

## Media Report 13 AUG 2021

This week's 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

### **Veteran and Family Well-Being Fund open for new applications**

Dear Stakeholders and Advisory Group Members,

Are you—or do you know—an organization supporting Veterans and their families during the post-COVID-19 recovery? Budget 2021 provided an additional \$15 million in to the [Veteran and Family Well-Being Funds](#) split over three years, and your organization may qualify for financial support.

Funding is available to private, public and academic organizations that conduct research or create projects that improve the lives of Veterans and their families. Veterans Affairs Canada is looking to support equity-seeking groups, including those that serve women and LGBTQ2+ Veterans, in this current call for applications. Projects should focus on the current concerns of Veterans, including addressing homelessness, unemployment, retraining, and health challenges.

Check out our [funding guidelines](#) and [apply](#). Applications will be accepted until **1 October 2021**.

Thank you for supporting the well-being of Canada's Veterans.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay

Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence

Chers intervenants et membres des groupes consultatifs,

Êtes-vous – ou connaissez-vous – un organisme qui fait la promotion du bien-être des vétérans et de leur famille pendant la période de relance qui suit la pandémie? Le budget de 2021 prévoit le versement d'un montant supplémentaire de 15 millions de dollars réparti sur trois ans au [Fonds pour le bien-être des vétérans et de leur famille](#), et votre organisme pourrait être admissible à du soutien financier.

Le financement est offert aux organismes privés, publics et universitaires qui mènent des recherches ou créent des projets visant à améliorer la vie des vétérans et de leur famille. Dans le cadre de cet appel de candidatures, Anciens Combattants Canada souhaite soutenir les groupes luttant pour l'équité, notamment ceux qui viennent en aide aux femmes vétérans et aux vétérans LGBTQ2+. Les projets doivent être axés sur le soutien aux vétérans, notamment les difficultés liées à l'itinérance, au chômage, au recyclage professionnel et à la santé.

Consultez nos [lignes directrices sur le financement](#) et [présentez une demande](#). Vous avez jusqu'au **1er octobre 2021**.

Merci de favoriser le bien-être des vétérans du Canada.

Cordialement,

L'honorable Lawrence MacAulay

Ministre des Anciens Combattants et ministre associé de la Défense nationale

# Vocational rehabilitation

## About this program

Rehabilitation services can improve your health and help you adjust to life at home, in your community or at work. The vocational rehabilitation component of those services provides skills development, education or training and other supports to help you establish a new career.

When you developed your rehabilitation plan, you will have identified a career goal that is suitable for your health challenges and reflects the education, skills and experience you gained before or during your time in the military.

Vocational rehabilitation services can include:

- help to identify a suitable career path (with consideration of your health condition),
- financial support for training and related costs (such as tuition and books), and
- job search skills development (such as résumé writing and interview skills).

Depending on your individual needs, you may qualify for one or more of these services.

If your health prevents it, this part of your rehabilitation plan can be provided to your spouse as [vocational assistance](#).

You will build your vocational rehabilitation plan with the direct assistance of the specialists at [Canadian Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation Services](#).

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## Do you qualify?

You should apply for rehabilitation services if you:

- served in the Canadian Armed Forces, and
  - have a barrier to re-establishment which is a health issue (temporary or permanent) related to your service that prevents your full participation at work or home or in the community.
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## How to apply

### 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](#).

[My VAC Account](#)

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### 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.

[Go to form](#)

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### 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.

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## **Building a rehabilitation plan**

We can usually make a decision about Rehabilitation Program eligibility within a few weeks of receiving your application. If approved, you will receive the one-on-one support of a [VAC case manager](#).

Your case manager will work with you (and your family) to identify your goals. Together you will build your rehabilitation plan.

To ensure your success, the plan will identify:

- your goals;
- the services and benefits you will need to reach those goals;
- local service providers to help get you there; and
- a timeframe to complete it all.

You are the most important part of any successful rehab plan. As you work through your plan, it is important to keep in touch about your services or any challenges you face. Give feedback to your case manager, the health professional, or anyone who is working with you.

From start to finish, your VAC case manager will:

- work closely with you and your family;
  - respect your privacy and confidentiality;
  - help identify information and services you need;
  - help you develop support networks;
  - coordinate between you, your health professionals, and other service providers; and
  - track and discuss your progress on a regular basis.
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## **Additional information**

## Find out more

Are you medically-releasing from the Canadian Armed Forces soon?

If so, you can apply for rehabilitation services before you leave service. If approved, the start date of your rehabilitation plan, and your [Income Replacement Benefit](#), can be the day after you release.

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## Related programs

- [Rehabilitation services](#)- Treatment and therapies to overcome or cope with a service-related illness or injury.
  - [Income Replacement Benefit](#)- A monthly payment to maintain your income while you are taking part in the VAC rehabilitation program.
  - [Case management](#)- One-on-one support to help with a significant challenge in your life.
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## Frequently asked questions

### How can I pay my bills while taking part in the rehab program?

Every participant in rehabilitation services qualifies for the [Earnings Loss Benefit](#). This income support ensures your total income will be at least 90% of your gross pre-release military salary. This is available so you can focus on what matters most – your health and career goals.

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### Does vocational rehabilitation include support for child care so I can go to school full-time?

Yes. The plan can include support for additional child care expenses. Your case manager will identify

your need for this, and other supports, as you develop your rehabilitation plan together.

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## Are there policies for this program?

Yes. Read more about the [policies related to Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Assistance Program](#).

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