

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 Support you need, when you need it. When the unexpected happens we can get you quick access to funds for urgent needs such as food, shelter or medical expenses.

Veterans Emergency Fund.

Questions ref the Veterans Emergency Funding (VEF) during the COVID-19 period. so I am providing more info for our veteran.

About this program

The Veterans Emergency Fund (VEF) provides financial support to Veterans, their families or their survivors whose well-being is at risk due to an urgent and unexpected situation.

Questions and answers

Q1. What is the Veterans Emergency Fund?

The Veterans Emergency Fund (VEF) provides emergency financial support to Veterans, their families and survivors whose well-being is at risk due to an urgent and unexpected situation. The fund is administered by Veterans Affairs Canada.

For examples of what the fund covers, please see [Question 14](#).

Q2. What is the benefit of the fund?

The new fund provides VAC with the flexibility to financially assist Veterans and their families quickly and efficiently in times of urgent need.

The fund means that front-line offices will be better able to deal with emergency situations, without complicated eligibility requirements and approval processes.

The emergency fund will provide short-term relief while VAC works with you to identify any long-term needs and possible solutions.

Q3. Who can apply?

You may be eligible if you are a Canadian resident and a:

- Veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF);
 - Current spouse/common-law partner of a Veteran;
 - Survivor of a deceased Veteran or deceased CAF member; or an
 - Orphan of a deceased Veteran or deceased CAF member (or the legal guardian if the orphan is under the age of 18).
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Q4. How do I apply for this program?

You can apply for the program through the ways listed below.

IN PERSON: Find an [Area Office](#) near you.

ONLINE: [My VAC Account](#)

PHONE: 1-866-522-2122

Please note: Although you can apply online for the Veterans Emergency Fund through My VAC Account, we will contact you personally before a decision is made. The application process will not be conducted exclusively online.

Q5. Can I send my Veterans Emergency Fund application to VAC in the mail?

We recommend that you do not send your VEF application in the mail as this can create delays in reviewing your request. The most efficient way to apply is by calling (1-866-522-2122) or visiting a [VAC office](#). You can also submit your application using [My VAC Account](#).

Q6. What information do I need to apply for the Veterans Emergency Fund?

Veterans Affairs Canada will need to verify your identity, your Canadian Armed Forces service history (or the service history of the Veteran) and as much information as possible about the financial emergency.

Before you apply, please make sure you have the following information:

Information to verify your identity (one document)

- Provincial driver's licence,
- Provincial healthcare card (excluding Alberta and Manitoba),
- Other provincial identification card,
- Certificate of Indian Status,
- Vital statistics documents: birth certificate, marriage certificate,
- Employee identification card (federal, provincial or municipal), or
- Canadian passport, or
- Other federal identification card.

Veteran service information (all information listed)

- Full name,

- Service number,
- Date of birth, and
- Date of Veteran's death, if applicable (i.e. if you are a survivor or orphan).

Details about the financial emergency

You will also need to provide as much information about your emergency as possible (i.e. quotes, notices, statements, letters, etc.). If we require additional information to prove your urgent need for emergency funding, we will let you know.

Q7. 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.

Q8. 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.

Q9. Will my request for emergency funding be shared with other members of my family?

In certain circumstances, Veterans Affairs Canada may need to share your name, the amount you received and the date of your decision.

Scenario (hypothetical): A Veteran is approved for emergency funding. One month later, the Veteran's spouse applies for emergency funding, and does not know that the Veteran has already accessed the fund. Depending on the amount of emergency funding previously accessed, we may need to advise the spouse that emergency funding has already been requested.

Q10. What information will I need to prove that I need emergency funding?

Please provide us with as much information about your emergency as possible (i.e. quotes, notices, statements, letters, etc.). If we require additional information to prove your urgent need for emergency funding, we will let you know.

If you have any questions or need help completing the application, please contact us by phone or in person and someone will assist you with the process.

IN PERSON: Find an [Area Office](#) near you.

