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Jobs for Veterans

Canada's Veterans and service men and women are known around the world for their skills, abilities and expertise. They are admired for their teamwork and leadership and have executed their duties faithfully and effectively.

The Government of Canada is committed to helping Veterans and releasing Canadian Armed Forces personnel find meaningful employment to help ensure a successful transition from military to civilian life.

Find a Job

Find job opportunities using Job Bank's tools such as Job Search, Job Match and Job Alert.

Hire a Veteran

Post jobs through Job Bank, and market them to Veteran job seekers

Information for Veterans Seeking Employment

If you plan to seek civilian employment after your career in the military, mention this during your [transition interview](#).

VAC Programs

- [Career Transition Services](#)
- [Vocational Rehabilitation](#) and [Vocational Assistance](#)
- [Transition Interview](#)

Other Federal Programs

- [Hiring Veterans in the Government of Canada](#)
- Veterans Affairs Canada has widened the area of selection to identify experience in the Canadian Armed Forces as an asset qualification. Many other government departments do the same thing.
- Contact Us
- Veterans Affairs Canada – Veterans Priority Programs Secretariat:
- E-mail VAC.HireaVeteran-Embauchezunveteran.ACC@canada.ca.

Employment and Social Development Canada:

[Job Bank – Contact us](#)

Canadian Armed Forces Transition Services:

E-mail DND.Transition.MDN@forces.gc.ca.

Other Resources

[MOSID to National Occupancy Code Equivalency Tool \(MNET\)](#)

MNET is the Military Occupational Structure Identification Code (MOSID)/National Occupation Code (NOC) Equivalency Tool. It is a 'Military to Civilian' or 'Civilian to Military' job translator. MNET data is based on the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) job-based specifications and Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) list of civilian occupations, known as the NOC catalogue.

[Helmets to Hardhats](#)

Helmets to Hardhats assists Veterans in finding employment in the construction industry.

[Prince's Operation Entrepreneur](#)

Prince's Operation Entrepreneur is a national program for Canadian Armed Forces Veterans interested in realizing their dream of becoming a business owner.

[Veteran and Family Well-Being Fund](#)

The Veteran and Family Well-Being Fund provides grants and contributions to private, public or academic organizations to conduct research and implement initiatives and projects that support the well-being of Veterans and their families.

[Education and Training Benefit](#)

Veterans wanting to attend college, university or technical education institutions to help in their successful transition to life after service will benefit from up to \$80,000 depending on their years of service. The benefit can help Veterans achieve their education and employment goals, and position themselves to be more competitive in the civilian workforce.

[Life After Service Studies \(LASS\)](#)

The Life After Service Studies (LASS) program of research is designed to further understand the transition experiences of Canadian Veterans as they move from military to civilian life. LASS partners are Veterans Affairs Canada, the Department of National Defence /Canadian Armed Forces and Statistics Canada. The findings inform programs and services designed to support the well-being of Canadian Veterans and their families.

Benefits for Survivors (of Disability Pension Recipients)

Continuation of Disability Pension

When a disability pensioner dies, if he or she was pensioned at 5% or greater, the survivor will continue to receive (for a period of one year) the same [Disability Pension](#) or Prisoner of War compensation that was being paid to the pensioner. This includes any Attendance Allowance and/or Exceptional Incapacity Allowance

the pensioner was receiving at the time of death. After this one year period, a survivor's pension will be automatically paid.

Survivor's Pension

A survivor's pension will be paid to the survivor of a disability pensioner commencing one year from the time of death. The pensioner's benefits continue in full for the first year.

If the pensioner was receiving a pension of 48% or greater, the survivor is entitled to a full survivor's pension. If the pensioner was receiving a pension between the 5% and 47% rate, the survivor will receive one-half of the Disability Pension that was paid to the pensioner.

Surviving spouses/surviving common-law partners who remarry will continue to receive the survivor's pension. Children and other qualified dependents may also qualify for benefits following a pensioner's death. Please contact us for more information.

Education Assistance Program

If you are a child of a deceased Veteran or Canadian Armed Forces member or Veteran, you may receive financial assistance for post-secondary education if your parent:

- died as a result of military service;
- or
- had received a disability benefit of 48% or greater at the time of death.

To qualify, you must enter the program before you turn 25 years of age. This assistance cannot be extended beyond the year in which you turn 30. This support may be provided for four years or 36 academic months, whichever is less.

For more information on any of the above programs or to apply please [contact us](#)

1. How is the amount of a disability benefit determined?

- The amount of a disability benefit you receive will be determined by:
 - the degree to which that disability is related to your service (entitlement); and
 - the extent of the disability (assessment).Once it is established that your disability is related to your service, the next step is to determine the extent or severity of your disability so that we can assign an assessment level.

