

Media Report 20 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

Total Percentage vaccinated by Province/Territory

Province/Territory	Total Percentage vaccinated	Total % Fully vaccinated	Eligible (12+) Percentage vaccinated	Eligible (12+) % Fully vaccinated	Received from manufacturer	Received doses administered	Updated
Yukon	78.4%	74.0%	95.3%	89.9%	66,670	96.1%	Aug. 9
Prince Edward Island	79.0%	60.3%	89.7%	68.5%	272,795	81.5%	Aug. 12
Northwest Territories	74.1%	69.3%	88.2%	82.5%	82,230	78.7%	Aug. 9
Nova Scotia	76.2%	67.1%	85.7%	75.4%	1,661,180	84.5%	Aug. 12
Quebec	74.1%	62.5%	84.8%	71.6%	14,043,837	83.4%	Aug. 13
Newfoundland and Labrador	78.4%	60.2%	84.7%	65.1%	850,190	85.2%	Aug. 12
New Brunswick	73.8%	62.9%	83.2%	70.9%	1,306,015	81.8%	Aug. 13
Manitoba	70.5%	63.9%	82.7%	74.9%	2,435,630	76.1%	Aug. 13
British Columbia	74.1%	64.6%	82.6%	72.0%	7,668,390	93.4%	Aug. 13
Canada	71.9%	63.0%	81.8%	71.6%	63,388,598	81.0%	Aug. 14
Ontario	72.0%	64.7%	81.4%	73.1%	26,173,971	77.0%	Aug. 14
Nunavut	58.2%	50.3%	78.5%	67.8%	60,360	70.8%	Aug. 3
Alberta	64.5%	56.8%	75.8%	66.7%	6,763,255	80.2%	Aug. 13
Saskatchewan	65.3%	57.2%	74.5%	65.3%	2,004,075	72.1%	Aug. 14

Provincial and territorial data is collected from official government websites, news releases and press conferences.

Percentage of population vaccinated is based on the number of people who have received at least one dose.

20,760 active 1,413,550 recovered 26,777 deaths

Presidents Message August 2021

The Pandemic

Our members continue to do “buddy checks” with one another as we all struggle with daily routines during this very testing period in our lives. I am disappointed to hear of some of our members who are having great difficulty getting help from Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) - they leave messages and do not get a timely response. If you are having poor service with your local VAC office – let me know some details. My email is below. The new Deputy Minister has three or four “ZOOM” conference calls over the year, and I am prepared to raise issue related to service by the VAC staff.

Commemorations

There is a slow return to commemoration ceremonies here in the Capital Region. They are smaller than normal events – masks and social distancing continue to apply.

- On Sunday 8 August myself, Gord Jenkins and John Stuart were guests at the National Peacekeeper’s Day ceremony at the Peacekeeping monument. This year marks the 65th anniversary of the start of the first United Nations Emergency Force in Egypt and Israel.. The event is organized and conducted by members of the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping, (CAVUNP). [Visitwww.cavump.org](http://www.cavump.org). The event did focus on Police – RCMP, Provincial and Municipal who have done duties as Peacekeepers. The official parade had a significant presence of military and Police – and the parade commanders were all drawn from the Police. The reviewing officer was the Ottawa Chief of Police – he spoke well of his two tours in Bosnia .
- On Sunday 15 August I was a guest of VAC at the National War Memorial to commemorate V-J day and the official end to WW II. I was disappointed that no mention of Hong Kong was made during this event, On behalf of the diplomatic service the wreath was laid by the Ambassador from Japan?

My Personal Experience with VAC Benefits

In an earlier Report to Members by Ted Bransfield, mention was made of Physiotherapy. In early June I

saw my Nurse Practitioner about my concerns about flexibility/agility. I walk my Golden retriever every day at a good pace and distance. I had never had any physiotherapy before. She wrote me a “chit” – I contacted Blue Cross and they approved both physiotherapy and massage therapy. The member does need to have a “K” number with a Blue Cross card. They ask that the applicant find a Clinic that is already registered with them – gave me list of local clinics and I am finding that the stretching of muscles is a big help. VAC will cover up to 20 Physiotherapy sessions each year [amount paid is \$80.00 per session] AND they will cover up to 15 Massage therapy sessions each year [amount paid is \$80.00 per session]. This “stretching” is helping me.