PHONE: 1-866-522-2122

Q11. If I am unable to prove my identity because the documents were destroyed as a result of my emergency, can I still apply for and receive funding?

Yes. Our first priority is making sure you have the emergency financial help you need, when you need it. We will work with applicants to find a way to prove their identity and verify the Veteran's service, if needed.

Q12. What if someone lies about their identity?

Knowingly making a false or misleading statement is a criminal offense. Applying for the Veterans Emergency Fund using false information would make the individual ineligible for the benefit. It may also result in an overpayment that would have to be repaid by the individual and could lead to further consequences.

Q13. If an application is received from a spouse, common-law partner, survivor or orphan, will the Veteran's information still be required to determine eligibility?

Yes. In all cases, we will need to verify the Veteran's service with the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces.

For more information about what you need to apply, please see [Question 5](#).

Q14. What does Veterans Affairs Canada consider an emergency?

An emergency is defined as a situation that requires immediate action. It is one that if financial support is not provided, the situation will directly affect the health and safety of a Veteran or their family members. An emergency can be caused by a defined event, or it can be the result of other unexpected circumstances that have contributed to a current and urgent need for funding.

Every situation will be different and unique, which is why applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Q15. Can you provide a few examples of what people may apply for?

The Veterans Emergency Fund is intended to help with short-term urgent, unexpected emergencies. The emergency fund will cover essential needs, which may include:

- Food
- Clothing
- Shelter
- Medical care/expenses
- Expenses required to maintain safety and shelter

Please note: The list provides only a few examples. Each application will be considered on the individual's circumstances and demonstrated need.

Q16. What is an essential need?

An essential need is a service or item that, if removed or unavailable, could lead to a crisis or emergency situation. This is assessed based on the circumstances of the individual and their capacity to address the emergency.

Q17. Am I allowed to apply for urgent costs related to my children?

Yes. Emergency expenses related to the dependents of a Veteran may be covered as long as they meet the criteria for essential needs. An example would be medication for an ill child that is not covered by other benefits or plans.

Q18. How long will it take to receive funding?

Once we receive your completed application and supporting documents, most decisions and payments will be made within one to two business days.

Although we have a one to two business day service standard, we will work to address the emergency situation more quickly where it is possible to do so.

Q19. Is one to two business days a realistic time frame?

Some payments will be paid immediately once the application is approved. In other situations, payments may need to be processed, cheques mailed or direct deposits completed, which requires one to two business days.

Q20. How will payments be made to those in an emergency situation?

Depending on the situation, payment could be made by:

- Payment to a third-party using the Veterans Emergency Fund acquisition card,
- Direct deposit to the applicant,
- Cheque to the applicant, or
- Third-party cheque.

We will work with Veterans, their families and survivors to determine the best course of action.

Q21. I currently live outside Canada and would like to access the Veterans Emergency Fund. Can I do this?

No. The Veterans Emergency Fund is only available to those who reside in Canada.

Q22. The Government of Canada promised one million dollars per year for this program. Is there any chance the funding may be depleted?

Yes. There is a chance that the fund may be depleted. However, considering previous usage of similar emergency trust funds, the new Veterans Emergency Fund is expected to have sufficient funding for the year. This amount is more funding than Veterans Affairs Canada has ever been able to provide Veterans in emergency situations.

Q23. If the fund is depleted, what happens to Veterans that need emergency funding to help deal with emergency situations?

Veterans Affairs Canada staff will work with the applicant to find and access other sources of emergency financial help if the Veterans Emergency Fund is depleted. In fact, there are municipal, provincial and non-government organizations (NGOs) available and ready to provide assistance, direction and support to Veterans and their families.

Q24. Will I have to pay it back?

No. Funds are considered a grant, not a loan.

Q25. What if a Veteran needs emergency funding for a recurring payment (i.e. multiple rent payments)? Are these payments eligible for funding?

The Veterans Emergency Fund will not cover recurring payments. The intent of the program is to provide one-time payments to resolve an emergency situation while we assist you in finding a longer-term solution for the financial issue, if required.

