

Media Report 17 Sept 2021

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. Have you made an application for disability benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada and received a decision? If you disagree with that decision, you have the right to review or appeal

Province/Territory	Total Percentage vaccinated	Total % Fully vaccinated	Eligible (12+) Percentage vaccinated	Eligible (12+) % Fully vaccinated	Received from manufacturer	Received doses administered	Updated
Yukon	79.5%	76.2%	96.6%	92.6%	67,840	96.5%	Sep. 9
Northwest Territories	77.3%	72.4%	92.1%	86.2%	82,230	82.2%	Sep. 7
Prince Edward Island	81.0%	73.2%	92.0%	83.1%	283,325	86.9%	Sep. 9
Quebec	77.3%	70.9%	88.5%	81.2%	14,044,503	90.5%	Sep. 10
Nova Scotia	77.8%	71.7%	87.5%	80.6%	1,661,340	88.1%	Sep. 10
Newfoundland and Labrador	80.6%	71.8%	87.0%	77.6%	876,150	90.8%	Sep. 10
New Brunswick	76.1%	68.2%	85.7%	76.9%	1,306,015	86.3%	Sep. 10
British Columbia	76.8%	70.0%	85.6%	78.0%	7,855,710	96.5%	Sep. 10
Manitoba	72.5%	67.8%	85.0%	79.5%	2,435,630	79.5%	Sep. 10
Canada	74.4%	68.1%	84.6%	77.5%	63,750,454	85.1%	Sep. 10
Ontario	74.4%	68.7%	84.2%	77.7%	26,174,971	80.6%	Sep. 10
Nunavut	60.6%	53.6%	81.7%	72.2%	61,530	73.0%	Sep. 7
Alberta	66.4%	59.6%	78.0%	70.0%	6,897,135	81.7%	Sep. 10
Saskatchewan	67.0%	59.9%	76.5%	68.3%	2,004,075	74.6%	Sep. 10

Provincial and territorial data is collected from official government websites, news releases and press conferences.

Percentage of population vaccinated is based on the number of people who have received at least one dose.

NATO NEWS AND THOUGHTS [From SHELLDRAKE] 17 September 2021

A new addition to the weekly news will be a short set of comments and remarks about NATO and what is happening that might be of interest to members. Some history that was shared in a Presidents Report back in the spring of 2019. Please note that the author will write as "Shelldrake" and members are invited to add remarks. We do not have the staff talents to respond to Letters!

At the Unit #3 Meeting 21 April 2019. RAdm Scott Bishop – in uniform – shared breakfast and spoke to our small gathering of NATO Veterans Organization of Canada members. He joined in 1983 and is today the Chief of Defence Intelligence.

My Observations at the time

- NATO is not what it was during the Cold War. It is now very much a political institution. Much of the Military capability has been lost. NATO is not ready to "fight tonight";
- There is a very long way to go to achieve NATO as a Military Fighting Alliance. They have lost much of the integrated and Joint capabilities. Have to improvise from the get go.
- SACEUR is not happy with the state of affairs. Super hard to move military forces around the European Union. Civilians can pack up in Spain and move to Estonia in three daysbut it is tough to move military forces around this happy Union of Countries;
- NATO will never have the force structures that we had during the Cold War – we had 198 Army Brigades in readiness in 1987 – 4 CMBG was one of these Brigades – plus strong Air Force power. This will not happen again;
- Eastern Europe members of NATO have distrust of the west and the west distrust the east. All of them are highly penetrated and compromised.
- The Major Stress point is Turkey.

The idea that really resonated for me was that we often consider conflict to be a binary switch – we are at War or we are at Peace. Not at all the case today – the Russians are in a State of Information Conflict – Economic Conflict – Diplomatic Conflict all the time. No need to drop a bomb. The conflict spectrum today is so much wider than what we experienced. Words have new meanings – we do not talk "Offensive" or "Defensive" – we now talk "Active Cyber" not "Offensive Cyber".

More next week.