My hope is that this will delay future hip replacement surgery!!!

Stay safe and healthy!

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Support for Afghanistan Veterans

If you served in Afghanistan and are struggling with news of current events there, [learn about available mental health resources](#) or [talk to a professional now](#).

The Legion has just shared the following media release which contains a short summary of the recent Dominion Convention decisions.

This information will also be posted at Legion.ca today.

<https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2021/08/19/2283699/0/en/Royal-Canadian-Legion-delegates-elect-new-Executive-team.html>

- **To: VAC Stakeholder Community,**

These past few weeks have been incredibly difficult for our Veteran community. With the Taliban’s rapid advance across Afghanistan, it appears that the entire country could soon be under their control.

Given all it represents to so many of our Afghan Veterans, the fall of Kandahar will surely be

particularly challenging. Having never worn the uniform, I know I will never be able to understand what so many of those who served there are grappling with.

As Minister, though, I want to provide some resources that I hope might be of use for those of you – and to those you serve – who might understandably be struggling with the situation in Afghanistan.

§At Veterans Affairs, please know that the [VAC Assistance Service](#) is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Veterans, former RCMP members, families, and caregivers can call to speak with a mental health professional, free of charge, at 1-800-268-7708 (TDD/TTY: 1-800-567-5803.)

§For those still serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, support is available to members and their families at each [Canadian Forces Health Services](#) centre across the country.

§The [Member Assistance Program](#) also offers 24/7 confidential short-term counselling to members and their families, and can be reached at

1-800-268-7708 (TDD 1-800-567-5803.)

§Some additional information on mental health resources can also be found through the [Canadian Armed Forces](#) and [Veterans Affairs Canada](#).

Because of what Canadians achieved in Afghanistan, lives have been changed, unquestionably, for the better. There are children who received medicine that allowed them to reach their teens when they otherwise wouldn't have. There are now young women studying law, physics, and journalism at some of the world's finest universities who would never have gotten that opportunity.

Time will tell us what those stories mean, but I choose to believe that the world will be better for them.

However this chapter in Afghanistan's history ends, Canada will not forget the actions of the more than 40,000 of our remarkable men and women who served there – the stories of their sacrifice will outlast them.

Our kids and grandkids are going to learn about the Canadians who fought and gave their lives in the streets and poppy fields of Kandahar, just like they will about the ones who fought and gave their lives at Vimy Ridge and Juno Beach.

Their wars might be different, but their stories are fundamentally the same. They went off to serve their country, and they did all that was asked of them and more.

How our Afghanistan Veterans and their families will come to understand their sacrifices is surely not for me to say, but I can promise that Canada will remain forever grateful for their service.

Please take care, and thank you for the work you all continue to do in support of our Veterans and their families.

Respectfully,

Lawrence MacAulay

Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence

Destinataires: Communauté des intervenants d'ACC,

Les dernières semaines ont été extrêmement difficiles pour notre communauté de vétérans. Avec

l'avancée rapide des talibans en Afghanistan, il semble que tout le pays pourrait bientôt être sous leur contrôle.

Compte tenu de tout ce qu'elle représente pour tant de nos vétérans de l'Afghanistan, la chute de Kandahar sera sûrement particulièrement difficile. N'ayant jamais porté l'uniforme, je sais que je ne pourrai jamais comprendre ce à quoi sont confrontées les personnes qui ont servi.

En tant que ministre, cependant, je veux fournir des ressources qui, je l'espère, pourraient être utiles à ceux d'entre vous – et à ceux que vous avez servi – qui pourraient naturellement être bouleversés par la situation en Afghanistan.

§À Anciens Combattants, sachez que le [Service d'aide d'ACC](#) est disponible 24 heures par jour, 7 jours sur 7. Les vétérans, les anciens membres de la GRC, les membres de leur famille et leurs aidants peuvent appeler pour parler à un professionnel de la santé mentale, sans frais, au 1-800-268-7708 (ATS : 1-800-567-5803).