Q26. Do I need to claim the Veterans Emergency Fund payment on my tax return?

One-time payments made in an emergency situation are not required to be reported on your income tax.

Q27. What does Veterans Affairs Canada hope to learn from the new fund?

The Veterans Emergency Fund will help us identify trends, which will help us better understand and address issues in the Veteran community. We will use this

information to inform decision-makers in an effort to improve the programs, services and benefits we offer Veterans and their families.

Q28. If I borrow money to make the payment(s), is VAC able to reimburse me?

The intent is not to provide funding for payments where an emergency has already been addressed. If your financial situation is impacted by the requirement to repay borrowed money, this type of request may be considered on a case by case basis. For example, if repayment of borrowed money requires you to use your rent money, and the initial need would have qualified for the fund, this type of situation may be approved.

Q29. Can I access the Veterans Emergency Fund outside VAC office hours?

The Veterans Emergency Fund will be accessible during normal working hours—Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm local time.

If your emergency occurs after hours, there are municipal, provincial and non-government organizations (NGOs) available and ready to provide assistance, direction and support.

Q30. If my emergency happens outside of VAC office hours, who should I reach out to?

Depending on the nature of your emergency, we may be able to help connect you with emergency services near you.

If you require immediate emergency support, please contact a provincial or territorial [emergency management organizations](#) (EMOs) near you. The EMO websites contain contact information for government and community organizations that are ready to provide emergency support.

Q31. Your slogan for this program is “Support you need, when you need it.” Do you think you are following through on this by only offering emergency service during normal working hours?

If your emergency occurs after hours, there are municipal, provincial and non-government organizations (NGOs) available and ready to provide assistance, direction and support.

Q32. Why is the fund not available to former Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) members?

The RCMP sets the direction and has the authority over what programs and services are available to its current and former members. Veterans Affairs Canada

does not have the legislative authority for the RCMP nor determines what the benefit/compensation framework for the RCMP should be.

Q33. If I am denied funding, can I appeal the decision?

Yes, if you are not satisfied with the decision, you may request a reconsideration within 60 days from the date you receive the decision. Although no additional information is required to request a review, you may submit information that you believe helps support a change to this decision. Please submit your request by secure messaging through [My VAC Account](#), or by mail to:

Veterans Affairs Canada
Benefits Program Officer, Veterans Emergency Fund
Benefits Adjudicating and Processing
PO Box 6000
Matane QC G4W 0E3

Q34. How long does it take to have a review completed for my denied application?

When requests for reconsideration are received, a decision can be made within one to two business days as long as all the pertinent information is provided.

- subject: Canada remembers the Liberation of the Netherlands and V-E Day / Le Canada se souvient de la libération des Pays-Bas et du jour de la Victoire en Europe

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Dear educators,

Recent developments have unfortunately forced the cancellation of commemorative events in Canada and Europe this May to mark the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands and Victory in Europe (V-E) Day. At the same time, schools across the country have had to find innovative ways to teach their students.

During these challenging times, Veterans Affairs Canada is here to help young people learn more about this important chapter of our country's military history with a wealth of free [educational resources](#) for teachers. While the distribution of our free print products has been put on hold until the present situation passes, we encourage you to explore our online lesson plans, virtual postcards, posters, historical information, Veteran interviews and more to see what might be useful to you.

www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/battles-and-stages/liberation-of-netherlands

Veterans Affairs Canada has also created a new [Home Learning Corner](#) to support parents and students with engaging, home-based educational activities for a variety of ages on how our soldiers helped liberate the Dutch people during the Second World War. Students are also being encouraged to take part in a “[Tulip Takeover](#)” and create tulip art to put in their windows and on social media to let everyone see – from a safe distance – how they are remembering the Liberation of the Netherlands this spring.

www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/battles-and-stages/liberation-of-netherlands/home-learning-corner

Here are some other neat ways that schools, educators and students can show that we remember:

- ❑ Connect virtually with Veterans in your community or across Canada by writing a [digital postcard](#) and sharing online;
- ❑ Explore stories of those who helped liberate the Dutch people by listening to Veterans Affairs Canada [podcasts](#) , watching [Veteran interviews](#) or reading [Faces of Freedom](#) profiles;
- ❑ Join the conversation on social media, and include the hashtags #CanadaRemembers, #Netherlands75, #VEDay75 and #TulipsAtHome.

