

Media Report 05 JAN 2024

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'

Rates

Effective from: 1 January 2024

Attendance Allowance

Grade	Amount
1	\$2,221.53
2	\$1,999.48
3	\$1,332.97
4	\$888.71
5	\$355.57

[Read More about the Attendance Allowance...](#)

Caregiver Recognition Benefit

A monthly payment increased annually by the Consumer Price Index. The current payment is \$1,206.87 per month.

[Read more about the Caregiver Recognition Benefit...](#)

Veterans Independence Program

This [PDF chart](#) shows the maximum VIP amounts.

[Read more about the Veterans Independence Program...](#)

Clothing Allowance

Grade	Amount
1	\$251.74
2	\$201.35
3	\$151.06
4	\$100.65
5	\$89.44
6	\$72.70
7	\$67.10
8	\$55.89
9	\$44.78
10	\$27.91

The Clothing Allowance is provided if you are receiving a disability benefit for a condition that causes wear and tear on your clothing or requires you to wear specially-made clothing.

Pain and Suffering Compensation

Extent of disability (%)	Monthly benefit	Lump sum amount
5	\$67.77	\$22,049.60
20	\$271.08	\$88,198.39
40	\$542.15	\$176,396.78
60	\$813.23	\$264,595.18
80	\$1,084.30	\$352,793.57
100	\$1,355.38	\$440,991.96

View the complete [Pain and suffering compensation rate table](#).

Read more about [Disability benefits...](#)

Income Replacement Benefit

This income replacement provides 90% of your gross pre-release military salary while you are participating in Rehabilitation services. This ensures a pre-tax income of at least \$54,812.92 per year.

[Read more about the Income Replacement Benefit...](#)

Canadian Forces Income Support

Maximum per month		
Veteran or Survivor	Veteran with Spouse/Partner	Additional amount
\$1,994.19	\$2,936.91	

[Read more about the Canadian Forces Income Support...](#)

War Veterans Allowance

Maximum per month			
Veteran or Survivor	Veteran or Survivor (blind)	Veteran with Spouse/Partner	Veteran with Spouse/Partner (both blind)
\$1,994.19	\$2,065.59	\$2,936.88	\$3,000.00

Important note to Veterans and qualified civilians:

If you had wartime service and your income is higher than the maximum level because you or your spouse/common-law partner receive OAS benefits, in certain cases, you may qualify for [treatment benefits](#).

[Read more about the War Veterans Allowance...](#)

Disability Pension

Class	Monthly Rate		Additional Month	
	Single	Spouse	One Child	Second
1	\$3,357.30	\$839.33	\$436.45	
5	\$2,685.84	\$671.46	\$349.16	
10	\$1,846.52	\$461.63	\$240.05	
15	\$1,007.19	\$251.80	\$130.93	
20	\$167.87	\$41.97	\$21.82	

[Read more about the Disability Pension...](#)

[View the complete Disability Pension rate tables](#)

Exceptional Incapacity Allowance

Grade	Amount
1	\$1,777.25
2	\$1,481.01
3	\$1,184.83
4	\$888.71
5	\$592.44

[Read more about the Exceptional Incapacity Allowance...](#)

Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation

Grade	Monthly amount
1	\$1,767.89
2	\$1,178.59
3	\$589.30

[Read more about the Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation...](#)

Critical Injury Benefit

The Critical Injury Benefit is a \$87,992.30 tax-free lump-sum award to address the immediate impacts of the most severe and traumatic service-related injuries or diseases sustained by Canadian Armed Forces members.

[Read more about the Critical Injury Benefit...](#)

Death Benefit

The death benefit is a one-time, tax-free amount of \$440,991.96 paid to a spouse or common-law partner and any dependent children if a CAF member dies while in service.

[Read more about this assistance...](#)

Education Training Benefit

This program offers funding for college, university, technical education or short-term programs.

Years of Service (authorized paid days)	Maximum Amount
6 years	\$48,274.98
12 years	\$96,549.95

You can use \$6,034.36 of this benefit to participate in **one-time short courses** aimed at certification, professional designations, or professional development.

[Read more about the Education Training Benefit...](#)

Health-related travel

If you have a VAC Health Identification card you may qualify to have some or all your health-related travel costs covered. This can include transportation, parking, meals, lodging, out of province travel and, when required, an escort (someone to accompany you when travelling to receive treatment).

Current escort fee (maximum rates payable)

Time	Amount
Full day	\$139.89
Half-day (4 hours or less)	\$69.94

[Read more about health-related travel expenses...](#)

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Veterans Emergency Fund

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Support you need, when you need it. When the unexpected happens, we can provide you funds for essentials like food, shelter, or medical expenses.

About this program

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.

Do you qualify?

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).

How to apply

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](#).

Apply by mail

Download the [application form](#) and mail your completed form directly to:

Veterans Affairs Canada
PO Box 6000
Matane, QC
G4W 0E4

Get help with your application

Our staff can assist you.

- Call us toll-free at **1-866-522-2122** (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time)
- Send us a [My VAC Account](#) secure message
- Schedule an in-person appointment using our [online booking form](#) or by calling **1-866-522-2122**

Please note our service locations offer in-person services by appointment only.

Additional information

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.

Frequently asked questions

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](#).