

CONSPECTUS OF ACTS IN FORCE RELATING TO THE

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.
(i) Names of Acts ..	Returned Soldiers' Settlement Acts 1916, 1917. Voluntary Workers' (Soldiers' Holdings) Act 1917	Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act 1917, 1918	The Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Act of 1917
(ii) Acts under which land is made available for Discharged Soldiers	Closer Settlement Acts 1904 to 1916. Murrumbidgee Irrigation Act 1910. Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913	Closer Settlement Act 1915. Land Act 1915	Land Acts 1910 to 1916 ..
(iii) Minister administering Act	Minister for Lands ..	President of the Board of Land and Works	Secretary for Public Lands
(iv) Boards administering Act	Local Land Boards. Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission. Classification Committees of not over three members	Lands Purchase and Management Board under the Closer Settlement Act 1915. Advisory Committees consisting of Municipal Councils. Qualification Committee	
(v) Definition of Discharged or Returned Soldier	(a) Resident in Commonwealth, who enlisted in naval or military forces of Commonwealth for service abroad or in United Kingdom and has served outside the Commonwealth (b) Resident in Commonwealth who enlisted as above but was unable to serve abroad through circumstances not within his own control (c) Who has received his discharge and is resident in Commonwealth. Minister may extend definition to other residents who are discharged and are resident in the Commonwealth	(a) Resident in Commonwealth who was appointed an officer or enlisted in His Majesty's or in Commonwealth naval or military forces for service abroad and served abroad, who was discharged and returned to or resides in Victoria (b) Any such person who enlisted and was unable through circumstances not within his own control to serve as aforesaid (c) Non-resident member of His Majesty's naval or military forces who has come to Victoria	Any person who has been a member of the A.I.F. or of any naval or military forces of the Commonwealth, or has joined the naval or military forces of the United Kingdom and who has received an honourable discharge. Governor may extend definition to include any member of His Majesty's military or naval forces or of the military or naval forces of any allied power, who received his discharge before arrival in Queensland
(vi) Discharged or Returned Soldiers excluded from Benefits of Act	Any person whose discharge was due to misconduct or incapacity resulting from his own default	Any person whose discharge was due to misconduct or incapacity resulting from his own default	Any person whose discharge was due to misconduct or incapacity resulting from his own default
(vii) Are Dependents of Deceased Soldier entitled to Benefit of Act?	Only under the Voluntary Workers' (Soldiers' Holdings) Act, when dependents were wholly or in part dependent on earnings or pension of soldier	Yes, if wholly or in part dependent upon earnings of deceased person during period beginning 12 months before enlistment and terminating on discharge or death in connexion with war	Yes, in event of death before or within twelve months after discharge, if wholly or in part dependent upon earnings of soldier during 12 months prior to enlistment
(viii) Definition of Dependent	Wife, husband, father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, step-father, step-mother, son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, step-son, step-daughter, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, illegitimate child or grandchild, parent or grandparent of illegitimate child	Widow, mother, child, ex-nuptial child, orphan brother, orphan sister	Widow, mother, sister, child, ex-nuptial child
(ix) Settlement on Crown Lands—Ordinary Provisions	Minister may set apart Crown land under Closer Settlement or Murrumbidgee Irrigation Acts, to be disposed of under Crown Lands Act or Closer Settlement Act to discharged soldiers exclusively. Discharged soldiers may obtain certificate of preferential right, obviating reference to local land board	Governor in Council may set apart any area of Crown land for disposal under Land or Closer Settlement Acts to discharged soldiers only	Minister may set apart Crown land to be open for selection as Perpetual Lease Selections by discharged soldiers, also as Perpetual Town Leases or Perpetual Suburban Leases

