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How VAC reviews a disability benefit claim

A completed application for a disability benefit will show that you have a diagnosed medical condition (or disability) and that your condition is related to your service.

Do we have everything?

A complete [application for a disability benefit](#) (form #PEN923AP) will have all the information needed to determine that you have a diagnosed medical condition related to your service. In this first step, we will review your:

1. [Disability benefit application](#) (form #PEN923);
2. Medical reports or CAF/RCMP health reports;
3. Medical questionnaire(s);
4. Your service health records; and if needed one or all of the following,
5. Your profile (form #VAC1055) including your proof of identify, third-party consent, and direct deposit form (form #VAC441).

Learn more about how to [complete an application](#) for a disability benefit.

Who reviews the claim?

Once your application package is complete, it is assigned to an adjudicator.

Every application for a disability benefit is reviewed by an adjudicator – who are specially-trained to review and make decisions on claims for a disability benefit. The adjudicator must base their decision on the evidence they receive. To ensure they review your claim accurately and quickly, it is very important to provide only information that clearly shows that you have a diagnosed medical condition. Your service records will confirm if that diagnosed condition is related to your service.

How is my service covered?

If your service records show that you were serving in a Special Duty Area (SDA) or Special Duty Operation (SDO) when you became ill or were injured, any disability from that service is covered by the Insurance Principle, which provides 24-hour coverage.

If you were serving outside an SDA or SDO, you will be covered through the Compensation Principle, which provides coverage for an illness or injury that occurred while you were on duty.

Assessment tools used to review the claim

If the adjudicator determines that there is clear medical evidence of a chronic or permanent disability, they must then determine:

1. Your entitlement – is the disability directly or partially-related to service?

and

2. Your assessment – what is the severity or extent of the disability and its impact on your quality of life?

To ensure that all decisions are fair and consistent, adjudicators always use the following tools to review your entitlement and assessment:

- [Entitlement Eligibility Guidelines](#) - These policy statements are based on evidence from peer-reviewed medical research and literature both in Canada and abroad. They help to ensure the consistency, equity and quality of decisions made regarding the relationship between your service and your disability.
- [Table of Disabilities](#) - The table is used by an adjudicator to assess the extent of a disability for the purposes of determining disability benefits. Specifically, to assess the level of an impairment and the impact that impairment has on your quality of life.
- [Medical questionnaires](#) - The purpose of a questionnaire is to support your diagnosis and supplement the information found in the Table of Disabilities.

The decision letter

Once the adjudicator reaches a decision on your claim, you will receive a decision letter. The letter will let you know the decision and what evidence the adjudicator used to reach their decision. If they confirmed you have a service-related disability, the letter will also show your entitlement and your assessment.

If you receive an unfavourable decision, the letter will explain the reasons why your claim was not accepted. It will also provide the name and telephone number to call if you wish to discuss this decision further or to identify what evidence your claim requires to be approved. The letter will also explain your appeal rights if you believe the adjudicator has made an error in reviewing your application and supporting evidence.

Additional information

Learn more about how to provide all the components of a [complete application for a disability benefit](#).

How long does it take to be approved for a disability benefit?

We are committed to providing a decision as quickly as possible. To make their decisions, adjudicators must use only the evidence they received. Once adjudicators have received all the information they require – complete and signed form(s), service records, medical reports and questionnaire(s) - they can usually make a decision within 15-41 weeks.

This timeframe will vary depending on several factors such as:

- the complexity of your condition,
- the complexity of the medical reports and questionnaires explaining that condition,
- how long it takes to receive service health records from DND or Library and Archives Canada,
- the level of detail (or lack of detail) in those service health records, and
- any challenges in getting other needed evidence to support your claim.