Through an initiative launched by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, with the support of several Canadian partners including the Canadian Tulip Festival, some 1,100 schools from across our country planted special Liberation75 tulip bulbs last fall. These beautiful flowers of remembrance that will bloom this spring honour the brave Canadians who liberated the Netherlands, but young people can also learn more in other ways. Check out their “Liberation75” education guide today to learn more.

www.liberation75.ca/education

On the 75th anniversary of V-E Day and the end of the Second World War in Europe, Defining Moments Canada is honoured to collaborate with The Juno Beach Centre and The Canadian Research and Mapping Association ([Project44.ca](#)) to offer educators around the country a series of [FREE educational resources](#) to help their students think critically about the legacy of this defining Canadian moment.

With the goal of having students explore and commemorate the stories of Canadians during the “Victory Campaign” from autumn 1944 to spring 1945, our digital mapping tools, inquiry-based lesson plans, storytelling resources, and vast array of supplementary material will have your students delving deeper than ever into VEDay75 and its implications for the people – and country – that lived it.

<https://definingmomentscanada.ca/>

The Canada Aviation and Space Museum is pleased to present The Legacy Series, a collection of free teaching tools to engage your students in powerful stories of the Second World War. This original documentary film series — created by Canadian film students in partnership with film professionals and the museum — showcases compelling, personal accounts of the Second World War, told through the lens of aviation. Explore The Legacy Series today.

<https://ingeniumcanada.org/aviation/education/legacy-series.php>

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Thank you for helping keep the torch of remembrance burning brightly in our youth!

The Veterans Affairs Canada Learning Team

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Cher éducateur, chère éducatrice,

La situation sanitaire mondiale a malheureusement forcé l'annulation d'événements commémoratifs au Canada et en Europe, prévus au mois de mai pour souligner le 75e anniversaire de la libération des Pays-Bas et du jour de la Victoire en Europe. Dans la foulée, les écoles à travers le pays ont cherché des manières innovatrices pour aider les jeunes à poursuivre les apprentissages.

En ces temps difficiles, Anciens Combattants Canada est là pour aider les jeunes à en apprendre davantage à propos de ce chapitre important de l'histoire militaire de notre pays, avec une variété de [ressources pour les enseignants](#). Bien que la distribution de nos ressources imprimées gratuites ait été suspendue temporairement, nous vous encourageons à explorer nos plans de leçons en ligne, nos cartes postales virtuelles, nos affiches, nos ressources historiques, nos entrevues avec des vétérans et autres, et ainsi trouver du matériel qui pourrait être utile.

www.veterans.gc.ca/fra/remembrance/battles-and-stages/liberation-of-netherlands

Anciens Combattants Canada a aussi créé un [Coin de l'apprentissage à la maison](#) pour appuyer les parents et les jeunes avec des activités éducatives intéressantes qui peuvent être faites de la maison. Conçues pour divers groupes d'âges, nos activités aident à mieux comprendre comment les soldats de notre pays ont contribué à libérer le peuple néerlandais lors de la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Les jeunes sont aussi encouragés à participer au « [Blitz de tulipes](#) » en créant des projets artistiques mettant en vedette des tulipes et à les afficher à la fenêtre ou

dans les médias sociaux, pour que voisins et amis puissent voir (en respectant les consignes de distanciation sécuritaire) de quelle manière ils se souviennent de la libération des Pays-Bas ce printemps.

www.veterans.gc.ca/fra/remembrance/battles-and-stages/liberation-of-netherlands/home-learning-corner

Voici d'autres façons pour que les écoles, les éducateurs et les élèves puissent démontrer que nous nous souvenons :