SETTLEMENT OF DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.
Discharged Soldiers' Settlement Acts 1917, 1918, 1919	Land Act Amendment Act 1917	The Returned Soldiers' Settlement Acts 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919
Crown Lands Act 1915. Irrigation and Reclaimed Lands Act 1914	Land Acts 1898 to 1917 ..	The Crown Lands Act 1911. The Closer Settlement Act 1913
Minister of Repatriation ..	Minister for Lands ..	Minister for Lands and Works
No Board appointed. (Land Board under Crown Lands Act must approve of land to be set apart or acquired)	Special Land Qualification Board may be appointed	Closer Settlements Board, consisting of not less than 4 nor more than 9 members, one-third of the members at least to be returned soldiers
Any person who (a) has been a member of the British Army or Navy or of the A.I.F. or of any naval or military force raised in any part of the British Empire for service in the war, and (b) has served in connexion with the war, and (c) has received his discharge	Any person who has been on active service with His Majesty's naval or military forces	Any person (I.) who (a) has been a member of the A.I.F. or of any other naval or military force raised in the Commonwealth for service in the war, or, though a resident of the Commonwealth, has joined the naval or military forces of the United Kingdom, (b) has served abroad, (c) has returned to Tasmania; (II.) who enlisted and was unable to serve abroad owing to circumstances not within his own control; (III.) who has been a member of the naval or military force of the United Kingdom, and has been discharged and has come to Tasmania to farm or settle upon the land pursuant to arrangement with the Imperial Government
Any person (a) whose discharge was due to incapacity resulting from his own default or misconduct, or (b) the terms of whose enlistment did not render him liable to serve abroad, or (c) any prohibited immigrant	..	Any person whose discharge was due to misconduct or incapacity resulting from his own default
Yes, if soldier has died or hereafter dies from wounds inflicted, accident occurring or disease contracted while on service, and leaves children wholly or in part dependent upon his earnings at time of death	Yes	Yes. One dependent, or two or more dependents jointly of any deceased sailor or soldier who was resident in the State, may be granted all or any of the benefits or assistance to which the deceased would have been entitled. Total amount of benefit not to exceed £100
Widow of soldier, leaving any children	..	Widow, mother, children, ex-nuptial children, father, brother, sister
Governor may set apart areas of Crown land for allotment to discharged soldiers. No land to be set apart, except on recommendation of Land Board, concurred in by the Inspector of Lands in the Department of Agriculture and at least two other members of the Land Board	Governor may declare any Crown land to be open to selection by discharged soldiers	Governor may set apart areas of Crown land or settlement land to be disposed of under Crown Lands and Closer Settlement Acts to discharged soldiers exclusively

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(x) Settlement on Crown or other Lands—Special Provisions for Discharged Soldiers	Governor may set apart areas of Crown land to be subdivided into blocks and disposed of by sale or lease to discharged soldiers at such prices, etc., as Minister may determine. Qualification certificate to be obtained from Classification Committee. Crown Lands, Closer Settlement and Irrigation Acts not to apply to lands thus disposed of. Holder of lease may apply to purchase by 15 annual instalments with 2½% interest, conditional on residence for 5 years	Governor may set apart Crown land to be subdivided into blocks and disposed of upon such terms as Governor thinks fit. Qualification certificate to be obtained from Qualification Committee. Condition as to residence not enforced in case of discharged soldier	Not necessary to deposit any rent or instalment of survey fee. No rent for first 3 years, then from fourth to fifteenth year rent to be 1¼% of capital value. After 3 years, survey fee to be paid in 10 annual instalments. After 5 years lessee may transfer to another discharged soldier, and after 10 years may mortgage, transfer or sublet. Town and suburban leases not offered at auction
(xi) Acquisition of Private Lands	Minister may acquire any land by agreement; and land exceeding £20,000 in value, or, if within 15 miles of a proposed railway, £10,000 in value, compulsorily	Board may, under the Closer Settlement Act, acquire either by agreement or compulsorily blocks of private land to such extent as is actually required. Land cannot be acquired compulsorily from an owner on active service abroad	Minister may, under the Public Works Land Resumption Acts, acquire, either by agreement or compulsorily, country land, town land, or suburban land, as may be required. Purchase may be paid for in debentures at 4½%, not negotiable for 5 years
(xii) Amount which may be borrowed by Parliament	..	£2,250,000 during 3 years from commencement of Act	As may be necessary for the purposes of the Act
(xiii) Preparation of Land	Minister or Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission may effect improvements on or prepare blocks of land prior to being disposed of	Board may clear, drain, sow, plant, or fence or erect buildings on or improve land prior to disposal in allotments, within 3 years after disposal under conditional purchase lease, or prior to being resold after forfeiture	..
(xiv) Training Farms, etc.	Governor may provide and maintain training farms or may make arrangements with owners of private lands for enabling discharged soldiers to acquire knowledge of farming, etc.	Governor may provide and maintain training farms for discharged soldiers	..
(xv) Advances to Discharged Soldiers on the land. Purposes for which money is advanced	(a) Clearing, fencing, draining, water supply, and general improvement (b) Erection of buildings (c) Purchase of implements, stock, seeds, plants, trees, etc. Maximum amount, £625	(a) Clearing, fencing, supplying with water, draining, grading, preparing for irrigation and general improvement (b) Erection of buildings (c) Purchase of implements, live stock, seeds, plants, trees, etc. Maximum amount, £625	Improvements on Perpetual Lease Selections and the erection of workers' dwellings Maximum amount, £625 Term of advance, 40 years
(xvi) Security for Advances	First mortgage on lands and improvements	(a) Lien on improvements to an amount not exceeding 100% of unencumbered value thereof (b) Stock mortgage (c) Hire purchase agreement (d) Any security in the Closer Settlement Act with respect to advances (e) All or some of the above	Mortgage in favour of the Government Savings Bank.
(xvii) Rate of Interest on Advances	As determined by the Minister or the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission. Maximum 3½% for the first year, increasing by ½% annually until rate determined reached	As determined by Minister. Maximum 3½% for first year, increasing by ½% annually until rate determined reached	3¼% for first year, increasing by ½% annually until rate payable by State in respect of loan out of which advance is made is reached, but not exceeding 5%. If land acquired compulsorily, rate not exceeding 5%, fixed by Minister

