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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.

Veterans' Week

Thank you for your service

Today. Tomorrow. Everyday. We remember your service and the sacrifices you and your family have made, and we thank you for your dedication.

Every year, in the lead up to Remembrance Day, we mark Veterans' Week from November 5 to 11. This year's theme, "Service, courage and sacrifice—at home, around the world and across generations," encompasses the range of Canada's military experience.

Get involved on social media using #CanadaRemembers, and tag a Veteran friend to let them know you're thinking of them. We'd also love to hear your story – come share it with us and all of Canada on our various social media channels.

To help honour you and your fellow Veterans, we've created a one-stop shop for all things related to Veterans' Week and Remembrance Day: [veterans.gc.ca/CanadaRemembers](https://www.veterans.gc.ca/CanadaRemembers).

Together, let's show how #CanadaRemembers.

Remains of Canadian First World War soldier who died more than 100 years ago identified

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/remains-of-canadian-first-world-war-soldier-who-died-more-than-100-years-ago-identified-1.6130378>

He enlisted with the Royal Canadian Engineers on June 3, 1940, and trained as a sapper. He later joined the 1st Special Service Force, a joint Canada-U.S. unit that specialized in reconnaissance and raiding.

Prince was the most highly decorated Indigenous veteran of the Second World War and the Korean War. He was awarded 11 medals, including the Military Medal and the Silver Star. He enlisted during a time when military service wasn't mandatory.

<https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/our-communities/east/2022/10/26/canada-post-issues-sgt-tommy-prince-stamp>

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Veterans Emergency Fund

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](#).

A new Table of Disabilities

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](#)

Disability benefits

About this program

A disability benefit is a tax-free, financial payment to support your well-being.

The amount you receive depends on the degree to which your condition is related to your service (entitlement) and the severity of your condition, including its impact on your quality of life (assessment).

Do you qualify?

To qualify for a disability benefit you must be one of the following:

- Canadian Armed Forces member or Veteran,
- a current or former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP),
- Second World War or Korean War Veteran (includes Merchant Navy), or
- [certain civilians](#) who served in the Second World War.

You should apply for a disability benefit if you:

1. have a diagnosed medical condition or disability; and
2. are able to show that the condition is related to your service.

If you qualify for a disability benefit, you will receive either a:

1. Pain and suffering compensation – a life-time monthly benefit or lump sum benefit – the choice is yours.
 - View the [pain and suffering compensation rates](#).
 - [View all](#) Pain and Suffering Compensation FAQs.

or

2. Disability pension * - a life-time monthly benefit. If you have any dependents (e.g. spouse, common-law partner and/or children), your monthly amount will be increased.

View the [disability pension rates](#).

* A disability pension is provided if you served with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in the Second World War or Korean War. For other CAF service, a disability pension is provided in relation to any application prior to April 1, 2006.

How to apply

Apply online

Apply online through My VAC Account. Applying is easier with a guided form. Sign in or register for My VAC Account.

[My VAC Account](#)

Mail or in person

Download the application form. Then, drop it off at any [VAC office](#), [CAF Transition Centre](#) or [Service Canada office](#). You can also mail your completed form directly to the address listed on the form.

[Go to form](#)

Get help with your application

The staff at any [VAC office](#), [CAF Transition Centre](#) or [Service Canada office](#) can assist you or call us at 1-866-522-2122. Service Officers with [The Royal Canadian Legion](#) or [The War Amps of Canada](#) can also assist you with your application, including helping you get all of the information you need to support your application. Their assistance is free of charge.

Disability pension corrective payment

If you received a benefit from VAC between 2003 and 2010 and it was under the Pension Act, you may receive a corrective payment because of a discrepancy in our calculations. Most payments are automatic, however, Please [contact us](#) at 1-866-522-2122 if:

- You no longer receive a benefit from VAC, or
- You represent the estate of a deceased recipient.

If you are legally entitled to inherit assets from the estate of a deceased recipient, you may [apply to receive a corrective payment](#) if you are eligible.

Additional information

[The application package](#) – learn more about all of the components that make up an application for a disability benefit.

[How we review a claim for a disability benefit](#) – learn more about how your disability claim is reviewed by the department and particularly, by the adjudicator – a trained decision-maker for disability claims.

[Disability Pension Corrective Payment](#) - If you are legally entitled to inherit the assets of a deceased benefit recipient, you may apply to receive the corrective payment.

Monthly payment dates - 2022

- January 28
- February 25
- March 30
- April 28
- May 30
- June 29
- July 28
- August 30
- September 28
- October 28
- November 29
- December 22

Reviews and appeals

If you do not agree with the decision made regarding your application for disability benefits, you may request a Departmental review. Learn more about [reviews and appeals](#).

Reassessment

If the disability for which you are receiving VAC benefits worsens and medical evidence can show this change in your condition, you can request a reassessment. If the reassessment confirms that your condition has worsened, your disability benefit, will be adjusted accordingly – unless you are already receiving the maximum amount of the benefit. To request a reassessment, your first step should be to [call us or visit your local VAC office](#).

Tools for Adjudication

[Eligibility Entitlement Guidelines](#) – These guidelines are current medical and scientific descriptions of known injuries and diseases related to service.

[Table of Disabilities](#) – This table helps the adjudicator assess the level of impairment and the impact that impairment has on your quality of life.

Related programs

[Critical injury benefit](#) - A one-time payment that recognizes the immediate impact of the most severe and traumatic service-related injuries or diseases.

[Rehabilitation services](#) - Services to improve your health and adjust to life after service.

[Clothing allowance](#) - Monthly payments if you need new or special clothing due to your health issues.

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

[Benefits for survivors](#) – Financial support or compensation for the survivors of a disability pensioner or of a member or Veteran who died in service or as a result of a service-related illness or injury.

[Financial advice](#) - If you receive a lump-sum payment more than 5% of the current maximum, we can pay up to \$500 for professional advice to help you manage your money effectively.

[Additional pain and suffering compensation](#) - Monthly payments in recognition of any severe and permanent disability, related to your military service, which creates a barrier to life after service.

Programs related to a disability pension:

[Attendance allowance](#) - Monthly payments for a disability pensioner whose health needs require daily personal care support.

[Exceptional incapacity allowance](#) - Monthly payments if your illness or injury impacts your quality of life.

Frequently asked questions

If I apply for the benefit and get declined, can I appeal?

Yes. If you are not satisfied with a decision you may apply in writing for a review. Learn more about [your review and appeal options](#).

How is my request for Disability Benefits decided?

Learn more about [how we review a disability benefit claim](#).

Are there policies for this program?

Yes. Read more about the [Disability Benefits](#) policies.

[Read more FAQs](#) about the disability benefits program.

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CFSU Ottawa — The Guard	CFB Kingston — Garrison News
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