§Prendre contact de manière virtuelle avec des vétérans de votre communauté ou à travers le pays en écrivant une [carte postale électronique](#) et en la partageant en ligne;

§Explorer les histoires de ceux qui ont aidé à libérer le peuple néerlandais en écoutant des [balados](#) d'Anciens Combattants Canada, en visionnant des [entrevues avec des vétérans](#) ou en lisant des récits sur la page « [Visages de la liberté](#) »;

§Se joindre à la conversation sur les médias sociaux et utiliser les mots-clés #LeCanadasesouvient, #PaysBas75, #JourVE75, et #TulipesAlaMaison.

Grâce à une initiative proposée par l'ambassade du Royaume des Pays-Bas, avec l'appui de nombreux partenaires canadiens, dont le Festival canadien des tulipes, près de 1 100 écoles à travers le pays ont planté des bulbes de tulipes « Libération75 » l'automne dernier. Ces jolies fleurs évoquant le souvenir fleuriront ce printemps, en hommage aux braves Canadiens qui ont libéré les Pays-Bas. Les jeunes peuvent en apprendre davantage en explorant le guide éducatif produit pour l'occasion.

<https://liberation75.ca/education/?lang=fr>

En ce 75e anniversaire du jour de la Victoire en Europe et de la fin de la Seconde Guerre mondiale en Europe, Moments Déterminants Canada est honoré de collaborer avec le Centre Juno Beach et l'Association canadienne de recherche et de cartographie (fr.project44.ca) pour offrir aux enseignants de partout au pays des [ressources éducationnelles gratuites](#) qui sauront aider les élèves à utiliser la pensée critique pour explorer le sujet de la commémoration et de l'héritage de cet événement déterminant pour le Canada.

Des outils de cartographie numériques, des plans de leçons basés sur la recherche, des ressources narratives et un vaste matériel supplémentaire sont offerts aux élèves afin de les stimuler à explorer et à commémorer les histoires de Canadiens ayant participé à la « campagne de la Victoire », de l'automne 1944 au printemps 1945. Les élèves pourront approfondir leur compréhension du JourVE75 et son impact sur les gens (et le pays) qui ont vécu ces événements.

<https://definingmomentscanada.ca/fr/>

Le Musée de l'aviation et de l'espace du Canada est heureux de présenter la série Échos, une collection d'outils pédagogiques gratuits visant à faire découvrir aux élèves de puissants récits sur la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Créée par des étudiants canadiens en cinéma, en partenariat avec des cinéastes professionnels et le personnel du musée, cette série documentaire originale présente des témoignages captivants de la Seconde Guerre mondiale du point de vue de l'aviation. Explorez la série Échos aujourd'hui!

<https://ingeniumcanada.org/aviation/educatif/serie-echos.php>

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Nous vous remercions d'aider à garder vivante la flamme du Souvenir chez nos jeunes!

L'équipe d'apprentissage d'Anciens Combattants Canada

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A city, a ship, and a hockey jersey — the special connection

CFB Esquimalt Lookout

A hockey jersey can represent many things, and some, like Leading Seaman Cindy Veilleux's jersey, have an amazing story associated with them. For the last year, she has travelled in Her Majesty's Canadian Ships with a Calgary Flames jersey neatly folded in her duffle bag. The Saint-Georges, Quebec, native came to have a special connection with the City of Calgary after meeting Private Steven Marshall a decade ago when she was a Combat Engineer. The two were on course at Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering in Gagetown, New Brunswick, and became fast friends. **[READ MORE](#)**

COVID-19: les vétérans de l'Hôpital Sainte-Anne «fiers» de voir arriver les militaires de l'Op LASER

45e Nord

Alors que, dans le cadre de opération LASER en réponse à la situation de pandémie, les Forces armées canadiennes ont dépêché plusieurs militaires dans CHSLD du Québec, un contingent s'est rendu à l'Hôpital Sainte-Anne, à Sainte-Anne de Bellevue dans l'Ouest de l'île de Montréal, un établissement de soins de longue durée de 456 lits, dont 398 occupés actuellement, où les membres des Forces canadiennes ont été accueillis avec une joie particulière par les 114 vétérans que compte

l'établissement. [LIRE PLUS](#)

