

## Media Report 02 Dec 2022

This weeks media reports will cover and answer great questions veterans are still asking 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.

### A new Table of Disabilities

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8. While the Table of Disabilities has received regular updates, the last full review of the table was published in 2006.

What is the Table of Disabilities?

The Table of Disabilities assess the level of an impairment and the impact that impairment has on the VAC client's quality of life. All decisions regarding an application for Disability Benefits relies on the Table of Disabilities.

Why are you updating the Table of Disabilities?

We want to reduce processing times by making the Table of Disabilities more efficient and usable. This June, VAC started a [multi-year initiative to modernize the Table of Disabilities](#). The update will ensure our approach to assessment reflects advances in health research and best practices, and will apply a [Gender-Based Analysis Plus](#) mindset throughout. This work is being done to ensure that members and Veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police feel confident that the decisions they receive on their applications for disability benefits are fair, transparent and consistent.

What else will change because of this update?

Modernizing the Table of Disabilities will also include updating and simplifying Medical Questionnaires to make them easier for health professionals to complete and submit. In addition, the policy and processes for Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation will be aligned with the Table of Disabilities so that decisions can be made in a more timely manner.

Combined, these updates will provide:

- clear, transparent and consistent disability benefit decisions,
- a reduction in processing times for applications, and

- overall processing improvements.

Timeline for the Table of Disabilities modernization initiative

Modernization Phases	Status	Start
Phase I: Research and Preparation	Complete	June 2021
Phase II: Planning, Prioritization, Analysis and Consultation	Expected completion September 2022	March 2022
Phase III: Development	Ongoing	July 2022
Phase IV: Implementation	Pending	Pending

Related information on applying for VAC Disability Benefits

[How we review a disability benefit claim - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

[Table of Disabilities - How Benefits are Determined - Disability Benefits - After an illness or injury - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

[Timely disability benefits decisions plan - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

[Assessment and Reassessment of a Disability - Policies - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

[Pain and Suffering Compensation - Policies - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

[Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation - Policies - Veterans Affairs Canada](#)

**Support you need, when you need it. When the unexpected happens, we can provide you funds for essentials like food, shelter, or medical expenses. Call VAC NOW if you need help over the Xmas time frame if you are a Veteran.**

The Veterans Emergency Fund provides prompt financial support to Veterans, their families, and survivors, who are facing an unforeseen financial emergency that is threatening their health and well-being.

The Veterans Emergency Fund can cover essentials such as:

- food;
- clothing;
- rent/mortgage;
- medical care/expenses; and,
- expenses required to maintain safety and shelter.

Every situation is unique. Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis. We will also work with you to identify your long-term needs.

You should apply for the Veterans Emergency Fund if you have an urgent financial need, are a Canadian resident\*, and are a:

- Veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF);
- current spouse/common-law partner of a Veteran;
- survivor of a deceased Veteran or CAF member; or
- orphan of a deceased Veteran or CAF member (or the legal guardian if the orphan is under the age of 18).

\*Someone who has resided in Canada for at least 183 days in the previous fiscal year (April 1-March 31).

## **Before you apply**

We will need as much information as possible about the financial emergency. This could include: invoices, quotes, notices, or statements to explain the situation.

If this is your first time applying to a VAC program, we will need [proof of identity](#) (e.g. driver's license).

You can expect a decision within 1-2 business days. If approved, you will receive payment within 1-2 business days.

## **Online**

Fill out and submit your application online through [My VAC Account](#). This is the recommended approach, and will give you the quickest response.

If you are not registered with My VAC Account, you can [register now](#).

## **Mail or in person\***

Download the [application form](#) and mail it directly to the address listed on the form

You can also drop it off at a [VAC Area Office](#) or [CAF Transition Centre](#).\*

\* Offices may not be open due to COVID restrictions. Call 1-866-522-2122 to confirm.

## **Get help with your application**

Please call 1-866-522-2122 or send a [My VAC Account](#) secure message and a VAC representative will assist you with your application.

