

Media Report 15 April 2022

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 appel

Juno Beach Centre update

Hello coffee group members,

I know many of you are following the news around the Juno Beach Centre (JBC) and the proposed 66-unit condominium development to be constructed beside the JBC. The ["Save Juno Beach" letter writing campaign](#) has raised awareness among Canadians and the media about the situation.

The Minister of Veterans Affairs, Lawrence MacAulay, shares the concerns about this development and the need to protect the commemorative integrity of the JBC site as a place of remembrance for all who visit, including Canadians.

As part of the Minister's visit to Europe to commemorate the 105th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, the Minister visited the site and the local French municipal government officials. This visit garnered media attention both in Canada and France.

On his final day in France, the Minister also met with his French counterpart, Mrs. Geneviève Darrieusecq, Minister Delegate to the Minister of the Armed Forces, in charge of Remembrance and Veterans Affairs to discuss the JBC situation. The Ministers agreed on the importance for Canada and France to honour the sacrifice of Canadian soldiers who fell at Juno Beach in 1944 to return freedom and democracy to Europe. The Ministers resolved to work together to seek a favourable outcome to resolve the neighbouring dispute that could negatively impact the operations of the Juno Beach Centre (Courseulles-sur-Mer) and to protect this historic site for France and Canada.

As we are four months before the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid, the Ministers reaffirmed their mutual commitment to the importance of commemorations and our joint duty of remembrance. Please find attached a summary of the Minister's meeting with his French counterpart.

Thank you

Paul

Deputy Minister | Sous-ministre

Veterans Independence Program VIP

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About this program

The Veterans Independence Program provides annual tax-free funding for services such as grounds maintenance, housekeeping, meal preparation, personal care, and professional health and support services.

This program does not replace other federal, provincial or municipal programs. Instead, it is intended to work with those programs to help meet your needs.

Note: If you think you may have a need for these services, be sure to complete the Veterans Independence Program application at the same time as your Pain and Suffering Compensation application. If approved, this will allow you to access support at the earliest possible date.

Do you qualify?

You should apply for the Veterans Independence Program if you need home care services and you:

- have qualified for a disability benefit, or
 - have qualified for the War Veterans Allowance, or
 - receive Prisoner of War Compensation, or
 - are eligible for, but can't access, a Contract Bed (also known as a Priority Access Bed) in a long term care facility.
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How to apply

Get help with your application

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

Additional information

Find out more

Services covered by VIP funding include:

- Grounds maintenance (can include snow removal, lawn mowing, etc.)
- Housekeeping (can include assistance with cleaning, laundry, meal preparation, errands, etc.)
- Access to nutrition (e.g. meal delivery services)
- Professional healthcare and support (nursing services, occupational therapy, assessments, etc.)
- Personal care
- Ambulatory healthcare (assessments, diagnostics, activities and transportation to these services)
- Transportation (transportation to social or community activities)
- Long term care
- Home adaptations (contribution towards modifications to the Veteran's principal residence that are necessary for the Veteran to carry out everyday activities).

See [current maximum rates payable](#) for these services.

[Healthcare service providers](#) - Learn more about providing VIP services and how to become a registered provider.

Related programs

[Disability Benefit](#): Compensation to recognize that your injury or illness is a result of your military service.

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

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

[Attendance Allowance](#): Monthly payments if your health needs require personal care support.

[Veterans Independence Program for survivors](#): As a surviving spouse, you may qualify for help to remain independent in your home.

[Veterans Independence Program for primary caregiver](#): You may qualify for help to remain independent in your home.

Frequently asked questions

What is the fastest way to apply for VIP services?

The fastest way to apply is by using [My VAC Account](#).

I am currently living outside of Canada, can I still receive my VIP benefits?

Unfortunately, Veterans Independence Program payments can only be provided to you when you are residing in Canada.

Can I choose any provider of services?

You may obtain services from the provider of your choice.

How is my housekeeping/grounds maintenance grant calculated?

The housekeeping and grounds maintenance grants are calculated based on your level of need and the going rate for these services in your area, up to [allowable maximum amount](#). These rates are determined by a review of costs for these services across the country, including the labour market index. This national rate table shows the [going rates payable by geographic area](#).

What is a "Benefit Year"? Do my benefits have an end date?

We create one-year arrangements for VIP benefits, however this does not mean that your benefits will stop after one year. Your benefits will continue for as long as you need them. The one-year arrangement is a mechanism we use to help manage your support. However, if your health needs or other circumstances change at any time, please contact us.

Are there policies for this program?

Read the [Veterans Independence Program policies](#).

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