To learn more, see the [How Benefits Are Determined](#) section.

2. What are Entitlement Eligibility Guidelines?

[Entitlement Eligibility Guidelines](#) are policy statements used to guide the decision-making process and help in determining the relationship between your medical condition or disability and your service. The guidelines are based on credible medical evidence and research. Similar guidelines from across the country as well as the United States and Australia were reviewed during the development process. Entitlement Eligibility Guidelines help to ensure our decisions are consistent and fair.

3. What is the Table of Disabilities (TOD)?

The [TOD](#) is a legislated/statutory instrument used to assess the extent of a disability for the purposes of determining disability benefits. The table considers the relative importance of a certain body part/system in assessing the level of impairment and the impact of on an individual's lifestyle. The disability assessment is established based on the medical impairment rating, in conjunction with quality of life indicators.

4. What are medical questionnaires?

[Medical questionnaires](#) are forms we have developed for your healthcare provider to complete with all of the details of your disability. These standardized forms provide guidance for your health care provider to ensure he or she provides all of the necessary and relevant information we need to make a decision on your application for disability benefits. The medical questionnaires are used, along with other submitted medical information, to confirm your medical diagnosis and determine the impairment rating of your disability.

When you give your health care provider the [medical questionnaire](#), please be sure to also provide your completed and signed [Consent for Veterans Affairs Canada to Collect Personal Information from Third Parties](#) form which gives him or her the authority to release your personal medical information to us. If your health care provider does not wish to fill out the questionnaire, they can provide a "narrative report" as an alternative. This report must include the same basic information as the questionnaire. Please do not have a medical questionnaire completed until you have been provided with specific instructions from us regarding the questionnaire(s) required. .

5. When can I expect to receive a decision?

We are committed to getting you a decision as soon as possible. There are several ways to check the progress of your Disability Benefit application, you can: visit "Track your applications" through your My VAC Account; contact your case manager, if you have one; or call 1-866-522-2122 and speak to a Veterans Affairs Canada representative.

Note: If you do not have a My VAC account you can register on the [Registration page](#).

6. What happens if my disability gets worse?

If the disability for which you are receiving VAC benefits worsens, you can request a reassessment if there is medical evidence to show that there has been a change in the severity of your disability. If a new condition develops that you think is related to your service, you can submit an application for that condition. If the reassessment confirms that your condition has worsened, your benefit will be adjusted accordingly-unless you are already receiving the maximum assessment as set out in the [Table of Disabilities](#). If that is the case, no additional amount can be provided.

7. I do not agree with the Department's decision on my application? What can I do?

If you do not agree with the decision you have received regarding your application for disability benefits, you have the right to appeal the decision or request a Departmental Review if you have new evidence. The [Bureau of Pensions Advocates \(BPA\)](#) and [The Royal Canadian Legion](#) both provide free assistance with reviews and appeals.

8. I'm having difficulty preparing my application for Disability Benefits. Can anyone help?

Yes, VAC staff are always happy to help you with your application or any other questions you may have. In addition, Service Officers with The Royal Canadian Legion or The War Amps of Canada also provide assistance with applications free of charge. You can find out more in the "[Who Can Help?](#)" section.

9. I am no longer living in Canada. Can I still get benefits?

In some circumstances, we can provide benefits to you while you are living or vacationing outside of Canada.

You can contact us toll-free, from:

- United States – Call 1-888-996-2242 (toll free)
- United Kingdom, Germany, France, or Belgium – Call 00-800-996-22421 (toll free)
- Any other country – 613-996-2242 (collect)

10. When will benefits start?

If you receive a favourable decision letter, it will indicate a start date.

11. [How do I get my service health records?](#)

12. [How do I calculate my Disability Award payment?](#)

13. Why can I only get a Disability Award and not a monthly pension?

The monthly disability pension has been replaced with a combination of financial benefits that have been designed to meet your individual needs.

Our [Earnings Loss program](#), for example, provides you with a monthly income of 90 % of your pre-release salary while you are participating in our [rehabilitation program](#) or until age 65 if you are not able to work. The Disability Award is paid as a one time award to help you overcome any immediate financial concerns and as an opportunity for you to generate income. It is not taxable. There are flexible Disability Award payment options from which to choose: a lump-sum payment, annual payments over the number of years of your choosing, or a combination of these two payment options.

14. If I receive a significant compensation through the Disability Award, can I get advice to help me manage it?

Yes. In fact, we encourage you to get a financial expert's [advice](#) to help you manage this compensation. Veterans Affairs Canada will cover the cost of that advice up to \$500.

Did you find what you were looking for?

You can also do a [search](#) or [contact us](#) at 1-866-522-2122 (toll-free) Monday to Friday, 8:30 to 4:30, local time.

Living outside of Canada?

