

Media Report 09 June 2023

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.

Remembering the Fallen Sappers of D-Day 6 June 1944

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Next year, Canada and other allied nations will return to Normandy to mark the 80th anniversary of the landings, commemorating the service and sacrifice of the soldiers, sailors and airmen who carried out one of history's greatest military achievements.

Unfortunately, with time and the passing of the remaining veterans of Normandy, memories and interests seem to have faded. The Canadian government does not appear to have scheduled any commemorative events this year, possibly saving their efforts for next year's bigger commemoration in France. For this year, in the name of those who fought, died and suffered, it is left to us to remember. Please take a moment or two to look at our webpage [Juno Beach Tributes: D-Day](#)

Request for assistance: June 15 deadline to transfer PSHCP coverage / Demande d'aide : Date limite du 15 juin pour transférer la couverture du RSSFP

We are asking for your help in spreading the word to Veterans about an important **June 15 deadline**.

On 1 July 2023, the Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP) administrator will change from Sun Life to Canada Life. Veterans who access the plan through Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) **need to complete Canada Life enrolment packages to avoid possibly having their PSHCP coverage cancelled**.

This impacts all Veterans or survivors with Public Service Health Care Plan (PSHCP) coverage through VAC. If Veterans are receiving coverage through VAC, they will see monthly premium deductions in their bank account. If coverage is through their pension, they are not required to complete this process. VAC plan members will also have a certificate number that starts with V50 or V59.

These members should already have received an enrolment package from Canada Life containing forms that must be completed. **Forms must be returned using the postage paid return envelope by 15 June 2023 to avoid possible coverage termination and claims payment interruptions.**

If members have not received a package, or if they have any questions, they should contact Canada Life by email at bas@canadalife.com or call 1-855-415-4414.

Please help us emphasize the importance and urgency of completing and returning these enrolment packages. Here are links to our latest social media posts on this matter. Please reshare these on your own channels where possible:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)

We appreciate your help in sharing this important message.

Sincerely,

Engagement and Events Team

Veterans Affairs Canada

engagement@veterans.gc.ca

Bonjour,

Nous sollicitons votre aide pour informer les vétérans de l'importante **date limite du 15 juin**.

Le 1^{er} juillet 2023, l'administrateur du Régime de soins de santé de la fonction publique (RSSFP) passera de la Sun Life à la Canada Vie. Les vétérans qui ont accès au régime par l'intermédiaire d'Anciens Combattants Canada (ACC) **doivent remplir les trousseaux d'adhésion de la Canada Vie pour éviter que leur couverture du RSSFP ne soit annulée.**

Ce changement a une incidence sur tous les vétérans ou survivants couverts par le Régime de soins de santé de la fonction publique (RSSFP) par l'intermédiaire d'ACC. Si les vétérans sont couverts par ACC, ils verront des déductions de primes mensuelles sur leur relevé bancaire. Si leur couverture découle de leur régime de retraite, ils ne sont pas tenus de suivre ce processus. Les membres couverts par ACC ont également un numéro de certificat qui commence par V50 ou V59.

Ces membres devraient déjà avoir reçu une trousse d'adhésion de la Canada Vie contenant des formulaires qui doivent être remplis. **Ces formulaires doivent être retournés à l'aide de l'enveloppe de retour préaffranchie avant le 15 juin 2023 pour éviter une éventuelle résiliation de la couverture et des interruptions de paiement des réclamations.**

Si des membres n'ont pas reçu de trousse ou s'ils ont des questions, ils doivent communiquer avec la Canada Vie par courriel à bas@canadalife.com ou composer le 1-855-415-4414.

Nous vous demandons de nous aider à souligner l'importance et l'urgence de remplir et de retourner ces trousse d'adhésion. Voici les liens vers nos derniers messages sur les réseaux sociaux à ce sujet. Veuillez les partager sur vos propres chaînes dans la mesure du possible :

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)

Nous vous remercions de nous aider à diffuser ce message important.

Sincères salutations,

Équipe de mobilisation et des événements

Anciens Combattants Canada

engagement@veterans.gc.ca

Long-term care

Do you require 24-hour personal and nursing care on a short-term or long-term basis? We can provide financial support to qualifying Veterans for the cost of this care.

All health systems in Canada provide some level of long-term care support in provincially licensed or regulated facilities.

Financial support from Veterans Affairs Canada may be available when you have been admitted to 24-hour care in a community bed (available to any provincial resident) or contract bed (only available to Second World War or Korean War Veterans).

The assessment process and admission to long-term care facilities is managed by your provincial, regional, or local health authority. Please

contact the agency responsible for long-term care in your province or territory:

- [Alberta](#)
 - [British Columbia](#)
 - [Manitoba](#)
 - [New Brunswick](#)
 - [Newfoundland and Labrador](#)
 - [Northwest Territories](#)
 - [Nova Scotia](#)
 - [Nunavut](#)
 - [Ontario](#)
 - [Prince Edward Island](#)
 - [Quebec](#)
 - [Saskatchewan](#)
 - [Yukon](#)
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If you have been admitted to a long-term care facility, you may qualify for and should apply for financial assistance if you served in the Canadian Armed Forces and have:

- a low income,
 - a service-related disability, or
 - a health need for long-term care.
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Before you apply for financial assistance from Veterans Affairs Canada, you must first be admitted to a long-term care facility.

