

Media Report 10 April 2020

Happy Easter to all NVOC members and your family's. This weeks media reports will cover and answer great questions veterans are still asking such as **Frequently asked questions regarding COVID-19 in Ottawa. Support you need, when you need it. Due to the corona virus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, there has been an increase in **scams and phishing attacks about COVID-19 benefits**. Those who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces are well-known for their teamwork and leadership. These skills are in **high demand in Canada's job market**. If you are a Veteran wanting to start a new career or you want to hire a Veteran, these resources can help. Are you **having financial difficulties because of low or no income?** The Canadian Forces Income Support is a tax-free, monthly benefit to help low-income Veterans, survivors, and dependent children, Caregiver Recognition Benefit and local Media Articles.**

Happy Easter to all NVOC members and your family's from our National President

Wishing you a joyful Easter. May the miracle of Easter brightening your life with love, happiness and joy in these difficult times!

I hope that this Easter brings you new aspirations and new hope. Have a blessed and meaningful Easter!. Continue to maintain social distancing and stay home and keep washing your hands.

Wishing you and your family a Happy Easter! please take care

A brief history of Easter—from biblical origins to egg hunts

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/world/a-brief-history-of-easter%e2%80%94from-biblical-origins-to-egg-hunts/ar-BB12oWFG?li=AAggFp4#image=BB12oNJ2|2>

Randy stowell, National President NVOC

Did you get 2 CERB payments? It's not a mistake, minister says

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/money/topstories/did-you-get-2-cerb-payments-its-not-a-mistake-minister-says/ar-BB12lf4L?li=AAggNb9>

everything you need to know about the upgraded COVID-19 wage subsidy program

<https://business.financialpost.com/personal-finance/taxes/covid-19-canada-emergency-wage-subsidy-guide>

Dear Stakeholders and Advisory Groups Members,

Due to the corona virus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, there has been an increase in scams and phishing attacks about COVID-19 benefits.

•As the Government of Canada introduces new supports for Canadians who are facing hardship during this time, we remind you to be vigilant when receiving phone calls, emails and text messages that refer to these new benefits. The best place to find information on Canada's Economic Response plan is at Canada.ca/coronavirus.

The best way to defend yourself against cyber-attacks is with information. If you can recognize the signs of a phishing campaign, you'll be better equipped to protect your personal information from cyber scammers.

Please visit [Get Cyber Safe](#) for details on signs of a phishing campaign, and how to stay safe.

Sincerely,

Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach Team

Veterans Affairs Canada

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Chers intervenants et membres des groupes consultatifs,

En raison de la pandémie de maladie à coronavirus (COVID-19), les fraudes et les attaques d'hameçonnage au sujet des avantages offerts pour répondre à la COVID-19 ont augmenté.

Alors que le gouvernement du Canada met en place de nouvelles mesures de soutien pour les Canadiens aux prises avec des difficultés pendant cette période, nous vous rappelons d'être vigilants lorsque vous recevez des appels, des courriels ou des messages textes qui portent sur ces nouveaux avantages. Le site Web Canada.ca/le-coronavirus est le meilleur endroit pour trouver de l'information sur le Plan d'intervention économique du Canada.

Vous informer est le meilleur moyen de vous défendre contre les cyberattaques. Si vous pouvez reconnaître les signes d'une campagne d'hameçonnage, vous serez mieux outillés pour protéger vos renseignements personnels des fraudeurs potentiels.

Veillez consulter [Pensez cybersécurité](#) pour savoir quels sont les signes d'une campagne d'hameçonnage et comment vous protéger.

Cordialement,

L'équipe de mobilisation et de sensibilisation des intervenants

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information from SAGE Issue Spring 2020

<https://webmail.bell.net/appsuite/api/mail/PSHCP%20Rate%20Changes.jpg?action=attachment&folder=default0%2FINBOX&id=109115&attachment=2.2&delivery=view>

[Are you having financial difficulties because of low or no income? The Canadian Forces Income Support is a tax-free, monthly benefit to help low-income Veterans, survivors, and dependent children.](#)

About this program

The Canadian Forces Income Support is a tax-free monthly benefit. It helps low-income CAF Veterans who no longer qualify for the Earnings Loss Benefit, after participating in the Rehabilitation program.

For the purposes of this program, VAC measures your household income according to the Statistics Canada Formula. This formula takes any taxable income you are currently earning or any government benefits you receive into consideration.

Do you qualify?

You should apply for Canadian Forces Income Support if you:

- are a Veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces,
- have a low household income,
- are looking for work or participating in the Career Transition Services program, and
- no longer qualify for the Earnings Loss Benefit.

As a survivor or dependent child you continue to receive this benefit. Learn more about [Canadian Forces Income Support – Survivors](#).

How to apply

Apply online

If you are registered for My VAC Account, you can submit your application for this benefit online. If you aren't registered, you can [register now](#).