<https://www.iiss.org/blogs/analysis/2019/04/five-challenges-for-nato>

<https://www.ies.be/files/private/14%29%20Shea%20-%20NATO%20Emerging%20Challenges.pdf>

Randy Stowell

National president NVOC

To: All Ontario Royal Canadian Legion Branches Subject: E-mail enquires regarding Vaccine Passports

To: All Ontario Royal Canadian Legion Branches Subject: E-mail enquires regarding Vaccine Passports We are suggesting Branches contact their local Public Health Unit and have them provide in writing the protocols required. As each Branch is autonomous in their day-to-day operations it is up to them however, they cannot supersede the Public Health Unit rules as both patron and Branch could be subject to fines for not following protocols. According to the Provincial Government of Ontario (see link <https://covid19.ontario.ca/index.html>) vaccine passports will be required mainly for indoor high-risk settings where face masks can't always be worn. Here's where you'll need proof of vaccination: • Restaurants and bars (excluding outdoor patios) • Nightclubs (including outdoor areas) • Meeting and event spaces, such as banquet halls and conference/convention centres • Facilities used for sports and fitness activities and person fitness training, such as gyms, fitness and recreational facilities (with the exception of youth recreational sport) • Sporting events • Casinos, bingo halls and gaming establishments • Concerts, music festivals, theatres and cinemas • Strip clubs, bathhouses and sex clubs • Racing venues Here's where you won't need proof of vaccination: At no time will anyone be prevented from accessing necessary medical care, food from grocery stores, basic medical supplies or other essentials • Voting in upcoming federal election • Outdoor settings, including patios, with the exception of outdoor nightclub spaces • Takeaway and delivery services from restaurants and bars • Retail shopping • Salons • Banks • Places of worship Unvaccinated people with medical exemptions and people under 12 will also be exempt. A negative COVID-19 test or recent infection will not entitle a person to enter non essential settings, although the government said there will be a narrow, time-limited exceptions for testing. From Sept. 22 to Oct 12, a negative test taken within 48 hours will enable a person to enter if they're not fully vaccinated to accommodate for weddings and funerals that have already been planned. We are also keeping current with the requirements that may need to be in place for our Military as their proof of vaccination is different than civilian proof of vaccine. The below is taken from the Ontario Portal so I think the Health officials have thought of "out of Province" vaccinations – which I believe Military would fall under link <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1000779/ontario-to-require-proof-of-vaccination-in-select-settings> The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command 89 Industrial Parkway North Aurora, ON L4G 4C4 Tel: 905-841-7999 Fax: 905-841-9992 www.on.legion.ca

Membership Renewal Time

2022 Legion Membership Stricker are now in

Membership Renewal Blitz!!!

Saturday, September 18th, 2021

From 1 to 5 pm

2022

Membership

Program Ending December 30

Open to all members in good standing

\$50.00 per membership

Your Early Bird membership gets entered into all our monthly draws, unless of course you win one.

Ways to Renew Your Membership

Stop by the Branch.

4026 Old Richmond Rd., Ottawa.

Branch Hours

Tuesday to Thursday – 1 to 6pm

Friday – Noon to 7 pm

Saturday – Noon to 6 pm

Renew Online;<https://portal.legion.ca/member/membership-renewal>

You will need to login into your account or create an account on the Dominion website. To create a new account, follow the instructions on the right side of the web page.

Renew by Mail; Our Branch Mailing address is:

P.O. Box 11187
Station H, Ottawa, Ontario
K2H 7T9

Please make cheques payable to Bells Corners Legion Branch 593 and in the memo section of your cheque please write in your Membership Number. Please enclose any updated address information so we can keep our database correct. Please include your phone number, cell number, email address, and updated residence address.

If you wish us for us to mail your membership 2022 sticker or card to you, please indicated so.

Thank you for you continuing membership and support.

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Shawn Taillon
Branch Newsletter Editor

Chapter 2 – Quality of Life Rating Chapter

Introduction

This chapter is used to assess the effects of an entitled condition on a Member/Veteran/Client's Quality of Life (QOL). Activities of Independent Living, Recreational and Community Activities, and Personal Relationships are all components considered in a QOL rating. One QOL rating is arrived at for each entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions. The term "bracketed conditions" is defined as entitled conditions which affect the same body areas or result in a similar loss of function and cannot be separated for medical assessment purposes, that are grouped or "bracketed" together to arrive at one Medical Impairment rating.

The effects of an entitled condition may limit or prevent the fulfilment of a role in the above-noted QOL components that would be normal for a Member/Veteran/Client of the same age without a disability.

It must be emphasized that, when and where possible, the usual or accustomed activities that the Member/Veteran/Client was engaged in prior to the disability or worsening of the disability should be the major consideration in determining the QOL effects from the entitled condition or the bracketed entitled conditions. In addition, the inability to perform or to modify usual QOL activities must be directly due to the entitled condition and not other variables or characteristics such as non-entitled condition(s), lack of skill, motivation, choice, availability or access to recreational activities, employment, etc. The appropriate QOL level will be determined based on the provided information. In the absence of the QOL information, a Member/Veteran/Client will be awarded the minimum QOL level 1 rating in relation to the Medical Impairment rating.

