

Media report 04 Sept 2020

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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. An illness or injury can have an impact on your ability to adjust to life after service. If you have received a disability benefit, you may also qualify for the Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation—a tax-free, monthly benefit — payable for life.

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About this program

The Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation is a tax-free, monthly benefit. It provides recognition and compensation for any severe and permanent disability, related to your service, which creates a barrier to your life after service.

Every applicant for this benefit receives an individual assessment. If a barrier is identified, the assessment will assign a grade-level which is based on the extent and severity of your impairment.

Do you qualify?

You should apply for the Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation if you have a service-related injury or illness, for which you have received a VAC disability benefit, that is:

- permanent and severe, and
- creating a barrier to your successful re-establishment in civilian life.

Note: If you already receive the [Exceptional Incapacity Allowance](#), you are not eligible for this benefit.

How to apply

Note: If you are currently in receipt of the Career Impact Allowance we will automatically move you over to the Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation. You will move over at the same Grade Level (1, 2 or 3) and will be paid the corresponding, non-taxable Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation monthly amount.

Apply online

Apply online through My VAC Account. Applying is easier with a guided form. Sign in or register for My VAC Account.

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 form directly to the address listed on the form.

Get help with your application

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

Additional information

Find out more

Assessment

Through an individual assessment, we will assign you one of three grade-levels based on the extent and seriousness of your impairment. Grade one refers to the most serious conditions.

The assessment examines how independent you are by looking at such things as your mobility, your need for assistance with activities of daily living (such as bathing and dressing), and other factors affecting your daily life.

See the [current rates](#).

If you receive this benefit, it will be paid for the duration of your life. This would only change if your health improved to an extent where you no longer had any barriers caused by your impairment(s).

The Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation cannot be paid to the survivor or other dependents of the Veteran.

Related programs

[Disability Benefits](#): Financial payments for Veterans who have a service-related disability or injury.

[Critical Injury Benefit](#): A one-time payment that recognizes the immediate impact of the most severe and traumatic service-related injuries or diseases.

[Rehabilitation services](#): Services to improve your health and adjust to life after service.

[Clothing Allowance](#): Monthly payments if you need new or special clothing due to your health issues.

[Treatment Benefits](#): Coverage for medical and health related services.

[Caregiver Recognition Benefit](#): Monthly payments for an informal caregiver who provides you with daily personal care support.

Frequently asked questions

What is the monthly Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation based on?

The benefit recognizes that severe and permanent impairments may create barriers to establishing themselves in post-service life. The monthly amount payable is based on the extent of the Veteran's permanent and severe impairment. It takes into consideration such things as a Veterans' mobility, requirements for supervision and the need for assistance with activities of daily living (such as bathing and dressing).

It will be payable at three grade levels with \$1500/month being the highest and \$500/month the lowest.

What is the difference between CIA and APSC?

Taxability: The Career Impact Allowance (CIA) is taxable because it compensates for lost employment potential and career progression opportunities. The Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation (APSC), on the other hand, will be non-taxable because it compensates for the extent to which permanent and severe impairments cause barriers to re-establishment.

Eligibility: The eligibility for the two programs is similar in many ways:

- they are only payable to Veterans;
- the Veteran must have a disability benefit; and
- the Veteran must have a permanent and severe impairment.

The key eligibility difference between the two benefits is that under CIA, a Veteran must have an approved rehabilitation plan in order to receive the CIA. Under APSC, a Veteran must only have a barrier to re-establishment to qualify, they do not have to have an approved rehabilitation plan.

Grade Levels: Both benefits have three grade levels. The key difference on which grade is paid is that the CIA considers medical impairment as well as earnings capacity. APSC will only consider medical impairment. The APSC has no equivalent to the CIA Supplement.

[View all](#) Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation FAQs.

Veterans' Ombudsman – Selection Process / Ombudsman des vétérans – Processus de sélection

(le français suit)

Dear Stakeholders and Advisory Group members,

The Government of Canada is currently seeking applications for the position of the Veterans' Ombudsman. This appointment will be made under the new approach to Governor in Council appointments with an open, transparent and merit-based selection processes. Bilingual proficiency and diversity will be a consideration in assessing applications. Preference may be given to applicants who are members of one or more of the following groups: women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and members of a visible minority group.

The Veterans' Ombudsman is an impartial and independent officer, reporting directly to the Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada. The Ombudsman works toward ensuring that the sacrifices of Canada's Veterans and their families are recognized through the provision of services, benefits, and support in a fair and timely manner. The Ombudsman plays an important role in raising awareness of the needs and concerns of Veterans and their families.

Information on the appointment process and how to apply are available [here](#).

Please pass this message along to anyone who may be interested.

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À tous les intervenants et membres du Groupe consultatif,

Le gouvernement du Canada sollicite présentement des candidatures pour le poste d'ombudsman des vétérans. Cette nomination sera effectuée conformément à la nouvelle approche à l'égard des nominations par le gouverneur en conseil, soit en faisant appel à un processus de sélection ouvert et transparent fondé sur le mérite. Le bilinguisme et la diversité seront prises en compte dans l'évaluation des postulants. Une préférence pourrait être accordée aux individus qui appartiennent à l'un des groupes suivants : femmes, Autochtones, personnes handicapées et minorités visibles.

L'ombudsman des vétérans est un agent impartial et indépendant qui relève directement du ministre d'Anciens Combattants Canada. L'ombudsman s'emploie à veiller à ce que les sacrifices des vétérans canadiens et de leur famille soient reconnus en leur fournissant des services, des avantages et du soutien de manière équitable et en temps opportun. L'ombudsman joue un rôle important en faisant connaître les besoins et les préoccupations des vétérans et de leur famille.

Les renseignements sur le processus de nomination et sur la façon de postuler sont disponibles [ici](#).

N'hésitez pas à transférer ce message à toute personne qui pourrait être intéressée.

Équipe de mobilisation et sensibilisation des intervenants

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The Royal Canadian Legion has notified Branches of the abbreviated Remembrance ceremonies planned for this year.

https://www.legion.ca/news/2020/08/31/national-remembrance-day-ceremony-2020-a-more-intimate-commemoration?_cldee

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National Remembrance Day Ceremony at the National War Memorial in Ottawa

For the first time, spectators will be discouraged from attending in person, due to the limited space and requirement to physically distance. The smaller number of people participating will be required to remain 2m apart and will need to wear masks unless performing certain duties related to the ceremony.

Anticipated significant changes to this year's commemoration include:

- No Veteran's parade
- No Canadian Armed Forces parade
- A reduced colour party
- Wreaths pre-positioned such that no wreath bearers or assistants will be required
- No members of the Cadets or Junior Rangers present

Similarly-scaled back ceremonies will be organized by many Legion Branches across the country, to the best of their abilities given the current restrictions.

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Goose Bay staff spring into action after runway incident