

Media Report 22 May 2020

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 assessing permanent impairment from entitled gingiva conditions, loss of teeth, temporomandibular joint dysfunction and loss of function of the mandible and/or maxilla.

- Dear Stakeholders and Advisory Group members,

The Government of Canada (GOC) continues to support Canadians, at risk populations, businesses, non-profits and others impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by introducing a range of financial relief programs.

Additional information is now available on the [Emergency Community Support Fund](#). The funding will be allocated through the three national intermediaries, [United Way Canada](#), the [Canadian Red Cross](#) and [Community Foundations of Canada](#) to eligible organizations that are serving vulnerable populations, including Veterans. Community-based organizations from across the country can apply for funding to support a variety of activities that address a pressing social inclusion or well-being need caused by the pandemic.

Additional information on eligibility criteria is outlined in the attached Fact Sheet. Webinars are being organized to help organization understand how the funds will be distributed and how to apply. See below for dates and how to register:

— 2:00 pm EDT, May 21, 2020.

English. https://communityfoundations.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__Hkjz1uMTASEwLMIs_wfa8w

— 11:00 am EDT, May 22, 2020.

French. https://communityfoundations.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zzo6zvfERYs-f30Ay_nv7g

— 11:00 am EDT, May 25, 2020.

English. https://communityfoundations.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4DzFxINAS1SnYXizRhOfzA

Information on Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan is available [here](#).

[The Veterans Affairs Canada website](#) and social media channels continue to be updated with the latest information, and I encourage you to visit and to check back often.

We encourage you to pass this along to anyone who may be interested.

Thank you for all the work you and your organization are doing to help Veterans during this difficult time.

Stay healthy and safe,

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

Chers intervenants et membres des groupes consultatifs,

Le gouvernement du Canada (GC) continue à soutenir les Canadiens, les populations à risque, les entreprises, les organismes sans but lucratif et les autres personnes touchées par la pandémie de COVID-19 en mettant en place une série de programmes d'aide financière.

Des renseignements supplémentaires sont maintenant disponibles au sujet du [Fonds d'urgence pour l'appui communautaire](#). Le financement sera alloué par l'entremise des trois intermédiaires nationaux, [Centraide Canada](#), la [Croix-Rouge canadienne](#) et [Fondations communautaires du Canada](#), aux organisations admissibles qui viennent en aide aux populations vulnérables, y compris les vétérans. Les organisations communautaires de tout le pays peuvent demander une aide financière pour soutenir diverses activités visant à répondre à un besoin urgent d'inclusion sociale ou de bien-être causé par la pandémie.

La fiche d'information ci-jointe contient des renseignements supplémentaires sur les critères d'admissibilité. Des webinaires sont organisés pour aider les organisations à comprendre comment les fonds seront distribués et comment faire pour présenter une demande. Les dates et comment s'inscrire sont indiquées ci-dessous :

— 14 h HAE, 21 mai 2020.

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— 11 h HAE, 22 mai 2020.

Français. https://communityfoundations.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zzo6zvfERYs-f30Ay_nv7g

— 11 h HAE, 25 mai 2020.

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Vous trouverez des renseignements sur le Plan d'intervention économique du Canada pour répondre à la COVID-19 [ici](#).

[Le site Web d'Anciens Combattants Canada](#) et les plateformes de médias sociaux sont constamment mis à jour pour fournir les renseignements les plus récents. Je vous encourage donc à les consulter souvent.

Nous vous encourageons à transmettre ces renseignements à toute personne que cela pourrait intéresser.

Je vous remercie de tout le travail que vous et votre organisation accomplissez pour aider les vétérans pendant cette période difficile.

Restez en santé et en sécurité,

L'honorable Lawrence MacAulay, ministre des Anciens Combattants et ministre associé de la Défense nationale

Tribute to Col Jarrott W. Holtzhauer at Chapel Hill Retirement Residence on Wednesday 13th May 2020.

<https://youtu.be/zXlovaucpZA>

RCAF BAND A little help from my friends.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yc7zuO0VxBc&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1r2JSF5Pu4bQWcd-AmXdrofWAOWnKmUZkZPUvBHuRpKSrTKH8EhzRH9rk>

Chapter 11 – Dental and Oral Impairment

Introduction

This chapter provides criteria for assessing permanent impairment from entitled gingiva conditions, loss of teeth, temporomandibular joint dysfunction and loss of function of the mandible and/or maxilla.