Judgement is to be used by the decision maker as to the extent that the entitled condition contributed to the QOL effects versus other factors such as non-entitled condition(s), etc. The Partially Contributing Table should not be applied to the QOL rating as that table is specific to the calculation of Medical Impairment ratings only.

Each time there is a new entitlement award or a review of an assessment, at either the departmental or VRAB level, a QOL rating for each entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions is added to the Medical Impairment rating to arrive at the Disability Assessment. It is the final Disability Assessment which would be the subject of a review or appeal.

Assessment Example:

Member/Veteran/Client is entitled for chronic sinusitis and hearing loss:

Medical Impairment rating for chronic sinusitis

[Table 10.2](#)

(Nose, Throat, Sinus Impairment Assessment chapter) is 5.

QOL rating for chronic sinusitis

[Table 2.2](#) (QOL chapter) at level 1 is 1.

Disability Assessment for chronic sinusitis is 6%

Medical Impairment rating for hearing loss
[Table 9.1](#)(Hearing Loss and Ear Impairment) is 20

QOL rating for hearing loss
[Table 2.2](#)(QOL chapter) at level 1 is 2.

Disability Assessment for hearing loss is 22%.

The Member/Veteran/Client would have a Total Disability of 28% (6% + 22%).

Partial Entitlements

In cases of partial entitlement, the Medical Impairment rating and the QOL rating are added and the level of entitlement is applied to determine the Disability Assessment.

In cases of bracketed assessments, the bracketed Medical Impairment rating and QOL rating are added and the highest degree of entitlement is applied to determine the Disability Assessment.

Definitions:

“Activities of Independent Living” refer to the Member/Veteran/Client's ability to sustain effective routines in a domestic and/or work environment and to perform important activities such as using forms of transport which enable the Member/Veteran/Client to maintain self-sufficiency. The ability to work takes into account any necessary changes or modifications to employment or the workplace. Only the impact of the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions on the Member/Veteran/Client's ability to engage in these activities is to be taken into account; the Member/Veteran/Client's inability to do domestic, travel or employment activities for some other reason (e.g. choice, habit, inexperience, lack of skill) is not to be taken into account.

“Recreational and Community Activities” refers to the ability to take part in any activities of the Member/Veteran/Client's choosing. A recreational rating is based on the Member/Veteran/Client's normal recreational and community activities and measures the limitation placed by the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions on the ability to continue those activities. It also takes into account the Member/Veteran/Client's need to modify recreational pursuits or to seek alternatives. Community activities include work in a voluntary capacity.

“Personal relationships” refers to the Member/Veteran/Client's ability to initiate, take part in and maintain appropriate and customary social, sexual and interpersonal relationships. To determine the effect on personal relationships, it is necessary to establish how the physical and psychological effects of the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions affect the Member/Veteran/Client's usual ability to interact socially with others.

Method of Assessment

To determine the appropriate QOL level, three (3) levels of ratings are used within [Table 2.1](#) (Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3).

Once the appropriate QOL level is determined, and the Medical Impairment rating of the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions is identified, the final calculation of the QOL rating is determined using [Table 2.2](#).

Level 1

At this level the Member/Veteran/Client's QOL is considered mildly affected by the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions. “Mildly Affected” is defined as a slight degree of change in usual and accustomed QOL functioning which is due to the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions.

Level 2

At this level, the Member/Veteran/Client's QOL is considered to be moderately affected by the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions. “Moderately Affected” is defined as a medium degree of change in usual and

accustomed QOL functioning which is due to the entitled condition or bracketed entitled condition.

Level 3

At this level, the Member/Veteran/Client's quality of life is considered to be extremely affected by the entitled conditions. "Extremely Affected" is defined as a significant degree of change in usual and accustomed QOL functioning which is due to the entitled condition and or bracketed entitled conditions.

Calculation of Quality of Life Rating and Disability Assessment

Follow the steps below to calculate the QOL rating.

Step 1:

Determine the QOL level due to each entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions using [Table 2.1](#).

Step 2:

Determine the QOL rating using [Table 2.2](#). Identify the Medical Impairment rating for the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions as calculated using the Medical Impairment chapters and apply the QOL level to determine the final QOL rating for each entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions.

Step 3:

If there is full entitlement for an entitled condition, add the Medical Impairment rating and QOL rating to form the Disability Assessment.

[If there is partial entitlement for an entitled condition]:

the Medical Impairment rating and the QOL rating are added and the level of entitlement is applied to determine the Disability Assessment.