Monday to Friday, 8:30 to 4:30, EST

United States 1-888-996-2242 (toll-free)

Any other country 00-800-996-22421 (toll-free)

Operation NEPTUNE

Attached is the link to the Friends of the Canadian War Museum's quarterly publication The Torch. Mr Ed Storey is the content editor and each edition has a specific theme with this May edition focusing on the naval portion of D-Day which was code named Operation NEPTUNE. The next August edition will focus on the Canadians who served in Vietnam, specifically the ICCS. If there are any former ICCS Veterans in the ranks from the NATO Veterans, Mr Ed Storey would be interested to hear from them.

<https://www.friends-amis.org/index.php/en/>

Hundreds of Canadians to receive postcards detailing Second World War link

<https://ottawacitizen.com/pmnl/news-pmn/canada-news-pmn/hundreds-of-canadians-to-receive-postcards-detailing-second-world-war-link/wcm/8f381a53-c4d7-46f3-90fb-369ec3bce439>

Exercise STAGED RESPONSE and Safety and Health Week

Government of Canada

Exercise STAGED RESPONSE 2019 recently wrapped up in Gagetown, N.B. The annual command post exercise focuses on domestic operations in the Atlantic Region and the planning required to respond and provide assistance to provincial government authorities during such operations. Canada's Defence Policy, Strong, Secure, Engaged, reaffirms that assistance to civilian authorities is a core mission of the Canadian Armed Forces. [READ MORE](#)

Bob Harding, a third generation Canadian Military engineer, helps raise close to \$25,000 for Wounded Warriors Canada

Summerland Review

Oyama Zipline Adventure Park teamed with a Lake Country's bike riding team the "Okanagan Chain Gang" to raise money for Wounded Warriors Canada with the first annual "Wounded Warriors Day" event Saturday. "It's our first year and we have had a great response from the community, we teamed up with the Okanagan Chain Gang when we were told about Wounded Warriors Canada and the amazing things they do for the people that help us everyday and we had to get involved. We intend to keep hosting Wounded Warriors day every year," said owner of Oyama Zipline Adventure Park Jennifer Madsen. [READ MORE](#)

L'armée restera plus longtemps pour le nettoyage

TVA Nouvelles

Même si le pire semble évité, les Forces armées canadiennes resteront encore un moment en sol québécois afin de prêter main forte aux citoyens affectés par les inondations. La ministre de la Sécurité publique, Geneviève Guilbault, a annoncé qu'un deuxième mandat a été octroyé à l'armée canadienne. La tâche des militaires consistera dorénavant à « aider nos municipalités dans la restauration et le rétablissement de nos infrastructures qui ont été touchées par les inondations ». [LIRE PLUS](#)

Local part of flood relief mission

Woodstock Sentinel-Review

Dave McKay's first domestic emergency operation was one he won't forget. McKay, a reservist with the 48 Squadron of the 31 Combat Engineer Regiment and 31 Canadian Brigade Group, was among

47 members of his regiment to respond to the floods in Eastern Ontario. The Embro man, who now owns a farm near Listowel, said his regiment was stationed along the Ottawa River in the Constance Bay area at the military's Connaught Ranges and Primary Training Centre north of Kanata. [READ MORE](#)

Back in time

Clearwater Times

Fifty years ago: Water percolating through loose fill swept the fill and culvert out of Third Canyon on the road to Wells Gray Park. The old bridge had been taken out and the canyon filled in the previous year. A Bailey Bridge was quickly erected over the gap. Bill Mattenley, district agent for Active Petroleum, opened a bulk district center in Blue River to serve the logging, industrial, farming and domestic needs of the district. Ed Urslake was the resident agent. [READ MORE](#)

Des Canadiens recevront une carte postale d'un soldat mort à «Juno Beach»

Journal Métro

Quelques centaines de Canadiens devraient bientôt apprendre qu'ils entretiennent un lien très personnel, mais complètement inattendu, avec la Deuxième Guerre mondiale. L'Association du Centre Juno Beach, qui se consacre à la commémoration du rôle du Canada dans cette guerre, enverra par la poste des cartes postales à l'adresse des résidences occupées jadis par les soldats décédés aux premiers jours de l'opération «Jour J», une campagne décisive qui a permis de consolider la victoire des troupes alliées contre l'Allemagne nazie, il y aura 75 ans en juin. [LIRE PLUS](#)

This robotic M1 Abrams battle tank can smash through enemy defenses

Popular Mechanics

A new unmanned version of the M1 Abrams main battle tank recently underwent testing in Yakima, WA. The Robotic Complex Breach Concept vehicle, designed to clear minefields and battlefield obstacles ahead of a ground assault, was developed to take humans out of the line of fire for the one of the most dangerous jobs in the military — obstacle breaching and combat engineering. [READ MORE](#)