Mail or in person

Download the application form. Then, drop it off at a [VAC Office or CAF Transition Centre](#). You can also mail your completed form directly to the address listed on the form.

Get help with your application

The staff at any [VAC office or CAF Transition Centre](#) can assist you, or call us at 1-866-522-2122.

Additional information

Find out more

We use the [Statistics Canada Formula](#) to measure low household income.

The amount you receive depends on if you are single, married, and if you have any children. The benefit is also adjusted on a quarterly basis to keep pace with changes in the consumer price index. See the [current rates](#).

Related programs

[Canadian Forces Income Support – Survivors](#): Monthly payments to survivors or dependents of a deceased CAF Veteran who was receiving CFIS

[Veterans Emergency Fund](#): Prompt assistance for eligible Veterans and their families who are facing an unexpected financial emergency.

[Earnings Loss Benefit](#): For Veterans using Rehabilitation services, you may qualify for this benefit to support your income.

[Earnings Loss Benefit for survivors](#): For dependants of a CAF member or Veteran whose death was related to their service.

Frequently asked questions

If I apply for the benefit and get declined, can I appeal?

Yes. If you are not satisfied with a decision you may apply in writing for a review. Learn more about your [review and appeal options](#).

Are there policies for this program?

Yes. Read more about the [Canadian Forces Income Support policies](#).

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[Veterans looking for jobs](#)

Find job opportunities using Job Bank's tools such as Job Search, Job Match, and Job Alerts.

[Employers looking for Veterans](#)

Post your jobs on Job Bank and market them directly to Veterans.

[Jobs in the federal government](#)

As a Veteran you can get priority when applying for jobs in the federal public service.

[Military to civilian job equivalency tool](#)

MNET is a 'military to civilian' job translator to help anyone compare military and civilian job credentials.

Transition: Every path is different

Benefits and services for members, Veterans and their families every step of the way.

Do you have questions about how to hire Veterans?

E-mail us at

VAC.HireaVeteran-Embauchezunveteran.ACC@canada.ca.

Related programs

Transition interview

Before you release, a meeting to provide information on VAC programs and services available to you and your family.

Career Transition Services

Get career counselling, help with resume writing, interview preparation, and finding a job.

Vocational rehabilitation

Coaching, support and any other training you need to return to work or find a new job after an illness or injury.

Education and Training Benefit

Financial support to help you pursue your education and career goals after your military service.

a day-to-day basis by providing them \$1000 per month, tax free.

To receive this benefit your case manager will conduct or arrange an assessment to confirm that you require the assistance of a caregiver.

You should apply for the Caregiver Recognition Benefit (if):

- you need daily assistance of a caregiver for at least four of your activities of daily living (See: [What are activities of daily living?](#)),
- your caregiver is not paid to provide or co-ordinate your care and is over 18 years of age,
- you are not a permanent resident of a nursing home or long-term care facility,

- you are a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces, and
- you have a VAC disability benefit*

* You may have received your disability benefit as pain and suffering compensation, a disability award or as a disability pension. If you have a disability pension (or POW compensation), you would receive this support through the [Attendance allowance](#).

How to apply

Before you apply

As part of your application, your caregiver will be asked to provide proof of identity, for example a driver's licence. We need this from any person applying to Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) for the first time.

Fill out the application form with your caregiver. Both of you must sign the form.

You can expect a decision within eight weeks of submitting your application. Your caregiver will begin to receive the benefit within nine weeks.

Apply online

If you are registered for My VAC Account, you can submit your application for this benefit online. My VAC Account offers a guided web form that makes applying easier. If you aren't registered, you can [register now](#).

Mail or in person

Download the application form. Then, drop it off at a [VAC office or CAF Transition Centre](#). You can also mail your completed application directly to the address listed on the form.

Get help with your application

The staff at any [VAC office](#) or [Transition Centre](#) can assist you, or call us at 1-866-522-2122.

Additional information

Find out more

See the [current rates](#).

Over time, to ensure your health and well-being, we may perform a review or re-assessment of your situation once you're in the program.

Please let us know if your caregiver changes. You will need to submit a new application any time your caregiver changes.

[Watch this video](#) for a quick overview of the Caregiver Recognition Benefit.

Related programs

[Caregiver Zone](#) - Online support and resources for those who care for Veterans.

[Disability Benefit](#) - Compensation for your service-related injury or illness.

[Attendance allowance](#) - Monthly payments if your health needs require personal care support.

Frequently asked questions

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Yes. If you are not satisfied with a decision you may apply in writing for a review. Learn more about your [review and appeal options](#).

If the benefit is paid to my caregiver, why do I need to apply?

Since it is your health needs that require the services of a caregiver, you must apply for the benefit. However, your caregiver is required to complete and sign a section of the application. If you have granted power of attorney to someone, that person may apply on your behalf.

