

# Service Health Records for Disability Benefit Application



Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) disability benefits are provided to those who have a service-related disability. To receive a disability benefit you must have a diagnosed medical condition or disability and show that the condition or disability is related to your service.

## VAC will obtain your health records

When your application for disability benefits is received, we will obtain a copy of your service health records. Your records will be reviewed as part of your application. Under the *Pension Act* and the *Canadian Forces Members and Veterans Re-establishment and Compensation Act*, VAC has the authority to obtain these records directly from the Department of National Defence or Library and Archives Canada.

## Service relationship

To be eligible for a disability benefit, your service health records should contain sufficient evidence to show that your disability is related to your service.

## You may request your service health records

The *Privacy Act* provides you the right to request a copy of your personal information held by a government institution and the right to request corrections or have a notation added to any recorded personal information. VAC has no authority to change or update your service health records. You may send your request to the **Access to Information and Privacy** section of the appropriate department:

- Department of National Defence (if you are still serving or recently released)  
<http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/transparency-access-info-privacy/request-forms.page>
- Library and Archives Canada (if you are no longer serving) <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/the-public/005-6010-e.html>
- RCMP Health Services (if you are still serving or have served with the RCMP)  
<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/atip-aiprp/index-eng.htm>

For more information:  
**veterans.gc.ca**  
**1-866-522-2122**



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