## **Related programs**

The [Assistance Fund](#) can help if you in a financial emergency, if you receive the War Veterans Allowance.

The [Canadian Forces Income Support](#) is a tax-free monthly benefit to help low-income Veterans, survivors, and dependent children.

## **Do I need to receive benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada to apply for emergency funding?**

No. However, we will require the information about the Veteran in order to confirm their service history.

## **What will staff use to quickly confirm a Veteran's service information?**

VAC staff will be able to confirm a Veteran's service information by entering their name, service number and date of birth into our Client Service Delivery Network (CSDN). VAC will work with DND to obtain service information for those Veterans who don't have an existing relationship with VAC.

## **Are there policies for this program?**

Yes. Read the [Veterans Emergency Fund policy](#).

Find more [Veterans Emergency Fund FAQs](#).

## **Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation – Nominate someone today! / Mention élogieuse du ministre des Anciens Combattants – Proposez une candidature dès maintenant!**

Earlier this month during Veterans' Week, Canadians from coast to coast to coast honoured the service and sacrifice of Veterans, Canadian Armed Forces members and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Every year, countless Canadians volunteer their time and resources to help, honour and commemorate our Veterans. These volunteers are crucial to making Veterans' Week and Remembrance Day a success in communities across the country.

Do you know someone who volunteers to support Canadian Veterans? Whether it's someone from your own organization or in your hometown, we encourage you to nominate them for the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation.

A diverse range of work performed in contribution to the care and well-being of Veterans, or to the remembrance of their achievements and sacrifices, is recognized through the MVA Commendation.

The deadline for nominations is 31 January 2023. Please share this message with your colleagues, and nominate someone for their volunteer work serving Veterans.

Learn more and [nominate someone today](#).

Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach Team

Veterans Affairs Canada

Bonjour,

Plus tôt ce mois-ci, pendant la Semaine des vétérans, les Canadiens d'un océan à l'autre ont rendu hommage au service et au sacrifice des vétérans ainsi que des membres des Forces armées canadiennes et de la Gendarmerie royale du Canada. Chaque année, d'innombrables Canadiens donnent de leur temps et de leurs ressources pour aider nos vétérans et leur rendre hommage. Ces bénévoles sont essentiels au succès de la Semaine des vétérans et du jour du Souvenir dans les collectivités de tout le pays.

Connaissez-vous quelqu'un qui fait du bénévolat pour soutenir les vétérans canadiens?

Qu'il s'agisse d'une personne de votre propre organisation ou de votre ville natale, nous vous encourageons à proposer sa candidature pour la Mention élogieuse du ministre des Anciens Combattants.

La Mention élogieuse du ministre des Anciens Combattants reconnaît un large éventail de travaux accomplis en contribution aux soins et au bien-être des vétérans, ou au souvenir de leurs réalisations et de leurs sacrifices.

La date limite pour proposer une candidature est le 31 janvier 2023. Veuillez partager ce message avec vos collègues, et n'hésitez pas à proposer quelqu'un pour son travail bénévole au service des vétérans.

Apprenez-en plus et [proposez une candidature dès aujourd'hui](#).

## IN THE MEDIA

['Making Canada better': Excerpt from ex-general's anti-woke speech that caused an uproar](#)

National Post

The following is an excerpt from a speech delivered by Lt.-Gen. Michel Maisonneuve (retired) at a Nov. 9 gala in Ottawa as he accepted the Vimy Award, a top defence award. He received a standing ovation from senior military officers in attendance.

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[Politicians urged to help ease transition from military to civilian work](#)

CBC News

"Terrified" is the word a high-ranking officer and a military veteran used to describe how many people feel about the prospect of leaving the Canadian Armed Forces for civilian life. "After 36 years of service it was terrifying stepping out of a uniform and into civilian service," Dave Giannou recently told a legislature committee.

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[L'Armée canadienne ouvre la porte aux résidents permanents](#)

Radio-Canada

Devant une pénurie de main-d'œuvre sans précédent, le chef d'état-major de la Défense, le général Wayne Eyre, a décidé d'ouvrir ses rangs à des résidents permanents qui n'ont pas encore obtenu la citoyenneté canadienne. C'est une première pour l'Armée canadienne, qui refusait de le faire jusqu'à maintenant en invoquant des motifs de sécurité.

