

Media Report 01 JULY 2022

This weeks media reports will cover and answer great questions veterans are still asking 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.

Survivor's pension

If you are the survivor of a disability pensioner you may qualify to receive a survivor's pension.

To provide financial stability, you will continue to receive your spouse's disability pension for a full year following their death.

Continuation of Disability Pension

When a disability pensioner dies, you will continue to receive their pension for one full year. If they also received Prisoner of War Compensation, Exceptional Incapacity Allowance or Attendance Allowance you will also receive the full amounts for each of those benefits.

In the following year, you will automatically receive the survivor's pension.

Survivor's pension

The amount you receive through a survivor's pension depends on the assessed level of your spouse's disability pension. If their pension was assessed at 48 percent or greater, you will receive a full survivor's pension (see maximum rate in Table B of the [disability pension rate table](#)). If their pension was assessed between 5 and 47 percent, your survivor's pension will be one-half the amount they were receiving.

Continuation of Disability Pension

If your spouse's Disability Pension was 5% or more, you will continue to receive your spouse's disability pension for one year as well as any amounts they received through:

- Prisoner of War compensation,
- Attendance Allowance, and
- Exceptional Incapacity Allowance.

Survivor's pension

If you receive the continuation of their disability pension, after one year you will automatically receive a survivor's pension.

If the Veteran had a disability assessment of 5% or less, they were paid that as a lump-sum. As a result, it is not possible to provide any amount to their survivor. However, if you believe that your spouse had a disability related to their military service that would have exceeded the 5% assessment, you can make a posthumous claim for a disability benefit.

There is no application form for this program.

If you qualify, you will continue to receive your spouse's pension for one year. After that, you will begin receiving the survivor's pension automatically.

[Contact us](#) if you believe that you are eligible for this benefit but are not receiving it.

Find out more

You will continue to receive your survivor's pension if you remarry.

You could still qualify for the survivor's pension if you were separated but your spouse was paying:

- alimony,
 - maintenance
 - support, or
 - an allowance
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Related programs

[VIP for primary caregivers](#) - Payment for yard and housekeeping services to help you stay in your home.

[Exceptional Incapacity Allowance](#) - Monthly payments if your illness or injury impacts your quality of life.

[Attendance Allowance](#) - Monthly payments if your health needs require personal

care support.

[Educational Assistance for children](#) - Payments for military children to cover the cost of tuition and other expenses.

Veterans Emergency Fund

Support you need, when you need it. When the unexpected happens, we can provide you funds for essentials like food, shelter, or medical expenses.

The Veterans Emergency Fund provides prompt financial support to Veterans, their families, and survivors, who are facing an unforeseen financial emergency that is threatening their health and well-being.

The Veterans Emergency Fund can cover essentials such as:

- food;
- clothing;
- rent/mortgage;
- medical care/expenses; and,
- expenses required to maintain safety and shelter.

Every situation is unique. Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis. We will also work with you to identify your long-term needs.

You should apply for the Veterans Emergency Fund if you have an urgent financial need, are a Canadian resident*, and are a:

- Veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF);
- current spouse/common-law partner of a Veteran;
- survivor of a deceased Veteran or CAF member; or
- orphan of a deceased Veteran or CAF member (or the legal guardian if the orphan is under the age of 18).

*Someone who has resided in Canada for at least 183 days in the previous fiscal year (April 1-March 31).

Before you apply

We will need as much information as possible about the financial emergency. This could include: invoices, quotes, notices, or statements to explain the situation.

If this is your first time applying to a VAC program, we will need [proof of](#)

[identity](#) (e.g. driver's license).

You can expect a decision within 1-2 business days. If approved, you will receive payment within 1-2 business days.

Online

Fill out and submit your application online through [My VAC Account](#). This is the recommended approach, and will give you the quickest response.

If you are not registered with My VAC Account, you can [register now](#).

Mail or in person*

Download the [application form](#) and mail it directly to the address listed on the form

You can also drop it off at a [VAC Area Office](#) or [CAF Transition Centre](#).*

* Offices may not be open due to COVID restrictions. Call 1-866-522-2122 to confirm.

