

Media Report 24 JUNE 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.

Hi Everyone

Just a quick reminder about the "Summer Salute" being held at Pierces Corners Hall (corner of Pierce Road and Malakoff) on **Sunday June 26 from 1 - 5 p.m.**

Music by Pam & Doug They are well known at the local legions - great entertainers

Free food and drink for our service folks (past & present)

Canteen by Law&Orders from Perth - variety of food at a reasonable cost for non military

-Free Strawberry shortcake (while supply last)

-Tents outside (if weather is nice)

-Bring a lawn chair

-Have an afternoon to honour our military, relax, chat, and enjoy

We the volunteers at Pierces Corners wanted to honour our military on a summer day because often November is cold and damp.

Share this with everyone.

hope to see you there

cheers

Nancy Grundy

see attachment

Long-term care

Do you require 24-hour personal and nursing care on a short-term or long-term basis? We can provide financial support to qualifying Veterans for the cost of this care.

About this program

All health systems in Canada provide some level of long-term care support in provincially licensed or regulated facilities.

Financial support from Veterans Affairs Canada may be available when you have been admitted to 24-hour care in a community bed (available to any provincial resident) or contract bed (only available to Second World War or Korean War Veterans).

The assessment process and admission to long-term care facilities is managed by your provincial, regional, or local health authority. Please contact the agency responsible for long-term care in your province or territory:

- [Alberta](#)
- [British Columbia](#)
- [Manitoba](#)
- [New Brunswick](#)
- [Newfoundland and Labrador](#)
- [Northwest Territories](#)
- [Nova Scotia](#)
- [Nunavut](#)
- [Ontario](#)
- [Prince Edward Island](#)
- [Quebec](#)
- [Saskatchewan](#)
- [Yukon](#)

Do you qualify?

If you have been admitted to a long-term care facility, you may qualify for and should apply for financial assistance if you served in the Canadian Armed Forces and have:

- a low income,
 - a service-related disability, or
 - a health need for long-term care.
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How to apply

Before you apply

Before you apply for financial assistance from Veterans Affairs Canada, you must first be admitted to a long-term care facility.

Apply online

If you are registered for My VAC Account, you can submit your application for this benefit online. If you aren't registered, you can [register now](#).

[My VAC Account](#)

Mail or in person

Download the [application package](#) (VAC1503APe). Then, drop it off at a [VAC office](#). You can also mail your completed form directly to the address listed on the form.

Get help with your application

The staff at any [VAC office](#) can assist you, or call us at 1-866-522-2122.

Note for legal representatives: Include a copy of the document that shows you to be the legal representative (e.g. Power of Attorney). If you have previously provided this, you do not need to send it again.

Additional information

Related programs

[Treatment Benefits](#) - Coverage for medical and health related services.

[Veterans Independence Program](#) - Payments for home and health care services that you need to remain independent at home.

[War Veterans Allowance](#) - Monthly payments if you have a low household income.

Frequently asked questions

What is the maximum a Veteran must pay toward their long-term care accommodation costs?

Effective 1 October 2019, the maximum accommodation and meals monthly amount paid by a Veteran is \$1,058.28. Any supplementary charges such as the costs of semi-private or private rooms are not part of this calculation.

Do some Veterans pay less than the maximum amount?

Veterans who are admitted to care as a direct result of a condition for which they are in receipt of a disability benefit are not required to pay toward their long-term care. Also, Veterans may have a reduced contribution if they are married or have a lower income.

Where can I find the policies for this program?

Read the [policies related to the long-term care program](#).

Funding announced to address wait times for Veterans

News release

23 February 2022 – Ottawa, ON - Veterans Affairs Canada

The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, today announced funding of \$139.6 million over two years to extend temporary positions as part of action to reduce processing times for disability benefit applications at Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC).

Between 2015-16 and 2019-20, VAC experienced a 40% increase in disability benefit applications, including an increase of more than 75% in first applications. In June 2020, the Department released its strategy to address the long-standing issue of processing times for benefits, and hired more than 350 temporary employees dedicated to address the backlog. Combined with improvements to the decision-making process, the Department has reduced the backlog by 44%, from 23,000 to just under 13,000.

By March 2022, VAC expects to have cut the number of applications waiting longer than its 16-week service standard by half (11,500) and to about 5,000 by spring 2023.

Quotes

“Nothing is more important right now than ensuring Veterans receive their benefits in a timely manner and we remain committed to reducing the processing times for Disability Benefit applications. We are making tangible progress, but the job is not done. With this investment, VAC staff can continue making decisions faster, and get the backlog under control.”

The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence

Quick facts

- Between 2015-16 and 2019-20, VAC experienced a 40% increase in disability benefit applications, including an increase of more than 75% in first applications.
- As of 19 February 2022, we had reduced the number of applications waiting longer than 16 weeks by 44% (from about 23,000 to just under 13,000). By the end of March, we expect to have cut the backlog in half, to 11,500.

Associated links

- [Reducing processing times for Veterans \(veterans.gc.ca\)](https://www.veterans.gc.ca)
- [Disability benefit processing summary report \(quarterly statistics\)](#)

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[More published stories of our Sappers buried in the Groesbeek Canadian Military Cemetery](#)

CMEA

The "Faces to Graves" project in the Netherlands has reported in their Spring 2022 Newsletter that it has now published about 550 life stories on their website. The newsletter includes a number of interesting "stories behind the stories." New life stories are being added every week and the group intends to eventually tell the stories of the more than 2,300 Canadians who rest in Groesbeek. The newsletter is attached

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