Veterans Affairs Canada does not consider **loss of teeth** to be an assessable disability as the wearing of dentures or a prosthesis will restore an individual's ability to masticate. A **nil** assessment will be awarded for all entitled loss of teeth conditions regardless of the cause. **Bruxism** is also assessed at **nil**.

In complex cases where both a temporomandibular joint condition and a condition of the mandible and/or maxilla are entitled, a rating will be determined on individual merits.

No additional rating is taken from [Chapter 14](#), Gastrointestinal Impairment, for entitled

temporomandibular joint conditions or mandible and/or maxilla conditions.

No additional rating is taken from [Chapter 22](#), Skin Impairment for disfigurement due to an entitled condition of the mandible and/or maxilla.

Impairment from malignant dental and oral conditions is rated within [Chapter 18](#), Malignant Impairment. Follow the steps contained within the Malignant Impairment chapter.

Rating Tables

This chapter contains four “Loss of Function” tables and one “Other Impairment” table which may be used to rate entitled dental and oral conditions.

The tables within this chapter are:

Table	Loss of Function	Rating Tables	Other Impairment
Table 11.1	Loss of Function – Gingiva and Loss of Teeth	This table is used to establish a rating of nil for impairment from all gingiva conditions, bruxism and loss of teeth.	
Table 11.2	Loss of Function – Temporomandibular Joint	This table is used to rate impairment from temporomandibular joint function.	
Table 11.3	Other Impairment – Temporomandibular Resting Joint Pain	This table is used to rate impairment from resting pain in the temporomandibular joint.	
Table 11.4	Loss of Function – Mandible and Maxilla	This table is used to rate impairment from mandible and/or maxilla function.	
Table 11.5	Loss of Function – Disfigurement of the Mandible and Maxilla	This table is used to rate impairment from disfigurement of the mandible and/or maxilla.	

Loss of Function – Gingiva and Loss of Teeth

[Table 11.1](#) is used to rate impairment of gingiva conditions, bruxism and loss of teeth. These conditions are assessed at **nil**.

When entitled gingiva conditions, bruxism and loss of teeth result in permanent impairment of other organ systems, a consequential entitlement decision is required. If awarded, the resulting impairment of that organ system(s) will be rated using the applicable body system specific table(s).

Loss of Function – Temporomandibular Joint

[Table 11.2](#) is used to rate impairment of temporomandibular joint conditions. Only one rating may be selected. If more than one rating is applicable, the ratings are **compared** and the **highest** selected.

When entitled temporomandibular joint conditions result in permanent impairment of other organ systems, a consequential entitlement decision is required. If awarded, the resulting impairment of that organ system(s) will be rated using the applicable body system specific table(s).

If non-entitled conditions or conditions rated within another chapter/table of the Table of Disabilities are contributing to the overall impairment, then the Partially Contributing Table (PCT) must be applied to arrive at the rating which is due to the entitled condition(s) rated within this table.

Other Impairment – Temporomandibular Resting Joint Pain

[Table 11.3](#) is used to rate impairment from joint pain that is persistent and unrelenting in the temporomandibular joint(s) when at rest. Only one rating may be selected. If more than one rating is applicable, the ratings are **compared** and the **highest** selected. Any applicable rating from this table must be added to the loss of function rating from [Table 11.2](#).

Loss of Function – Mandible and Maxilla

[Table 11.4](#) is used to rate impairment from entitled conditions of the mandible and/or maxilla. Two ratings may be initially selected from [Table 11.4](#), one rating applicable to the loss of function of the mandible and one rating applicable to the loss of function of the maxilla. The ratings for the two individual areas are **compared** and the **highest** selected.

When entitled mandible and/or maxilla conditions result in permanent impairment of other organ systems, a consequential entitlement decision is required. If awarded, the resulting impairment of that organ system(s) will be rated using the applicable body system specific table(s).

If non-entitled conditions or conditions rated within another chapter/table of the Table of Disabilities are contributing to the overall impairment, then the Partially Contributing Table (PCT) must be applied to arrive at the rating which is due to the entitled condition(s) rated within this table.