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<p>Land set apart under § ix., if, in the opinion of the Land Board, the area is too large to be allotted as a separate holding, is to be subdivided into such blocks as the Land Board, with the approval of the Minister, determines. Such blocks may be offered to discharged soldiers on perpetual lease or on leases for such terms as Minister thinks convenient</p>		<p>Discharged soldier to obtain qualification certificate from Closer Settlements Board. Land may be sold or leased to discharged soldiers, after subdivision. No deposit on application necessary. No rent for the first year at least. No rates or taxes for 4 years. Discharged qualified soldier may select up to 100 acres of first-class rural land or its equivalent in value of second or third class land. No price paid, but residential conditions apply</p>
<p>Minister may purchase land of any tenure, including land held under Crown lease or agreement. No land to be acquired except on recommendation of Land Board, concurred in by Inspector of Lands in the Department of Agriculture, and at least two other members of the Land Board</p>	<p>Governor may acquire private land, either by purchase or in exchange for Crown land</p>	<p>Minister may, under the Closer Settlement Act, purchase by agreement or compulsorily acquire private land</p>
		<p>£350,000, but not more than five-sixths to be expended for private lands</p>
<p>Minister may clear or prepare land for settlement, and may employ discharged soldiers for such purposes</p>	<p>Land set apart may be improved before selection</p>	<p>Minister may effect improvements on or prepare land prior to its being set apart for application by discharged soldiers</p>
<p>Minister may provide and maintain farms to enable discharged soldiers to acquire knowledge requisite for agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, or dairying pursuits, pig-raising or poultry farming, and to test their aptitude therefor</p>	<p>Applicant for land may be required to acquire experience on a training farm or with some established farmer</p>	
<p>(a) Clearing, fencing, grading, draining, irrigating, and general improvement (b) Erection of buildings (c) Purchase of implements, stock, seeds, plants, trees, etc. Maximum amount, £625</p>	<p>(a) Improvements up to £625 (b) Fertilizers, seeds, sacks, etc. (c) Machinery, drays, stock, etc. (d) Stores (e) Fees</p>	<p>(a) Clearing, fencing (including wire and wire-netting), draining, irrigating, and general improvement (b) Erection of buildings at a cost not exceeding £400 (c) Purchase of implements, stock, seeds, plants, trees, etc. Maximum amount, £625</p>
<p>As regards § xv. (a) and (b), first mortgage on land and (c) bill of sale or other security on goods and chattels</p>	<p>Mortgage in favour of the Agricultural Bank</p>	<p>Moneys advanced remain a charge on the land and may be further secured by a hire-purchase agreement</p>
<p>As determined by Minister</p>	<p>34% for first year, increasing by 1% annually until maximum fixed by agreement is reached. After 5 years, advances repayable by instalments over 25 years. Advances for machinery on 8 years' terms. During first 3 years interest only</p>	<p>As determined by Minister</p>

