



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

Businessline

Action Required: Read and apply amended policy at Chapter 13.07 of the MRCA Policy Manual

To:

Directors
SRDP Assistant Director
CBD Division Coordinators
Procedural Planning and Assurance, Operational Support
Quality Assurance
CB Reviews and Appeals
SRDP delegates

For information:

Secretary
Deputy President
First Assistant Secretaries
Deputy Commissioners

SUBJECT: SRDP AND OFFSETTING COMMONWEALTH-FUNDED SUPERANNUATION

Purpose: Inform delegates of the policy that applies when an SRDP eligible veteran receives Commonwealth-funded superannuation, and there incapacity benefit was not reduced under section 134, 135 or 136 of the MRCA.

Key Points:

- The offsetting provisions applicable in cases where a veteran is eligible to choose SRDP, and is in receipt of Commonwealth-funded superannuation, has been clarified.
- Where a veteran is in receipt of Commonwealth-funded superannuation that is *not* related to the period of service in which the injury was sustained, then superannuation is *not* offset from SRDP.

Background:

Where a person has multiple periods of service or sources of superannuation, only the superannuation that is derived from the same period of service in which the injury was sustained is taken into consideration in incapacity calculations. The calculation of normal earnings (NE) is driven by the type of service that gave rise to the condition/s causing the incapacity.

The same policy is to be applied to the superannuation offsetting of SRDP.

In cases where a persons' incapacity payments have **not** been offset by superannuation, their SRDP must also **not** be offset. SRDP delegates are not required to undertake further investigation of an offset where incapacity payments were **not** offset by superannuation.

CLIK has been updated to reflect the policy changes.

Action required:

Apply policy as per CLIK Policy Manual Ch 13 Special Rate Disability Pension, [13.07 Offsets](#).

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