Loss of Function – Disfigurement of the Mandible and Maxilla

[Table 11.5](#) is used to rate impairment from disfigurement of the mandible and/or maxilla. Two ratings may be initially selected from [Table 11.5](#), one rating applicable to the disfigurement of the mandible and one rating applicable to the disfigurement of the maxilla. The ratings for the two individual areas are **compared** and the **highest** selected.

Any applicable rating from this table must be added to the loss of function rating from [Table 11.4](#).

Table 11.1 – Loss of Function – Gingiva and Loss of Teeth

A **nil** assessment will be given from Table 11.1 for all gingiva conditions, bruxism and loss of teeth regardless of whether the teeth can be replaced by prosthetics or not.

Each bullet (•) represents one criterion. In order for a rating to be established for Table 11.1, only one criterion must be met at a level of impairment for that rating to be selected.

Rating	Table 11.1 – Loss of Function – Gingiva and Loss of Teeth Criteria
Nil	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loss of teeth or dental surfaces which can or cannot be replaced by prosthetics; or• Chronic periodontitis; or• Trench mouth (Vincent's angina) or chronic gingivitis; or• Bruxism.

Table 11.2 – Loss of Function – Temporomandibular Joint

Only one rating may be given from Table 11.2 for each entitled condition. If more than one rating is applicable for an entitled condition, the ratings are **compared** and the **highest** selected.

Each bullet (•) represents one criterion. In order for a rating to be established for Table 11.2, follow the "**ands**" and "**ors**".

Rating	Table 11.2 – Loss of Function – Temporomandibular Joint Criteria
Nil	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Occasional clicking in one or both temporomandibular joints with yawning, talking and

- chewing; **and**
 - Inter-incisal range unrestricted.
 - Frequent to constant pain and discomfort in one or both temporomandibular joints on jaw opening relieved with analgesia, heat and cold applications or other therapeutic measures; **or**
 - Permanent avoidance of some solid foods such as apples or corn may be necessary due to symptoms.
- Four
- Permanent soft diet may be required due to temporomandibular conditions; **or**
 - Inter-incisal range is reduced to 27 mm or less.
- Nine
- Requires permanent purée or liquid diet; **or**
 - Inter-incisal range is reduced to 20 mm or less.
- Thirteen

Table 11.3 – Other Impairment – Temporomandibular Resting Joint Pain

Only one rating may be given from Table 11.3 regardless of whether the entitled condition involves one or both joints.

Each bullet (•) represents one criterion. In order for a rating to be established for Table 11.3, all criteria designated at that rating level must be met.

Rating	Table 11.3 – Other Impairment – Temporomandibular Resting Joint Pain Criteria
Nil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain in the temporomandibular joint(s) that is not present at rest.
Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent, unrelenting resting pain in the temporomandibular joint(s) that is present during the night, every night but does not prevent sleep.
Four	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent, unrelenting resting pain in the temporomandibular joint(s) that is present during the night, every night, and disturbs sleep several times every night, but which improves with and responds to medication or other therapeutic measures.
Nine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe, persistent, unrelenting resting pain in the temporomandibular joint(s) that is present during the night, every night, and disturbs sleep several times during the night, does not respond adequately to medication or other therapeutic measures. May have sought advice from, or attended, a pain management clinic.
Thirteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe, persistent, unrelenting resting pain in the temporomandibular joint(s) that is present during the night, every night, causes more wakeful periods than rest, and which

does not respond adequately to medication or other therapeutic measures. Has attended a pain management clinic and is on extensive pain management regime. Pain, however, remains poorly controlled despite all interventions.

Table 11.4 – Loss of Function – Mandible and Maxilla

Two ratings may be initially given from Table 11.4, one rating applicable to the loss of function of the mandible and one rating applicable to the loss of function of the maxilla. The ratings for the two individual areas are **compared** and the **highest** selected.

Each bullet (•) represents one criterion. In order for a rating to be established for either the mandible or the maxilla area for Table 11.4, only one criterion must be met at a level of impairment for that rating to be selected.