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

Download the [application package](#) (VAC1503APe). Then, drop it off at a [VAC office](#). 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](#) can assist you, or call us at 1-866-522-2122.

Note for legal representatives: Include a copy of the document that shows you to be the legal representative (e.g. Power of Attorney). If you have previously provided this, you do not need to send it again.

Related programs

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

[Veterans Independence Program](#) - Payments for home and health care services that you need to remain independent at home.

[War Veterans Allowance](#) - Monthly payments if you have a low household income.

What is the maximum a Veteran must pay toward their long-term care accommodation costs?

Effective 1 October 2022, the maximum accommodation and meals monthly amount paid by a Veteran is \$1,190.63. Any supplementary charges such as the costs of semi-private or private rooms are not part of this calculation.

Do some Veterans pay less than the maximum amount?

Veterans who are admitted to care as a direct result of a condition for which they are in receipt of a disability benefit are not required to pay toward their long-term care. Also, Veterans may have a reduced contribution if they are married or have a lower income.

Where can I find the policies for this program?

Read the [policies related to the long-term care program](#)

Assessment and Reassessment of a Disability

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Care has been taken to ensure these policies accurately reflect the acts and regulations. Should any inconsistencies be found, the acts and regulations will prevail.

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide direction with respect to the assessment and reassessment of a disability for which a disability benefit has been granted.

Policy

General

1. The extent of the disability is determined on the basis of current clinical examination findings from either an applicant's personal physician/practitioner or a Departmental Medical Officer.
2. The assessment of a disability may range from nil (0%) to 100% and is determined in accordance with the Table of Disabilities.
3. The amount of disability benefit awarded is dependent on the extent of disability suffered from an entitled condition, and paid in accordance with rates set out in the applicable schedules of the acts.

4. The assessment of a disability is made following the award of a new entitlement or in response to an application or request for the reassessment of an already entitled disability.

Pain and Suffering Compensation (PSC)

1. For information on the assessment and re-assessment of a disability for which PSC was granted, or for which a Disability Award (DA) was granted but was not assessed, see the Pain and Suffering Compensation Policy

Disability Pensions - Grandfathering Provision (2006 Edition of the Table of Disabilities)

1. Assessments for pensioned individuals or bracketed disabilities which were established using the 1995 edition of the Table of Disabilities are grandfathered and protected from any decrease in assessment related to the introduction of the 2006 edition of the Table of Disabilities.
2. As interim assessments, assessments with assigned mandatory reviews, and temporary high assessments are provisional in nature, they are not protected by this grandfathering provision.

Disability Pensions - Limitation on Reduction

1. No reduction in the assessment of a given pensioned disability shall be made if the same assessment has been in effect for three years or more and the Veteran has reached the age of 55 years.
2. For pensioners having reached the age of 55, the assessment of their disability becomes stabilized three years following the effective date of that given assessment.
3. In cases where the stabilized assessment is increased, the assessment shall not subsequently be reduced below the previously stabilized assessment.
4. As interim assessments, assessments with assigned mandatory reviews, and temporary high assessments are provisional in nature, they are not protected from reduction.

Redress

1. As interim assessments, assessments with assigned mandatory reviews, and temporary high assessments are provisional in nature, they cannot be reviewed or appealed.

References

[Pension Act](#), sections 35 and 37

[Veterans Well-being Act](#), sections 48, 51, and 53

[Date Payable – Disability Benefits, Special Awards, and Prisoner of War Compensation](#)

[Review of Decisions](#)

IN THE MEDIA

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[Se souvenir des sapeurs tombés du jour J 6 juin 1944](#)

AGMC

Le mardi 6 juin 2023 marque le 79e anniversaire du débarquement du jour J. Ce jour-là en 1944, 359 Canadiens ont été tués au combat sur les plages de Normandie. Parmi eux se trouvaient dix-neuf sapeurs, dont bon nombre étaient les premiers soldats canadiens à mettre le pied sur Juno Beach, menant l'effort et les troupes sur le débarquement couvert d'obstacles. Le jour J a marqué le début de la bataille de Normandie qui a duré jusqu'en août et qui a coûté la vie à près de 5 000 jeunes Canadiens de plus. [Lire Plus](#)

Base/Wing — Newspaper

14 Wing Greenwood — [The Aurora](#)

22 Wing North Bay — [The Shield](#)

4 Wing Cold Lake — [The Courier](#)

CFB Esquimalt — [The Lookout](#)

CFSU Ottawa — [The Guard](#)

CFB Shilo — [The Shilo Stag](#)

19 Wing Comox — [The Totem Times](#)

8 Wing Trenton — [The Contact](#)

CFB Petawawa — [The Petawawa Post](#)

17 Wing Winnipeg — [The Voxair](#)

CFB Halifax — [The Trident](#)

CFB Edmonton — [The Western Sentinel](#)

CFB Valcartier — [The Adsum](#)

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