In cases of bracketed assessments, the Medical Impairment rating and QOL rating are added and the highest degree of entitlement is applied to determine the Disability Assessment.

Every Member/Veteran/Client will be assigned a rating from the Level 1 column based on the Medical Impairment rating from the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions (calculated using the Medical Impairment chapters), unless it is determined that the criteria to establish a higher rating of Level 2 or Level 3 are met. To establish a level 2 or 3 rating, the majority of criteria for that level must be met.

Table 2.1 -QOL Level Determination Table

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QOL LEVEL	CRITERIA
Level 1	<p>Mild interference with the ability to carry out the <i>usual and accustomed</i> activities of independent living, recreational and community activities, and/or personal relationships due to the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to perform domestic/household activities on own but may require greater effort; or able to engage in usual employment, but experiences difficulty in carrying out full range of occupational activities due to entitled condition and may require modification to workplace, provision of aids or restructuring of tasks; • Able to drive a private motor vehicle or use public transportation independently, but may need vehicular adaptations, special seating or more frequent breaks; • Mild limitation with usual and accustomed type, frequency and quality of recreational and community activities e.g., reduced frequency of activity; may require some assistance to participate in activity; may require changes in routine or activity. Recreational and community activities are still satisfying; • Mild reduction in the *scope, frequency and quality of usual and accustomed social and inter-personal relationships, e.g., contact with family, casual friends, colleagues and neighbours may occur but contact with casual acquaintances and participation in large gatherings may be avoided or reduced; occurrence of conflict in relationships more frequent than before; the inability to carry out some usual and accustomed family or social responsibilities

due to the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions.

Moderate interference with the ability to carry out the *usual and accustomed* activities of independent living, recreational and community activities, and/or personal relationships due to the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions:

Majority of the following criteria must be met for a level 2 rating.

Level 2

- Able to perform domestic/household activities with assistance/special adaptations; or unable to work full time in normal occupation, or has had to change occupation or number of hours worked, or both because of the entitled condition;
 - Unable to drive but can travel using public or private transportation with assistance and/or vehicular adaptations;
 - Moderate limitation with usual and accustomed type, frequency and quality of recreational and community activities e.g., reduced frequency of activity; requires changes in routine or activity, able to participate in activity but requires assistance;
 - Moderate reduction in the *scope, frequency and quality of usual and accustomed inter-personal, social and interpersonal relationships; relationships primarily confined to immediate family and close friends; unable to carry out most of the usual and accustomed family responsibilities and is uninterested or distressed by partaking in usual family or social activities or outings due to the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions.
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Extreme interference with the ability to carry out *usual and accustomed* activities of independent living, recreational and community activities, and/or personal relationships due to the entitled condition or bracketed entitled conditions. Majority of the following criteria must be met for a level 3 rating.

Level 3

- Not able to complete most domestic/household activities even with assistance or special adaptations; or unable to work due to entitled condition;
 - Not able to use private or public transportation and is dependent on transportation for the disabled;
 - Extreme limitation in usual and accustomed type, frequency and quality of recreational and community activities e.g., unable to take part in usual and accustomed activities and unable participate in alternate activities;
 - Extreme reduction in the *scope, frequency and quality of usual and accustomed inter-personal, social and interpersonal relationships. Severely affected relationships with extreme difficulty in relating to anyone e.g. virtually little or no contact with family members, close friends: relationships with family
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or friends, etc. are almost non-existent and extremely strained; unable to carry out most usual and accustomed family responsibilities.

*Scope is defined as family, friends, colleagues and neighbours.

Table 2.2 – Quality of Life Conversion Table

(Medical Impairment rating + QOLRating = Disability Assessment)

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MEDICAL IMPAIRMENT RATING (CALCULATED USING IMPAIRMENT CHAPTERS)	LEVEL 1 QOLRATING	LEVEL 2 QOLRATING	LEVEL 3 QOLRATING
1-10	1	2	N/A
11 – 20	2	3	5
21 – 30	3	5	7
31 – 40	4	6	9
41 – 50	5	7	11
51 – 60	6	9	13
61 – 70	7	11	15
71 – 80	8	13	17
81 – 100	10	15	20

Note: As per the Pension Act, payment of disability pensions/awards/compensations cannot exceed the maximum of 100% as set out in Schedule I or Schedule 3 of the Veterans Well-being Act.

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CFB Esquimalt — The Lookout	CFB Valcartier — The Adsum
CFSU Ottawa — The Guard	CFB Kingston — Garrison News
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