

Media Report 06 AUG 2021

This weeks media reports will cover and answer great questions veterans are still asking such as **Frequently asked questions regarding COVID-19 in Ottawa**. Due to ongoing and evolving COVID-19 pandemic callers may experience increased wait times when calling the Government of Canada Pension Center. Callers may also experience dropped calls, as all telecommunication networks across Canada are presently facing capacity challenges. and local Media Articles and An illness or injury can have an impact on your ability to adjust to life after service. We all need healthcare services. The Treatment benefits program provides coverage for a variety of benefits and services to help you get—and stay healthy. Have you made an application for disability benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada and received a decision? If you disagree with that decision, you have the right to review or appeal

Useful links

The Federal Court has certified a class action involving the **alleged miscalculation of benefit adjustment rates** from 2002 to present. See the Notice of Certification on [Veterans Affairs Canada](#).

The Federal Court has certified a class proceeding involving delayed payment of certain **CFSA pension benefits** between 2007 and 2017. See the Notice of Certification on [Veterans Affairs Canada](#).

CAF wants to hear from Veterans about the military justice system. The [Declaration of Victims' Rights survey](#) is looking for your feedback, especially if you've been affected by a service offence.

Salute! newsletter – July 2021

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Salute! newsletter is now a monthly e-newsletter

Each month, Salute! provides news about:

- benefits and services available to Veterans and their families and tips on accessing them;
- remembrance and commemoration activities in Canada and abroad; and
- other events, including public consultations.

You will also see stories about today's Veterans, their challenges and successes, and how they contribute to their communities after leaving the military.

In this edition:

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Please share Salute! with your friends and contacts so they can keep up on issues that matter to Veterans and their families.

Let us know what you think about the new Salute! by emailing consultation-consultation@veterans.gc.ca.

[See more editions of Salute!](#)

Peer Support Consultations // Consultations pour le soutien par les pairs

(la version française suit)

Good afternoon,

The Department of National Defence and Veterans Affairs Canada are jointly developing a peer support program for those affected by sexual misconduct in the military. We would like to engage with people with lived experience to gain feedback and insight on what the peer support program should include.

Enclosed is the call for participation. We want to ensure that we have a diverse and inclusive representation, and ask that you forward this request to your communities to anyone who may be interested in participating in this process.

If you or anyone else is interested in participating, please email this address and someone will reach out to provide further information and next steps.

Thank you,

DND/VAC Peer Support Project Team

Bonjour,

Le ministère de la Défense nationale et Anciens Combattants Canada élaborent conjointement un programme de soutien par les pairs pour les personnes affectées par de l'inconduite sexuelle au sein des forces armées. Nous aimerions nous engager avec des personnes ayant une expérience vécue pour obtenir des commentaires et des idées sur ce que le programme de soutien par les pairs devrait inclure.

Vous retrouverez ci-joint l'appel à la participation. Nous voulons nous assurer que nous avons une représentation diversifiée et inclusive, et nous vous demandons de transmettre cette demande à vos communautés et à toute personne intéressée à participer à ce processus.

Si vous ou quelqu'un d'autre êtes intéressé à participer, veuillez envoyer un courriel à cette adresse et quelqu'un vous contactera pour vous fournir de plus amples informations et les prochaines étapes.

Merci,

Équipe de projet de soutien par les pairs du MDN/ACC

Ontario Command Newsletter Summer 2021

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Critical Injury Benefit

About this program

A sudden, single incident such as motor vehicle accidents, explosions, gunshot wounds and exposure to toxic or infectious agents can lead to an immediate, severe and traumatic illness or injury.

To recognize the impact of such an incident, the Critical Injury Benefit provides a tax-free lump-sum to address the immediate impacts of the most severe and traumatic service-related injuries or diseases sustained by Canadian Armed Forces members.

Do you qualify?

You should apply for the Critical Injury Benefit if you have experienced a severe injury or acute illness:

- while serving in the Canadian Armed Forces on or after April 1, 2006, and
- your illness or injury caused a severe impairment that interfered with your quality of life.

To be considered a severe impairment, at least one of the following must have occurred immediately after the incident:

- an amputation at or above the wrist or ankle
- you were admitted to intensive care, acute care or received complex treatment for five days or longer.

Permanent or temporary conditions that lasted 12 consecutive weeks or more:

- blindness in both eyes
 - paralysis of one or more limbs
 - loss of control of kidneys, bladder or bowel
 - for 16 weeks or more you required assistance for three or more of the following activities:
 - eating,
 - bathing,
 - dressing,
 - using the bathroom, or
 - mobility (walking or getting in or out of bed or chair)
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How to apply

Apply online

Apply online through My VAC Account. Applying is easier with a guided form. Sign in or register for My VAC Account.

[My VAC Account](#)

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.

[Go to 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 rate](#) for this tax-free lump sum award.

We encourage you to seek advice on how to manage a lump-sum payment so that it gives you the most benefit throughout your life. We offer up to \$500 towards getting this [financial advice](#).

Related programs

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

[Rehabilitation Services](#)– Services to improve your health and adjust to life after service.

Frequently asked questions

What is the definition of a “sudden and single incident” and why was that chosen?

A “sudden and single incident” means, for the purposes of the Critical Injury Benefit, the single incident in which the person was abruptly exposed to external factors causing either traumatic injury or acute disease. The defining factor is that the event was singular and the effect of it was immediate; it did not evolve over time.

Is a survivor (spouse, common-law, children), dependent or estate of the deceased CAF member or Veteran eligible for this benefit?

No, this benefit is not payable to the survivor, dependent or estate of a deceased CAF member or Veteran.

What about mental illness? Could the Critical Injury Benefit be awarded for a mental illness caused by a sudden and single service-related event?

If it occurs that a CAF member/Veteran has a psychiatric reaction immediately following a single service-related incident and must be immediately hospitalized and treated for this reaction for a prolonged period, he/she would be eligible.

Is there a time limit to apply for this benefit?

No. There is no time limit to apply for this benefit.

Are there policies for this program?

Yes. Read more about the [Critical Injury Benefit policies](#).

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