Get help with your application

Please call 1-866-522-2122 or send a [My VAC Account](#) secure message and a VAC representative will assist you with your application.

Related programs

The [Assistance Fund](#) can help if you in a financial emergency, if you receive the War Veterans Allowance.

The [Canadian Forces Income Support](#) is a tax-free monthly benefit to help low-income Veterans, survivors, and dependent children.

Do I need to receive benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada to apply for emergency funding?

No. However, we will require the information about the Veteran in order to confirm their service history.

What will staff use to quickly confirm a Veteran's service information?

VAC staff will be able to confirm a Veteran's service information by entering their

name, service number and date of birth into our Client Service Delivery Network (CSDN). VAC will work with DND to obtain service information for those Veterans who don't have an existing relationship with VAC.

Are there policies for this program?

Yes. Read the [Veterans Emergency Fund policy](#).

Find more [Veterans Emergency Fund FAQs](#).

Attendance allowance

If you have a serious disability you may need the help of a caregiver on a daily basis. The attendance allowance helps to cover the cost of hiring a caregiver to assist you in your day-to-day li

The attendance allowance helps to cover the cost of hiring a caregiver to assist you in your day-to-day life. The amount you can receive is based on the level of care you need, from occasional to full-time supervision and care.

The amount of the allowance is based on a grade from 1-5 that reflects the nature of your disability.

You should apply for attendance allowance if you:

- Have a disability pension of 1% or more or receive Prisoner of War compensation; and
- Are totally disabled, whether your condition was service-related or not; and
- Need assistance with [activities of daily living](#) (such as eating, bathing, dressing, or moving)

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](#).

[My VAC Account](#)

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.

[Go to form](#)

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

Find out more

For more details about how grades for the attendance allowance are determined, see [Table 2 - Grade Levels - of the Table of Disabilities](#).

If you know your grade, the Attendance Allowance [rates table](#) shows the amount by grade.

Learn more about what qualifies as [totally disabled](#).

Related programs

[Disability pension](#): A monthly benefit to Veterans who have a service-related injury or illness.

[Prisoner of War compensation](#): Monthly compensation if you were taken prisoner or detained by enemy forces.

[Exceptional incapacity allowance](#): A monthly benefit when your disability is causing a major financial impact on your life.

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

How much could I receive?

The amount you receive depends on the nature of your disability. A grade level between 1 and 5 is assigned depending on the impact your disability has on your ability to live independently. Grade 1 is the highest grade. See the [current rates](#).

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](#).

Are there policies for this program?

Yes. Read more about the [attendance allowance policies](#).

IN THE MEDIA

[Fort Canada is restored on Gibraltar](#)

CMEA

The Fortress of Gibraltar Group has recently completed the restoration of a pillbox on The Rock of Gibraltar that was constructed by Royal Canadian Engineers during the Second World War. The Rock of Gibraltar is the key to the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea from the Atlantic Ocean. Through the years, the Royal Engineers had excavated tunnels and galleries in the rock for defensive purposes. During World War II, Gibraltar was a major naval and air base. It became a vital strong point after the fall of France and upon the entry of Italy into the war since the Germans were on the Spanish border and the Italian fleet was poised in the East. Two Royal Engineer Tunnelling Companies were dispatched to Gibraltar in 1940.

[Canadian Veteran to be buried in United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Busan with full military honours](#)

CMEA via *The Korean War Veteran*, June 19, 2022

A Canadian Korean War Veteran will be buried in the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Busan on Tuesday, June 22, three days before the 72nd anniversary of the June 25, 1950 start of the Korean War. Soldat John Joseph Jean Robert Cormier will be the 13th veteran from one of the overseas nations that served with United Nations Forces during the 1950-1953 war to be laid to rest in the veterans section of the expansive cemetery in the Nam-gu district of Busan.

[Small blessings: Military marks National Indigenous Peoples Day in Ottawa Canada investing \\$4.9 billion to modernize North American defences](#)

[Avec l'OTAN, à quelques centaines de kilomètres du front](#)

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[Un général à la retraite accusé d'agression sexuelle](#)

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