under Part IIIA of the VEA.

*pensions payable to dependants of deceased veterans* means pensions granted under the VEA, at a rate determined under or by reference to subsection 30(1) and paragraph 30(2)(a) of the VEA.

*recreation transport allowance* means an allowance under section 104 of the VEA.

*service pension* means a service pension as defined in subsection 5Q(1) of the VEA.

*State Housing Authority* means an authority listed in the definition of *Government rent* in subsection 5N(1) of the VEA.

**Part 2: Approval of classes of pensions, allowances and pecuniary benefits**

The Commission approves under subsection 122B(5) of the VEA the following classes of pensions, allowances and pecuniary benefits for the purposes of section 122B of the VEA:

(a) disability pension;
(b) pensions payable to dependants of deceased veterans;
(c) service pension;
(d) income support supplement;
(e) clothing allowance;
(f) attendant allowance;
(g) decoration allowance;
(h) recreation transport allowance;
(i) allowances paid under the Veterans’ Children Education Scheme;
(j) DFISA;
(k) Payments under regulations made under section 118NJ of the VEA.

**Part 3: Approval of classes of payment**
The Commission approves under subsection 122B(5) of the VEA the following classes of payments for the purposes of section 122B of the VEA.

(a) payments to a *State Housing Authority* that are:

(i) payments of rent;
(ii) payments of principal or interest of loans;
(iii) payments of debts;

(b) payments to Westpac Banking Corporation that are:

(i) payments of principal or interest of loans;
(ii) payments of insurance premiums.