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[Gallery: Athabasca remembers them](#)

Town and Country Today

Soldiers from 1 Combat Engineer Regiment, based in Edmonton, marched into the Athabasca Regional Multiplex as part of the Colour Guard for the service, a group that also included members of the RCMP, 230 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, Athabasca Royal Canadian Legion #103 and others.

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### ['Dinner to remember' held at military museum](#)

Brantford Expositor

A “dinner to remember” was recently served to more than 80 people at the Canadian Military Heritage Museum. “We’re remembering the more than 92,000 Canadian soldiers who fought in the Italian campaign in the Second World War,” said Marilyn Shaver, a volunteer at the museum who helped organize the event. “We’re focusing primarily on the Battle of Ortona and remember the dinner served to the soldiers on Dec. 25 1943.

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### [Trudeau: Canadian military to play stronger role in Indo-Pacific region](#)

Global News

The Liberal government’s long-promised Indo-Pacific strategy will include new investments to strengthen the role the Canadian Armed Forces plays in the region, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced recently in Thailand. “This will support our allies, Japan and South Korea, and all of us in the Pacific,” Trudeau said as he wrapped up his participation in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

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### [Crise en Haïti: vers une intervention militaire?](#)

Journal Métro

Alors que le Canada annonçait le 20 novembre de nouvelles mesures concernant la crise en Haïti, certains membres de la diaspora haïtienne à Montréal sont d’avis que des sanctions supplémentaires sont nécessaires, alors que d’autres contestent l’ingérence canadienne.

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### [Norad: Russia resuming bomber, submarine patrols near North America after pause](#)

CP24

Russia has started sending long-range bombers back over the Arctic toward North American airspace following a short-lived pause during the early months of its war in Ukraine, according to a senior Canadian military official. Russian submarines are also operating off both coasts as Moscow seeks to demonstrate its ability to strike Canada and the United States, said Lt.-Gen. Alain Pelletier, the deputy commander of the North American Aerospace Defence Command.

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### [Time to 'stop' Zelensky! Indian Army General decodes NATO's strategy and draws conclusion to Russia-Ukraine war](#)

EurAsian Times

With the crisis caused by a missile landing in Poland being watered down by NATO to avoid exposing its cracks, the Russian pullback from Kherson followed by consistent targeting of energy and critical infrastructure in Ukraine, and the twists and turns in War in Ukraine are becoming the new normal.

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### [As the war rages, Ukraine wages a daunting battle to rebuild](#)

New York Times

Ukrainian efforts to stabilize some of the country's battered electricity supply and make a dent in the seemingly endless task of demining swaths of the country offered a glimpse into the Herculean task that lies ahead off the battlefield.

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### [Des véhicules militaires sillonneront les routes du Québec](#)

La Presse

Si vous apercevez des véhicules militaires sur les routes du Québec dans les prochains jours, pas de panique. C'est normal. Près de 600 soldats partiront dès mardi de la base militaire de Valcartier, dans la région de Québec, pour se rendre en Louisiane en vue d'une séance intensive d'entraînement en combat, qui durera un mois.

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### [BAE Systems' new CV90 variants add capabilities and combat efficiency for Swedish Army](#)

BAE Systems

BAE Systems has signed a follow-on contract worth \$90 million with the Swedish Defence Materiel Administration (FMV) for two new CV90 variants, which are being added to the Swedish CV90 RENO upgrade program.

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### [Chinese scientists combine water purification with electric power generation](#)

South China Morning Post

A research team in China has developed a solar-powered water purifier that can also generate a small but steady supply of electricity. The researchers, led by Professor Zhang Ting from the Chinese Academy of Sciences's Suzhou Institute of Nano-Tech and Nano-Bionics, said their design could one day provide an endless source of drinking water, along with enough usable energy to power wearable devices and other applications.

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