Is there a time limit to apply for this benefit?

You can apply for this benefit at any time.

Are there policies for this program?

Read more about the [Caregiver Recognition Benefit policies](#).

More [Caregiver Recognition Benefit FAQs](#).

The Chief Engineer, Colonel-Commandant and Branch Chief Warrant Officer have asked that the following letter to all Military Engineers be promulgated as far as possible across the country and all places in the world where members of the CME family are serving during the current COVID-19 crisis.

Chief Engineer's Message – COVID-19

<https://cmea-agmc.ca/chief-engineers-message-covid-19>

Le Chef du génie militaire, le Colonel commandant et l'Adjudant-chef du Service de la Branche ont demandé que la lettre suivante à tous les génie militaire canadien soit promulguée autant que possible à travers le pays et partout dans le monde où des membres de la famille GMC servent pendant l'actuel COVID- 19 crise.

Message du Chef du génie militaire – COVID-19

<https://cmea-agmc.ca/fr/message-du-chef-du-genie-militaire-covid-19>

Former military commanders offer ideas for keeping sane, healthy in COVID-19 lockdown

CBC News

Are you climbing the walls yet? Living and working in the same space with family in ever-present proximity — even with the occasional walk and blast of Netflix — is a shock to the system, especially when no one can tell you when it will be all over. Submariners and soldiers know exactly how you feel and they've got a few ideas for keeping you sane and healthy over the long haul. [READ MORE](#)

COVID-19: le point des cérémonies, spectacles et événements militaires annulés

45e Nord

Dans sa lettre où il faisait le point sur l'opération LASER, le chef d'état-major de la Défense a aussi fait un récapitulatif des événements annulés qui «font partie du tissu social canadien» et qui étaient au fil des ans devenus des incontournables pour bien des Canadiens et Canadiennes. «Nous avons dû prendre aussi la décision difficile d'annuler certains événements, dont ceux qui font partie du tissu social canadien.», annonce sobrement le chef d'état-major. [LIRE PLUS](#)

Canadian Forces says it has enough masks for COVID-19 deployment

Ottawa Citizen

The Canadian Forces says it realizes military personnel have concerns there might not be enough masks for troops being mobilized for pandemic duties but it has conducted an inventory and is confident there is enough equipment. But some military personnel who are considered essential and are continuing on the job for other duties have complained their commanders told them they can't wear masks. [READ MORE](#)

2000 militaires prêts à aider les provinces de l'Atlantique au besoin

Radio-Canada

Environ 2000 réservistes des Forces armées canadiennes sont prêts à répondre aux possibles demandes d'aide des provinces de l'Atlantique. Les militaires peuvent aider les communautés en cas d'inondation ou de toute autre catastrophe naturelle, ou en cas de besoins liés à la COVID-19, explique le brigadier-général Roch Pelletier, commandant de la 5e Division du Canada. [LIRE PLUS](#)

COVID-19: Survival 'tent' routine for families

Canadian Military Family Magazine

In a crisis, there is a tremendous value in maintaining normal processes under stress. Keep doing the easy things easily so you save capacity (physical, mental, emotional, resources, financial, etc.) to deal with the novel, exceptional, severe aspects of a crisis. This one of many approaches that resilient people, teams, organizations take during chaos. [READ MORE](#)

Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment deployed as part of Canadian Forces COVID-19 response

CBC News

Soldiers with the The Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment were deployed on Monday to Canadian Forces Base Borden in Ontario as part of the Canadian Armed Forces' Operation LASER response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Master Warrant Officer Fergus O'Connor said approximately 30 troops have been deployed to take part in a 400-person territorial task group "in order to respond to any request for assistance that may come from provincial governments or municipal governments." [READ MORE](#)

COVID-19: l'armée se rassemble près de Toronto

Le Journal de Montréal

Des centaines de militaires d'un peu partout en Ontario convergeront de leur base respective vers celle de Borden, à environ une heure au nord de Toronto, afin de se préparer à un éventuel déploiement pour lutter contre la pandémie de COVID-19. [LIRE PLUS](#)

General Vance's weekly Friday letter updates military community

Canadian Military Family Magazine

On April 3, 2020, Chief of the Defence Staff General Jonathan Vance issued a letter to the Canadian Armed Forces community. While he thanked the community for continuing to "protect and prepare the force," he mentioned that there have been reported cases of people in the CAF community having COVID-19. [READ MORE](#)

Veterans' disability claims backlog must be cleared amid COVID-19, groups say

Global News

One of Canada's largest veterans' organizations is urging the federal government to automatically approve the roughly 44,000 outstanding applications for disability benefits from injured veterans to help them better deal with the COVID-19 crisis. The call from the National Council of Veteran Associations, which represents more than 60 veteran groups, comes amid fears about the financial and emotional toll the pandemic is taking on veterans struggling with mental and physical wounds. [READ MORE](#)