

ADDITIONAL PAIN AND SUFFERING COMPENSATION (non-taxable)

The Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation (APSC) will provide additional recognition and compensation to Veterans who are experiencing barriers to establishment in life after service due to a service-related permanent and severe impairment. It compensates for recognition, not for loss of earnings.

The APSC is expected to come into effect April 1, 2019.

ELIGIBILITY

A Veteran may receive the APSC if he or she has a service-related disability for which they have already received a Disability Pension, a Disability Award, or a Pain and Suffering Compensation (PSC). In addition, that disability must be causing a permanent and severe impairment which is creating a barrier to re-establishing in life after service.

There is no time limit for making an application for the APSC.

PAYMENT CALCULATION

If a Veteran is assessed as being Grade 1, their benefit amount will be \$1,500 per month. If Grade 2, their benefit will be \$1,000 per month. If Grade 3 their benefit will be \$500 per month. These levels of payment are determined by the extent of the Veteran's impairment and barriers to re-establishment.

The amounts will be indexed annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index.

NON-TAXABLE BENEFIT

As with the PSC, the APSC is not taxable

PAYMENT DELIVERY

Payments will be made on a monthly basis and continue to be paid for the duration of the Veteran's life. This would only change if the Veteran were to notify us regarding an improvement in health and became no longer eligible to receive the benefit.

IN THE EVENT OF DEATH

This benefit is exclusively for Veterans who themselves have experienced severe and permanent impairments that have created barriers to establishment of life after service.

OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT

There are other non-taxable benefits available, such as the existing Clothing Allowance and Critical Injury Benefit, and the new PSC. Veterans who have service-related injury and/or illness can also receive the Income Replacement Benefit, a taxable benefit which is meant to compensate for loss of earnings. A wide range of benefits, programs and services in support of overall well-being—social, mental, physical and professional—are also available to Veterans through VAC.

*Recipients of an EIA are not eligible for the APSC.