The [Wait time tool](#) provides current average wait times for receiving a decision on

City crowds waterfront for Armed Forces Day

North Bay Nugget

"It's always a thrill to see the crowds like this." Ron Button was one of thousands of people crowded onto the North Bay waterfront Wednesday as the community turned out in droves to salute members of the Canadian and American military in North Bay. [READ MORE](#)

Jour J : les pieds (et les yeux) dans l'eau

Radio-Canada

Ils y ont débarqué, jeunes hommes, fusil à la main, la terreur au coeur... Ils y retournent 75 ans plus tard, les jambes frêles, un drapeau canadien à la main et l'émotion à fleur de peau. Plusieurs vétérans ont marché sur la plage Juno pour la première fois depuis la guerre, à l'occasion des commémorations du jour J. [LIRE PLUS](#)

3061 (1CER) RCACC 20th Annual Ceremonial Review

MorinvilleNews.com

The 3061 1 Combat Engineer Regiment (1CER) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps (RCACC) held their 20th Annual Ceremonial Review at the Morinville Curling Club. The Reviewing Officer was Bob Peterson, CD, Royal Canadian Legion Alberta- NWT Command District 8 Commander. [READ MORE](#)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission searching for Canadians to share First and Second World War memories

Canadian Military Family Magazine

As part of Second World War anniversaries, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) has created its first online sound archive, Voices of Liberation. Today the CWGC is launching a call for

Canadian content for this worldwide initiative. The Commission is capturing the voices of the “greatest generation” for its unique online sound archive and calls on the public to make their own lasting tribute. [READ MORE](#)

[Un soldat canadien de la Première Guerre mondiale inhumé en France](#)

45eNord

Un soldat canadien de la Première Guerre mondiale a été inhumé avec les honneurs militaires au Cimetière britannique de Loos de la Commission des sépultures de guerre du Commonwealth, près de Loos-en-Gohelle en France. La famille du soldat était sur place, avec le soutien d’Anciens Combattants Canada. [LIRE PLUS](#)

[Parksville father and son thank veterans, meet PM at Juno Beach D-Day celebration](#)

Parksville Qualicum Beach News

A Parksville veteran and his son were pleased to honour surviving D-Day soldiers on the battle fields where they fought for liberation of German-occupied France 75 years earlier. On June 6, Kevin Pavan, a retired soldier who served in Bosnia in 2003 and Afghanistan as a combat engineer, and his 13-year-old son Laken Pavan, who attends Springwood Elementary School, were at Juno Beach — one of five Allied landing zones—for the 75th anniversary of D-Day. [READ MORE](#)

[Ont. couple uses free trip to Europe to pay tribute to fallen soldiers](#)

CTV News

A couple from southern Ontario used a free trip as a chance to visit the final resting places of several local soldiers who died at war. Dava and Yvon Robichaud of Chatham-Kent, Ont. recently won a round-trip flight to anywhere WestJet travels and chose to spend at least part of the vacation tracking down the gravestones of 12 soldiers from their hometown who were laid to rest at Canadian war cemeteries in Holland. [READ MORE](#)

[IDF working to rid Jordan Valley of landmines](#)

Israel Hayom

Israeli military sappers neutralize 900 landmines planted in the area decades ago by Palestinian terrorists, and later by the IDF as part of the sector's defense. Combat engineering units are working according to a multiyear program to demine the entire area and the project is expected to be finished by 2021. [READ MORE](#)

[L'École Roméo-Dallaire face aux défis des enfants de militaires](#)

Radio-Canada

Les mutations de familles de militaire ne touchent pas que les parents : les enfants sont également concernés par ces changements de pays, de ville et d'école. Comment les établissements scolaires gèrent-ils ces départs et ces arrivées? À Winnipeg, près de moitié des élèves de l'École Roméo-Dallaire sont des enfants de militaires. [LIRE PLUS](#)

[D-Day 75: Secret tank testing in Eastwell Park, Ashford, revealed](#)

Kent Online

Eastwell Park in Ashford is best known for the Champneys hotel and spa that lies at its heart. But in the Second World War it was a secret testing ground for a deadly D-Day weapon, as Robin Britcher discovers The park surrounds a stunning country house, has a picturesque lake and beautiful landscaped gardens. [READ MORE](#)