[The pandemic could end up changing everything — including the military](#)

CBC News

It's safe to say that the Canadian military plans for just about everything. It's also safe to say that nowhere in the dusty stacks of military strategies for various hair-raising scenarios shelved in the Department of National Defence (DND) is a plan for sending soldiers to long-term care homes to backstop failing provincial systems. Hospitals, maybe — not seniors homes. But pandemics have a way of re-ordering priorities. Which explains how a niche project — one of those nice-to-have items of equipment the military keeps on its wish list — can suddenly rocket through the ponderous federal procurement maze in a matter of days. [READ MORE](#)

[Flooding in Fort McMurray leads to request for military assistance from Ottawa](#)

CP24

Provincial and federal governments say they are ready to help with flooding in northern Alberta as the number of evacuations in Fort McMurray continued to increase Monday. "We have requested assistance from the federal government as we face this new crisis," Don Scott, mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, said in a social media post. It came as spring ice breakup on the Athabasca and Clearwater rivers led to flooding and the complete closure of the city's downtown core. [READ MORE](#)

[Le maire demande l'aide des militaires pour combattre les inondations à Fort McMurray](#)

Radio-Canada

Les maisons et les entreprises du centre-ville de Fort McMurray, au nord de l'Alberta, sont menacées par l'augmentation du niveau des rivières. Don Scott, le maire de la municipalité régionale de Wood Buffalo demande une aide militaire pour limiter les dommages. De l'aide a été demandée aux Forces armées canadiennes et au gouvernement fédéral pour faire face à « cette nouvelle crise », a écrit Don Scott, dans un message publié sur les médias sociaux. [LIRE PLUS](#)

[Canadian military hopes to restart some training in June](#)

Ottawa Citizen

The Canadian military hopes to take incremental steps to restart training of recruits as early as June. Collective and individual training in the Canadian Forces has come to a standstill because of the novel coronavirus pandemic. But Chief of the Defence Staff Gen. Jon Vance said in a social media post on Friday that could change. "We are looking at a range of options and methods to re-start our training system," he stated. "I have asked my staff to develop options that would work even if COVID-19 is still a threat. This work will take some time to plan and, if deemed feasible, take considerable effort to execute safely and properly." [READ MORE](#)

[Canadian troops urged to seek help as use of mental health](#)

services hits record low

Global News

Canada's top military officer is urging his troops to reach out for help if it's required, as the use of mental-health services for military personnel has reached an all-time low. In an open letter to all Canadian Armed Forces members, chief of the defence staff Gen. Jonathan Vance said there may be legitimate reasons fewer of service members are calling military helplines or accessing mental-health professionals. [READ MORE](#)

Les soins psychologiques très peu sollicités par les militaires canadiens

La Presse

Le plus haut dirigeant des Forces armées canadiennes a demandé aux militaires d'avoir recours aux soins psychologiques s'ils en ont besoin, car ceux-ci n'ont jamais été si peu sollicités dans l'histoire du pays. Le chef d'état-major de toutes les forces armées canadiennes, le général Jonathan Vance, a déclaré dans une lettre ouverte que tous les militaires canadiens ont peut-être des motifs légitimes qui justifient la baisse du nombre d'appels aux services d'aide psychologique, ou encore des rencontres avec les professionnels de la santé mentale. [LIRE PLUS](#)

Lethbridge man preserves Canada's Cold War history in 3-D

CTV News

A Lethbridge man is using his social distancing time to do some good work for a Saskatchewan museum. "I had lots of time on my hands," said retired radar tech Terry Collins. His extra time at home has given him a chance to try out a 3-D modelling software program. He put the software to use recreating the design of an original radar site, which was built as part of Canada's early detection system in the event of a Soviet bomber attack on North America. [READ MORE](#)