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(xviii) Remission of Interest, Rent, etc.	Minister or Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission may, in case of hardship, dispense with payment of interest, or may remit rent or charges for water, or may postpone instalments of purchase money	Minister may direct that no instalment of purchase money and interest and rent be payable for the first 3 years	Minister may remit or postpone the payment of rent
(xix) Conditions of Residence	Conditions of residence on lease fixed by Regulation. Purchase of lease subject to condition of residence for 5 years	Conditions of residence in Closer Settlement and Land Acts waived	Lease subject to the condition of personal residence by the lessee during the whole term
(xx) Transfer of Land, etc.	Not transferable, except by way of mortgage, for 5 years, and then only with consent of Minister or Commission, only in case of sickness or other adverse circumstances can consent be given sooner. Transfer to discharged soldier only allowed during first 10 years	Holding transferable only in accordance with Closer Settlement or Land Acts, except where Governor in Council is satisfied that soldier is compelled by sickness or other adverse circumstances to leave	After 5 years lease may be transferred to another discharged soldier. After 10 years lessee may mortgage, transfer, or sublet his lease
(xxi) Application of Act to Soldiers already settled on Land and others	Residence condition attaching to holding held by soldier on active service deemed to be complied with by such service abroad for period of same	Privileges conferred by Act extended to a discharged soldier (a) to whom the interest in a conditional purchase lease has been assigned, or (b) who is a lessee under the Land or Closer Settlement Act	Benefits relating to advances extended to holders of agricultural land under lease or licence who are serving abroad. Minister may suspend condition of residence during absence on active service and for 6 months after return, and rent and instalment of survey fee need not be paid
(xxii) Voluntary Workers' Associations, etc.	Governor may issue Crown Grants to Public Trustee of land. Public Trustee may acquire, hold, subdivide, alienate, and mortgage land, may borrow money and make advances to Voluntary Workers' Associations for purchase of materials. Completed building conveyed to discharged soldier or dependents subject to mortgage to secure repayment for materials. Houses, while property of soldier or dependent, exempt from insolvency or bankruptcy or from being distrained upon	Where any person or body of persons has settled or proposes to settle discharged soldiers on private land Governor may extend benefits of Act to such discharged soldiers	

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Minister, in case of hardship, may dispense with the payment of interest. Minister may remit or postpone the payment of rent or purchase money	..	Minister may, in case of hardship, dispense with payment of interest, and remit any rent payable under a lease, or may postpone such rent, or may postpone payment of any instalment of purchase money
No lease or agreement granted until applicant has occupied the block on permit for a period of at least 12 months, and has complied with the terms and conditions of the permit	Residence compulsory for at least 6 months in each year for the first 5 years	Governor may make regulations with provisions as to the residence of lessees on the land
No lease granted or agreement entered into to be transferred, assigned, sublet, mortgaged, or encumbered, except with the consent of the Minister	No transfer can be effected without the approval of the Minister on the recommendation of the Land Qualification Board	No land leased or sold to be transferred for 10 years, except with consent of Minister
Advances may be made to discharged soldiers who are holders of Crown land on lease or agreement, who are owners of freehold or leasehold with not less than 3 years to run, or are share farmers	Any settler, who has enlisted, may obtain protection against forfeiture for non-compliance with conditions and non-payment of rent, or if he held land under conditional purchase, may have land brought under these Regulations	Advances may be made to discharged soldier, who has purchased Crown land on credit or is a selector of Crown land, or is a lessee of any privately-owned land or land leased under the Closer Settlement Act
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