

Media Report 25 July 2023

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 Affairs Canada may be able to assist you and your family during this stressful time

With the Evacuation Order in the BC and NWT in place, Veterans Affairs Canada may be able to assist you and your family during this stressful time. Veterans/Spouses of the CAF/Reserves/CRPGs, may be able to access the Veterans Emergency Fund, which is up to \$10,000, to assist with emergency situations, including housing, food, medication, etc. Contact VAC at 1-866-522-2122 and share this info if you know any other Veteran that we are not aware and is affected by the Evacuation Orders in BC and NWT.”

Each month, Salute! provides news about:

- benefits and services available to Veterans and their families and tips on accessing them;
- remembrance and commemoration activities in Canada and abroad; and
- other events, including public discussions.

You will also see stories about today's Veterans, their challenges and successes, and how they contribute to their communities after leaving the military.

In this edition:

News

- Message from the Hon. Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence

Programs and services

- Enhancing rehabilitation services: improving support for Veterans and their families
- Assessing the health and well-being of Canada's diverse community of Veterans
- Peer support helps Doug Allen reclaim sacred ground and heal
- Get help with money matters
- The Mustard Seed: Helping Veterans out of homelessness
- Participate in the INSPIRE Research Project

Veterans' stories

- Cpl. Francine Beaudry

Commemoration

- One month to the Invictus Games

- [Saluting Canadian peacekeepers](#)
- [Remembering Cyprus: An ongoing legacy of peacekeeping](#)
- [Canada remembers Swissair response 25 years later](#)
- [80th anniversary of Operation Husky](#)
- [Commemoration calendar](#)

Please share Salute! with your friends and contacts so they can keep up on issues that matter to Veterans and their families.

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Educational assistance for children

About this program

Educational assistance for children provides tax-free financial support to a student enrolled in a full-time post-secondary education program. We can provide this funding for up to four calendar years or 36 academic months, whichever comes first.

Educational assistance includes costs such as:

- tuition
- registration fees
- exam fees
- student activity fees
- lab, field or activity course fees
- instrument rentals
- library fees
- information technology fees

The funding also includes a basic monthly allowance. We adjust the allowance annually based on the cost of living index.

Do you qualify?

As the child of a deceased Veteran or Canadian Armed Forces member you should apply for Educational assistance if your parent:

- died as a result of their military service, or
- when they died, they were receiving a disability benefit, assessed at 48% or more.

Age limits

You must enter into a full-time educational program prior to your 25th birthday. This assistance can only be provided until the academic year in which you turn 30 years old.

How to apply

We recommend that you make an application before the start of your academic year since this assistance is only available from the date of your application.

Mail or in person

Download the application form. Then, drop it off at a [VAC 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](#) or [Transition Centre \(TC\)](#) can assist you, or call us at **1-866-522-2122**.

Additional information

Find out more

This funding can only continue while you remain in a full-time course of study.

You must also re-apply each year to confirm that you are continuing in your full-time program.

Related programs

Income Replacement Benefit for survivors and children: A monthly payment for eligible survivors and orphans of a deceased CAF member or Veteran.

Frequently asked questions

Does VAC send me money directly?

The basic monthly allowance is provided directly to you. For costs related to your post-secondary education we will send money to the academic institution or to you.

I received a scholarship from my university. Will that affect how much I receive through the Educational Assistance program?

If your scholarship, award, grant or bursary is paid directly to your institution of study, it will be applied against your total tuition fees, reducing the costs that VAC covers. Your monthly allowance, however, will not be reduced.

If I take time off from school, can I reapply to this program when I return?

Yes, but you can only reapply if you are under the age of 30.

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](#).

Are there policies for this program?

Yes. Read more about the [Educational Assistance policies](#).

IN THE MEDIA

Canadian Army conducting training on Ottawa River and Rideau Canal this weekend

CTV News

You may see Canadian Army Reserve personnel conducting training exercises on the Ottawa River and Rideau Canal in the Ottawa area this weekend. The Department of National Defence says personnel from 33 Combat Engineer Regiment will be conducting Exercise "Able Sapper" the next few Saturdays. [Read More](#)

Canadian troops return to Base Gagetown after 4 months spent training Ukrainian soldiers

CBC News

A group of soldiers from Base Gagetown have returned home after a four-month deployment in Poland, helping to train Ukrainian troops battling Russian forces. Master Cpl. Matthew Claridge said the work was very rewarding. "It's one of the greatest things I've got to do," said the 41-year-old Nova Scotia native. [Read More](#)

Entraînement militaire à Thetford Mines et Saint-Joseph-de-Coleraine

Courrier Frontenac

La Défense nationale a annoncé la tenue d'un entraînement militaire sur les territoires de Thetford Mines et de Saint-Joseph-de-Coleraine du 17 au 21 août. Une quarantaine de soldats provenant principalement de la base de Valcartier participeront ainsi à un exercice de reconnaissance visant à permettre aux fantassins de parfaire leurs connaissances dans un milieu qui ne leur est pas familier. [Lire Plus](#)

[Military vehicles travel to Meaford for exercise](#)

Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre

Some military vehicles will be making their way along local roads and highways this weekend on their way to Meaford as part of a training exercise. Canadian Army Reserve personnel from 31 Canadian Brigade Group will be on the Highway 400 series, Highway 21, Highway 23, and Highway 26, and will consist of armoured vehicles, troop carrying trucks, and smaller utility vehicles, Public Affairs Officer Lt. Paul Verheye says in an email. [Read More](#)

[P.E.I. man ready to compete and cheer on teammates at Invictus Games in Germany](#)

CBC News

Kenton Dill is feeling a lot of emotions leading up to the next edition of the Invictus Games for injured or ill past and present members of the military. He is the only athlete from Prince Edward Island on the Canadian team and will travel to Germany to compete in swimming, rowing and seated volleyball. [Read More](#)

[Des aides au logement pour les militaires canadiens](#)

Radio-Canada

Les Forces armées canadiennes ont créé un nouveau programme d'aide financière au logement pour les militaires. Le programme, qui porte le nom d'indemnité différentielle de logement des Forces canadiennes, est entré en vigueur le 1er juillet. Ce programme supprimera progressivement l'ancien programme d'indemnité différentielle provisoire de vie chère. [Lire Plus](#)

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14 Wing Greenwood — [The Aurora](#)

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CFB Esquimalt — [The Lookout](#)

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CFB Shilo — [The Shilo Stag](#)

19 Wing Comox — [The Totem Times](#)

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