Rating	Table 11.4 – Loss of Function – Mandible and Maxilla
	Criteria
	Maxillaire
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No difficulty with chewing and inter-incisal range unrestricted.
Nil	Mandibule
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No difficulty with chewing and inter-incisal range unrestricted.
	Maxillaire
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent to constant pain relieved by analgesics or other therapeutic measures; or • Permanent avoidance of some solid foods such as apples or corn due to symptoms may be necessary.
Four	Mandibule
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequent to constant pain relieved by analgesics or other therapeutic measures; or • Permanent avoidance of some solid foods such as apples or corn due to symptoms may be necessary.
	Maxillaire
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent soft diet required; or • Inter-incisal range reduced to 27 mm or less.
Nine	Mandibule
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent soft diet required; or • Inter-incisal range reduced to 27 mm or less.
Thirteen	Maxillaire
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent purée or liquid diet; or

- Inter-incisal range reduced to 20 mm or less.

Mandibule

- Permanent purée or liquid diet; **or**
- Inter-incisal range reduced to 20 mm or less.

Table 11.5 – Loss of Function – Disfigurement of the Mandible and Maxilla

Two ratings may be initially given from Table 11.5, one rating applicable to the loss of function of the mandible and one rating applicable to disfigurement of the mandible and one rating applicable to disfigurement of the maxilla. The ratings for the two individual areas are **compared** and the **highest** selected.

Each bullet (•) represents one criterion. In order for a rating to be established for either the mandible or the maxilla area for Table 11.5, all criteria designated at that rating level must be met.

Rating	Table 11.5 – Loss of Function – Disfigurement of the Mandible and Maxilla
	Criteria
	Maxilla
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No disfigurement.
Nil	Mandible
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No disfigurement.
	Maxilla
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild disfigurement.
Four	Mandible
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild disfigurement.
	Maxilla
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe disfigurement.
Nine	Mandible
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe disfigurement.

Steps to Determine the Dental and Oral Impairment Assessment

- Step 1: Determine the rating from [Table 11.1](#) (Loss of Function – Gingiva Conditions, Bruxism and Loss of Teeth).

The Medical impairment rating for entitled gingiva conditions, bruxism and loss of teeth is always NIL.

This is the Disability Assessment for for gingiva conditions, bruxism and loss of teeth.

- Step 2: Determine the rating from [Table 11.2](#) (Loss of Function – Temporomandibular Joint). Only one rating is applicable from [Table 11.2](#) regardless if the condition is unilateral or bilateral.
- Step 3: Does the Partially Contributing Table apply? If **yes**, apply to rating at Step 2.
- Step 4: Determine the rating from [Table 11.3](#) (Other Impairment – Temporomandibular Joint – Resting Joint Pain). Only one rating is applicable from [Table 11.3](#) regardless if the condition is unilateral or bilateral.
- Step 5: Add the ratings at Step 3 and Step 4.
- Step 6: Determine the Quality of Life rating.
- Step 7: Add the ratings at Step 5 and Step 6.
- Step 8: If partial entitlement exists, then apply to the rating at Step 7.

This is the Disability Assessment for temporomandibular joint conditions.

- Step 9: Determine the rating from [Table 11.4](#) (Loss of Function – Mandible and Maxilla). Only one rating is applicable from [Table 11.4](#) regardless if the condition is unilateral or bilateral. If more than one rating is applicable, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.
- Step 10: Determine the rating from [Table 11.5](#) (Loss of Function – Disfigurement of Mandible and Maxilla). Only one rating is applicable from [Table 11.4](#) regardless if the condition is unilateral or bilateral. If more than one rating is applicable, the ratings are compared and the highest selected.
- Step 11: Add the ratings at Step 9 and Step 10 if applicable.
- Step 12: Does the Partially Contributing Table apply? If **yes**, then apply to rating at Step 11.
- Step 13: Determine the Quality of Life rating.
- Step 14: Add the ratings at Step 12 and Step 13.
- Step 15: If partial entitlement exists, apply to rating at Step 14.

This is the Disability Assessment for mandible and maxilla conditions.

[U.S. Navy helping Canada recover helicopter from fatal military crash](#)

Global News

The Canadian Armed Forces is turning to the U.S. Navy for help finding and recovering the wreckage of a Cyclone helicopter that crashed off the coast of Greece last month, killing six service members and raising questions about the rest of the helicopter fleet. Senior military commanders detailed the plan to recover the helicopter known as Stalker 22 during a briefing Tuesday, noting the Canadian

military does not have the capability to recover the helicopter from under about 3,000 metres of water.
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[L'enquête sur l'écrasement d'un Snowbird s'amorce](#)

La Presse

Une équipe de huit enquêteurs militaires est arrivée lundi en Colombie-Britannique afin de faire la lumière sur l'écrasement tragique d'un avion Tutor de l'escadrille des Snowbirds survenu dimanche dans un quartier résidentiel de Kamloops.

