

## Media Report 26 Mar 2021

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 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. Have you made an application for disability benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada and received a decision? If you disagree with that decision, you have the right to review or appeal it.

### CANADA

[Active COVID-19 cases: 38,221 | Recovered: 888,896 | Deceased: 22,782 | Total: 949,997](#)

## Caregiver Recognition Benefit

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Do you need assistance with daily activities? When you have a serious disability you may need help with activities of daily living such as eating, walking, dressing, etc.

### About this program

Having a disability sometimes means you need ongoing care to remain in your home. The Caregiver Recognition Benefit recognizes the important role a caregiver delivers on a day-to-day basis by providing them with a tax free, monthly benefit.

To receive this benefit your case manager will conduct or arrange an assessment to confirm that you require the assistance of a caregiver.

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### Do you qualify?

You should apply for the Caregiver Recognition Benefit if:

- you need daily assistance of a caregiver for at least four of your activities of daily living (See: [What are activities of daily living?](#) ),
- your caregiver is not paid to provide or co-ordinate your care and is over 18 years of age,
- you are not a permanent resident of a nursing home or long-term care facility,
- you are a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces, and
- you have a VAC disability benefit\*

\*You may have received your disability benefit as pain and suffering compensation, a disability award or as a disability pension. If you have a disability pension (or POW compensation), you would receive this support through the [Attendance allowance](#).

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# How to apply

## Before you apply

As part of your application, your caregiver will be asked to provide proof of identity, for example a driver's licence. We need this from any person applying to Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) for the first time.

Fill out the application form with your caregiver. Both of you must sign the form.

You can expect a decision within eight weeks of submitting your application. Your caregiver will begin to receive the benefit within nine weeks.

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## Apply online

If you are registered for My VAC Account, you can submit your application for this benefit online. My VAC Account offers a guided web form that makes applying easier. If you aren't registered, you can [register now](#).

[My VAC Account](#)

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## Mail or in person

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

[Go to form](#)

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## Get help with your application

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

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## Additional information

### Find out more

See the [current rates](#).

Over time, to ensure your health and well-being, we may perform a review or re-assessment of your situation once you're in the program.

Please let us know if your caregiver changes. You will need to submit a new application any time your caregiver changes.

[Watch this video](#) for a quick overview of the Caregiver Recognition Benefit.

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## Related programs

[Caregiver Zone](#)- Online support and resources for those who care for Veterans.

[Disability Benefit](#)- Compensation for your service-related injury or illness.

[Attendance allowance](#)- Monthly payments if your health needs require personal care support.

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## 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](#).

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### If the benefit is paid to my caregiver, why do I need to apply?

Since it is your health needs that require the services of a caregiver, you must apply for the benefit. However, your caregiver is required to complete and sign a section of the application. If you have granted power of attorney to someone, that person may apply on your behalf.

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### Is there a time limit to apply for this benefit?

You can apply for this benefit at any time.

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### Are there policies for this program?

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

More [Caregiver Recognition Benefit FAQs](#).

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