§Pour les personnes qui servent toujours au sein des Forces armées canadiennes, du soutien est mis à leur disposition ainsi qu'à celle de leur famille dans chacun des centres de [Services de santé des Forces canadiennes](#) au pays.

§Le [Programme d'aide aux membres](#) offre également des services confidentiels de relation d'aide à court terme 24 heures sur 24, 7 jours sur 7 aux membres et à leur famille; il est disponible au 1-800-268-7708 (ATS 1-800-567-5803).

§Des informations supplémentaires sur les ressources en santé mentale peuvent également être trouvées auprès des [Forces armées canadiennes](#) et d'[Anciens Combattants Canada](#).

Grâce à ce que les Canadiens ont accompli en Afghanistan, des vies ont été changées, sans aucun doute pour le mieux. Il y a des enfants qui ont reçu des médicaments qui leur ont permis d'atteindre l'adolescence alors qu'ils n'auraient pas pu autrement. Il y a maintenant des jeunes femmes qui étudient le droit, la physique et le journalisme dans certaines des meilleures universités du monde qui n'auraient jamais eu cette possibilité.

Le temps nous dira ce que ces histoires signifient, mais je choisis de croire que le monde sera meilleur pour eux.

Quelle que soit la fin de ce chapitre de l'histoire de l'Afghanistan, le Canada n'oubliera pas les actions de plus de 40 000 de nos hommes et femmes remarquables qui ont servi là-bas – les histoires de leur sacrifice leur survivront.

Nos enfants et petits-enfants vont en apprendre davantage sur les Canadiens qui se sont battus et ont donné leur vie dans les rues et les champs de pavot de Kandahar, tout comme ils le feront à propos de ceux qui se sont battus et ont donné leur vie à la crête de Vimy et à Juno Beach.

Leurs guerres sont peut-être différentes, mais leurs histoires sont fondamentalement les mêmes. Ils sont allés servir leur pays, et ils ont fait tout ce qu'on leur a demandé et plus encore.

Ce n'est sûrement pas à moi de dire quelle signification les vétérans de l'Afghanistan et leur famille tireront de leurs sacrifices, mais je peux promettre que le Canada restera à jamais reconnaissant pour leur service.

Prenez soin de vous et merci pour le travail que vous continuez tous à faire pour soutenir nos vétérans et leur famille.

Respectueusement,

Lawrence MacAulay

• **Table of Disabilities**

Introduction

What is the Table of Disabilities?

The Table of Disabilities (TOD) is a legislated /statutory instrument used to assess the extent of a disability for the purposes of determining disability benefits. The Table considers the relative importance of a certain body part/system to assess the level of impairment and the impact that impairment has on the individual's quality of life.

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Additional Information

The old Table of Disabilities affects decisions prior to April 1, 2006.
[Table of Disabilities \(1995 edition\)](#)

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(I) - Introduction

Partially Contributing Impairment is to be applied whenever a Medical Impairment is not due solely to the effects of the entitled condition(s) currently being assessed.

(II) - Method of Determining if Partially Contributing Impairment Applies

Judgement is to be utilized by the decision maker using relevant medical evidence to determine if any non-entitled or previously entitled conditions contribute to the medical impairment currently being assessed. The judgement of the relative contributions should be based upon the medical information provided in the form of a medical questionnaire or medical report(s), and in some cases advice from a Departmental Medical Advisor.

The contribution should be expressed in the form: "The entitled condition(s) currently being assessed contribute(s) 'fully', 'three-quarters', 'one-half', 'one-quarter', 'not at all'... to the medical impairment."

If more than one non-entitled or previously entitled condition contributes to the relevant Medical Impairment rating, the contribution of the non-entitled or already entitled conditions is treated as a single entity.

(III) - Method of Applying Partially Contributing Impairment

Step 1

The decision maker determines the Medical Impairment rating for the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions currently being assessed using the appropriate assessment chapter(s).

Step 2

Find the Medical Impairment rating level in [Table 3.1](#)

Step 3

Find the appropriate contribution of the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions currently being assessed from the top row of [Table 3.1](#).

Step 4

Where the appropriate Medical Impairment rating row and the appropriate contribution column intersect, the resulting value is the Medical Impairment rating with the Partially Contributing Impairment applied.

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