

Media Report 21 August 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 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

Exceptional Incapacity Allowance

Some disabilities have a major financial impact on your life. The Exceptional Incapacity Allowance recognizes this extra cost with a tax-free monthly payment.

About this program

The Exceptional Incapacity Allowance is a tax-free monthly payment that recognizes that your serious illness or injury has a significant effect on your quality of life.

Veterans who receive this allowance usually experience one or more of the following to an exceptional degree or scope:

- dependence,
- continuing pain and discomfort,
- loss of enjoyment of life,
- shortened lifespan.

The amount of your allowance will be based on a grade that reflects the nature of your disability.

Do you qualify?

You should apply for the Exceptional Incapacity Allowance if you:

- have a disability pension of 98 percent or more; or
 - have a combination of a disability pension and award that totals 98 percent or more; or
 - have a combination of a disability pension and Prisoner of War Compensation that totals 98 percent or more; and
 - have an exceptional incapacity that is related to the condition or conditions for which you receive a disability benefit.
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How to apply

Before you apply

In most cases, you do not need to submit an application for this allowance. Your Case Manager will apply for you based on the medical questionnaire you submitted as part of your Disability Benefits application.

If you believe that you, or someone you know, is eligible for this allowance you can contact us or your Case Manager. You can also apply online, or by mail or in person.

Apply online

If you are registered for My VAC Account, you can submit your application for this benefit online. If you aren't registered, you can [register now](#).

Mail or in person

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

Get help with your application

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

Additional information

Find out more

If you know your grade, the [Exceptional Incapacity Allowance table](#) shows the allowance amount by grade.

For more details about grades see the [Table of Disabilities](#).

Related programs

[Disability benefits](#): Compensation to recognize that your injury or illness is a result of your military service.

[Clothing Allowance](#): A monthly benefit when your disability causes wear and tear on your clothing or the need for custom-made clothing.

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

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](#).

Will the allowance be payable to surviving spouses and children?

Yes. If the Veteran was receiving the allowance at the time of their death, eligible survivors can receive the allowance for a period of one year.

Are there policies for this program?

Yes. Read more about the [Exceptional Incapacity Allowance policies](#).

On August 15, it will be 75 years since the Allied victory over Japan finally brought the Second World War to an end

- Dear Stakeholders and Advisory Groups members,

On August 15, it will be 75 years since the Allied victory over Japan finally brought the Second World War to an end. We mark this anniversary to honour Canada's Veterans and those who served and died in the defence of the peace and freedom that we, and so many others in the world, enjoy today.

We owe these brave Canadians, and all others who supported the war effort from the home front, an enormous debt of gratitude. Join us in remembrance this August 15 as we reflect on their sacrifice and express our thanks for their service.

This year is like no other that we have seen in recent history. As we continue to follow COVID-19 guidelines, Veterans Affairs Canada is taking a digital-first approach to commemorating V-J Day and the end of the Second World War, providing people with a number of ways to show that #CanadaRemembers.

Canadians are invited to:

- Post a video of themselves thanking Veterans for their service, and tag it with the hashtags #Howyouremember, #VJDay75 and #CanadaRemembers.
- Watch the commemorative video on the Canada Remembers Facebook page.
- Read about the Canadian efforts in Asia and the Pacific on the [Veterans Affairs Canada website](#).

We are always looking to collaborate and promote the various commemorative activities taking place across our great country. Please let us know if you are planning any activities so we can promote your initiatives wherever possible.

Your organization continues to make a difference in the lives of Veterans and their families. The dedication and commitment shown through your work helps spread the message of remembrance. Please continue to share the powerful message that #CanadaRemembers within your organization and your networks.

Lest we forget.

The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay

Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence

Chers intervenants et membres des groupes consultatifs,

Le 15 août prochain marquera le 75^e anniversaire de la victoire des Alliés sur le Japon, qui a mis un terme à la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Nous soulignons cet anniversaire afin de rendre hommage aux vétérans canadiens et à ceux qui ont combattu et qui sont morts pour défendre la paix et la liberté dont nous et de nombreux autres pays jouissons aujourd'hui.

Nous devons à ces braves Canadiens et à tous ceux qui ont contribué à l'effort de guerre sur le front intérieur toute la gratitude qui leur revient. Le 15 août prochain, joignez-vous à nous afin de leur rendre hommage, de souligner leurs sacrifices et de leur exprimer notre reconnaissance pour leur service.

Nous traversons une période sans précédent dans l'histoire contemporaine. Afin de respecter les directives liées à la COVID-19, Anciens Combattants Canada mise sur le numérique pour souligner le 75e anniversaire du jour de la Victoire sur le Japon et de la fin de la Seconde Guerre mondiale, en offrant aux Canadiens diverses façons de montrer que #LeCanadaSeSouvient.

