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The life cycle timeline to 2019

Pension For Life must first go through Canada's legislative process, meaning acts and regulations around the current New Veterans Charter must be amended and new sections of legislation created.



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WINTER 2018

Changes to existing Acts are drafted with the Department of Justice and introduced in the House of Commons. The Minister consults with Veterans and Canadians.

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SPRING 2018

Proposed changes to the regulations are published in the Canada Gazette so that all Veterans and their families, stakeholders and Canadians at large, can see what is proposed and can provide comment.

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SPRING 2018

Members of Parliament debate the principle of a Bill. A committee studies the Bill carefully. They can ask for government officials and experts to come and answer questions.

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SUMMER 2018

Once the Bill receives approval, the next steps include seeking regulatory and funding approvals through a Treasury Board Submission.



These steps are an important part of the legislative process and will allow for review and debate.

Building a more supportive system

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FALL 2018 - WINTER 2019

Once the Parliamentary process is complete, Veterans Affairs Canada will need to review the files of Veterans who are already receiving benefits and contact them about how the new benefits will affect them and develop the systems and processes needed to efficiently deliver the new benefits on April 1, 2019.

THIS MEANS:

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Ensure frontline employees are fully trained and ready to help Veterans and deliver the new programs

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Build systems to deliver benefits, for example, update My VAC Account to allow for electronic application and streamlined digital processing

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Review files of Veterans already receiving benefits and reach out to them to discuss the new benefits and their impacts



Until all this work is done and the new benefits come into effect, Veterans will continue to receive the current benefits and services for which they are eligible.