## Media Report 30 JULY 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

#### Canada

Total Percentage of population vaccinated	Percentage	Total e of population vaccinated	Eligible (12+)  Percentage of population vaccinated	Eligible (12+) Percentage of population fully vaccinated
70.60%	56.87%		80.32%	64.70%
+0.10%	+0.62%		+0.12%	+0.71%
Total doses administered	First doses	Second doses	Received from manufacturer	Received doses administered
48,530,059	26,878,186	21,651,873 5	58,150,738	83.46%
+275,055	+39,090	+235,965	+0	+0.47%

Tables now use updated populations supplied by provinces, where available. Vaccination percentages have dropped slightly in some cases where provinces have provided a larger current population than what is available in Statistics Canada data.

## 100th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Poppy

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## Rehabilitation services

**About this program** 

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Your rehabilitation needs will be assessed and then your individualized rehabilitation plan will be developed. Your rehabilitation plan is the roadmap to your recovery. The plan can include treatments and therapies from:tation services can improve your health and help you adjust to life at home, in your community or at work.

- •Medical rehabilitation services to improve your health to the fullest extent, or
- •Psychosocial rehabilitation health services to help you regain your independence.

When you are ready, your rehab plan can also include vocational rehabilitation. This part of your plan will identify the training or skills development you need to start a new career.

If your health does not allow you to take part in vocational rehabilitation, this part of your rehab plan can be transferred to your spouse as vocational assistance.

## Do you qualify?

You should apply for rehabilitation services if you:

- •Served in the Canadian Armed Forces, and
- •Have a barrier to re-establishment which is a health issue (temporary or permanent) related to your service that prevents your full participation at work or home or in the community

## 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 a <u>VAC office or CAF transition</u> <u>centre</u>. You can also mail your completed application directly to the address listed on the form.

Go to form

#### Get help with your application

The staff at any <u>VAC office or CAF transition centre</u> can assist you, or call us at1-866-522-2122.

#### Building a rehabilitation plan

We can usually make a decision about rehabilitation program eligibility within a few weeks of receiving your application. If approved, you will receive the one-onone support of a VAC case manager.

Your case manager will work with you (and your family) to identify your goals. Together you will build your rehabilitation plan.

To ensure your success, the plan will identify:

- Your goals
- •The services and benefits you will need to reach those goals
- •Local service providers to help get you there
- •A timeframe to complete it all

You are the most important part of any successful rehab plan. As you work through your plan, it is important to keep in touch about your services or any challenges you face. Give feedback to your case manager, the health professional, or anyone who is working with you.

From start to finish, your VAC case manager will:

- •Work closely with you and your family
- •Respect your privacy and confidentiality
- •Help identify information and services you need
- •Help you develop support networks
- •Coordinate between you, your health professionals, and other service providers
- •Track and discuss your progress on a regular basis

#### **Additional information**

#### Find out more

Are you medically-releasing from the Canadian Armed Forces soon?

If so, you can apply for rehabilitation services before you leave service. If approved, the start date of your rehabilitation plan, and your <u>Income</u> <u>Replacement Benefit</u>, can be the day after you release.

#### **Related programs**

<u>Vocational rehabilitation</u> - Coaching, support and any other training you need to return to work or find a new job after an injury.

<u>Vocational assistance</u> - Coaching, support and any other training you need to return to work or find a new job after an injury.

<u>Income Replacement Benefit</u> – A monthly payment to maintain your income while you are taking part in the VAC rehabilitation program.

<u>Case management</u> – A case manager can help you set goals and find the services you need to overcome a challenge in your life.

#### Frequently asked questions

FAQ on the Rehabilitation services contract award – June 2021

## How can I pay my bills while taking part in the rehab program?

Participants in rehabilitation services with health problems resulting primarily from service may qualify for the <u>Income Replacement Benefit</u>. This income support ensures your total income will be at least 90% of your gross pre-release military salary. This is available so you can focus on what matters most – your health and career goals.

# I didn't medically release from service, but I am having difficulty coping with life after service, do I qualify?

VAC's rehabilitation services assist any Veteran who is experiencing a physical or mental health issue, related to their service, which is creating a barrier to their re-establishment to civilian life. It does not matter if that barrier is considered permanent or temporary. When you are completing the application form, be sure to detail how your health has negatively impacted your life at home, at work or in the community.

## I already applied for a disability benefit and provided this information on all of my health issues, do I have to do that all over again to apply for Rehabilitation.

No. If you have already applied for a VAC disability benefit for any of the health conditions that are creating a barrier to your re-establishment in civilian life, just check the box on the rehabilitation form that says "see recent disability award application on file".

## Are there policies for this program?

Yes. Read more about the policies related to <u>rehabilitation services and vocational assistance program</u>.

#### STAY IN TOUCH WITH THESE CF NEWSPAPERS

Base/Wing — Newspaper		
14 Wing Greenwood — The Aurora	17 Wing Winnipeg — The Voxair	
22 Wing North Bay — The Shield	CFB Halifax — The Trident	
4 Wing Cold Lake — The Courier	CFB Edmonton — <u>The Western</u> — <u>Sentinel</u>	
CFB Esquimalt — The Lookout	CFB Valcartier — The Adsum	
CFSU Ottawa — The Guard	CFB Kingston — Garrison News	
CFB Shilo — The Shilo Stag	CFB St Jean — The Servir	
19 Wing Comox — The Totem Times	3 Wing Bagotville — The Vortex	
8 Wing Trenton — The Contact	CFB Borden — <u>The Citizen</u>	
CFB Petawawa — The Petawawa Post		

## IN THE NEWS

1,000 volunteers needed for Afghan partners

Change of Command of CF RP Ops Gp and Appointment of CME Br Advisor

Passation de commandement du Gp Ops Imm FC & Nomination de Conseiller de Br du GMC

2 D-Day veterans and central Alberta residents pass in recent weeks

Statement of the Conference of Defence Associations on rescuing and granting asylum to Afghan interpreters

<u>Une centaine de militaires de Valcartier sont déployés en Lettonie en soutien à l'Opération REASSURANCE</u>

V <u>eterans Affairs Canada announces funding for the Canadian Research and Mapping Association</u>

Ottawa to apologize for racist treatment of all-Black First World War battalion in 2022

How Army scientists are developing the next tank that's not a tank

Anciens Combattants Canada octroie de fonds à Fredericton Homeless Shelters pour aider les vétérans en matière de logement

USA completes record floating bridge lift

Landmine-sniffing rat continues legacy of fallen hero