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[Canadian Forces urges patience as personnel ask when they'll receive posting messages](#)

Ottawa Citizen

The Canadian military is moving ahead with posting messages for its personnel but is doing so with regard to provincial restrictions aimed at dealing with the novel coronavirus. Department of National Defence and Canadian Forces officials acknowledge there are concerns among personnel and their families that they have not received details about where they are expected to move to this summer.

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[Navy looks to pro sports to boost performance of EOD techs and divers](#)

Military.com

The Navy is adding new cognitive enhancement techniques and eyeing performance-tracking systems akin to those used in pro sports for two job communities requiring high degrees of strength and precision. Officials at the Naval Diving and Salvage Center in Panama City, Florida, are finishing work on a \$2 million, 15,000-square-foot tactical performance laboratory, to be complete by the end of the month, that will provide explosive ordnance disposal technicians and Navy divers with access to a new cadre of professionals — all focused on boosting what the center's Human Performance director calls "the human weapon system."

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[Army orders ground-penetrating radar system from CSES for detecting hidden IEDs in \\$200.2 million deal](#)

Military & Aerospace Electronics

U.S. Army counter-land mine experts needed ground-penetrating radar systems to detect improvised explosive devices (IEDs) buried in roadways. They found their solution from Chemring Sensors and Electronics Systems (CSES) in Dulles, VA.

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[La disponibilité opérationnelle doit être maintenue malgré la COVID, déclare le général Vance](#)

45e Nord

Alors qu'il parlait récemment d'une reprise prudente des activités courantes, le chef d'état-major de la Défense, le général Jonathan Vance, précise dans sa dernière lettre aux membres et familles des Forces armées canadiennes, publiée le jour où on apprenait que cinq militaires ont été infectés pendant leur déploiement pour venir en aide aux établissements de soins de longue durée où sévit le coronavirus, sa pensée sur ce que les Forces armées canadiennes prévoient faire pour mener leurs activités dans un contexte de pandémie de COVID-19 prolongée.

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KXAN 36 News

Yuri Mikhailovich answers questions as to what work is now underway on the creation of new engineering equipment and the introduction of robotic systems.

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[Genoa's incredible futuristic 'floating bridge' nears completion](#)

Lonely Planet

A stunning new minimalist “floating bridge” is in the final stages of construction in Italy, with the eye-catching feat of engineering due to improve connectivity in the Liguria region.

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[New Russian robot can climb stairs and blow up bombs](#)

Forbes

The Syrian civil war is nearly a decade-long tragedy, a geopolitical mess, and a proving ground for Russian military technology. Among that technology is a new iteration of the scarab scout robot. Dubbed the “Scorpion,” this remote-controlled vehicle is designed to do everything from locate hidden explosives to climb stairs.

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[Les militaires en soutien aux CHSLD jusqu'au 12 juin](#)

TVA Nouvelles

Les 1350 militaires déployés au Québec pour épauler des CHSLD happés de plein fouet par la pandémie de COVID-19 y resteront jusqu’au 12 juin. C’est ce qu’a indiqué jeudi le ministre fédéral de la Sécurité publique, Bill Blair, sur Twitter. «Notre gouvernement a accepté de prolonger le soutien des [Forces armées] au Québec pendant 30 jours à compter du mercredi 13 mai», a-t-il écrit.

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[Russian army UBIM armored engineer vehicle completes trials](#)

Army Recognition

"All the required trials of the UBIM AEV have been completed for the benefit of Russia’s Engineering Troops [Inzhenerniye Voyska]," the MoD reported on May 14, adding that the UBIM vehicle "is capable of conducting a wide range of works.“ ”Despite its heavy weight, the UBIM features high maneuverability and can carry various applique subsystems that provide increased efficiency of engineering works," the MoD noted. The UBIM is controlled by a two-strong crew and carries three explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) specialists under its armour.

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