Les Canadiens peuvent ainsi :

1. Publier une vidéo d'eux-mêmes remerciant les vétérans pour leur service, et la marquer avec les mots-clics #CommentVousSouvenezVous, #JourVJ75 et #LeCanadaSeSouvient.
2. Regarder la vidéo commémorative sur la page Facebook du programme Le Canada se souvient.
3. En apprendre davantage sur la participation des Canadiens en Asie et dans le Pacifique sur le [site Web d'Anciens Combattants Canada](#).

Nous cherchons constamment des façons de collaborer et de promouvoir les diverses activités commémoratives qui ont lieu dans l'ensemble de notre merveilleux pays. Si vous prévoyez organiser une activité commémorative, n'hésitez pas à nous en informer afin que nous puissions en faire la promotion, dans la mesure du possible.

Votre organisme continue d'améliorer la vie des vétérans et de leur famille. Le dévouement et l'engagement dont vous faites preuve dans le cadre de votre travail contribuent à véhiculer le message du Souvenir. Nous vous encourageons à continuer de transmettre ce puissant message, #LeCanadaSeSouvient, au sein de votre organisme et de vos réseaux.

N'oublions jamais.

L'honorable Lawrence MacAulay

Ministre des Anciens Combattants et ministre associé de la Défense nationale

- [Battle of Britain National Ceremony | Royal Canadian Air Force](#)

The Battle of Britain that will be held Sunday September 20, 2020 at 10:00

<http://www.rcaf-arc.forces.gc.ca/en/battle-britain/ceremony-program-booklet.page>

Ontario Thanks our Troops for their Final Report and Invaluable Assistance During High-Risk COVID-19 Outbreaks

TORONTO — The Ontario government is grateful to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) for aiding our long-term care homes during this challenging time for our province as well as the delivery of their comprehensive final report.

"Ontario thanks the Canadian Armed Forces for their final report and for the invaluable assistance they provided during our time of need," said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care. "We welcome their observations, which will help us in our ongoing work to strengthen the long-term care sector."

Under Operation LASER, which ran from April through July, the CAF deployed teams to seven long-term care homes in immediate need of critical staffing support. In May, the military delivered an initial interim report that described a disturbing and unacceptable picture of conditions in these homes. Upon receipt of the May report, the government took immediate action, launching rigorous inspections and, appointing temporary management at several homes to help them better prevent and control outbreaks. Other measures included providing emergency funding, regulatory flexibility, staffing support, and expanded testing, along with direction and guidance on outbreak management and infection prevention and control.

The situation in all seven homes stabilized by early July, when CAF troops [took their leave](#).

In final observations delivered to the Ministry of Long-Term Care, the CAF reports that nearly all concerns have been addressed and resolved. Moreover, the province is well equipped to oversee improvements going forward. Any outstanding concerns are largely related to the training of new staff and to the supervision necessary to ensure consistent infection prevention and control measures. Both areas will continue to be monitored closely by the ministry and home management.

The CAF interim report echoed the urgent need for an investigation into the impact of COVID-19 in long-term care. Last month, our government launched an independent, public commission that will investigate how COVID-19 spread within long-term care homes, how residents, staff, families were impacted, and the adequacy of measures taken by the province and other parties to prevent, isolate, and contain the spread. The commission will provide the government with guidance on how to better protect long-term care home residents and staff from any future outbreaks.

Ontario will share all CAF reports with commissioners to help further their investigation.

Media interested in viewing the report and supporting documents can email gillian.sloggett@ontario.ca to receive a copy.

QUICK FACTS

- Over the course of the mission, the Canadian Armed Forces teams supported the following homes: Orchard Villa, Holland Christian Homes Grace Manor, Altamont Care Community, Eatonville Care Centre, Hawthorne Place Care Centre, Downsview Long Term Care, and Woodbridge Vista Care Community.
 - As of August 13, 2020, 14 of 626 long-term care homes are in outbreak.
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- Between May 25 and August 13, 2020, the number of active resident cases has dropped from 1,855 to three and the number of active staff cases from 1,335 to 33.
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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Public Reporting on Long-Term Care Homes](#)
 - [Ontario Taking Action at High Risk Long-Term Care Homes](#)
 - [Canadian Armed Forces Depart Ontario Long-Term Care Homes](#)
 - Visit Ontario's [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19.
 - The [COVID-19 Action Plan: Long-Term Care Homes](#) outlines the steps that the government is taking to protect residents and staff in long-term care homes.
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IN THE NEWS

Farewell message from the CDS

Le Canada reçoit son premier nouveau navire de patrouille extracôtier et de l'Arctique

Local vet reunited with sapper grandpa's WWI medals

Military training exercise begins Saturday in Colchester County

Canada wants armed drones in the air by 2025

Vets' walk from Petawawa to Ottawa raises \$30,000 for Wounded Warriors

Déclaration du premier ministre à l'occasion de la Journée nationale des Casques bleus

Afghanistan Memorial Hall in Ottawa damaged by water — repairs planned for later this year

Canada names final ship in its Arctic patrol fleet after WWII navy veteran

Army emergency response role rebranded, reskilled