



CAREGIVER RECOGNITION BENEFIT

Background

In response to requests from Veterans and their families, the Government of Canada is enhancing and simplifying support to Veterans' families and informal caregivers by providing a monthly, tax-free payment directly to Veterans' informal caregivers. The new Caregiver Recognition Benefits replaces the Family Caregiver Relief Benefit.

The proposed changes deliver directly on the mandate commitments of the Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence and were requested through consultations with the Veterans caregiver stakeholder community.

Quick Facts

This new tax-free benefit of \$1,000 a month will be paid directly to a Veteran's informal caregiver.

The Caregiver Recognition Benefit is indexed annually to keep pace with inflation.

These changes provide additional support to Veterans and their families and recognizes the integral role of the caregiver in the Veteran's well-being.

In order to qualify, the Veteran must have the following:

- a disability award and associated assistance with this injury or illness
- a need for ongoing care which includes help with 4 of the 7 activities of daily living

Daily living activities include: feeding, dressing, washing, grooming, toileting, taking medication and mobility (transfers and ambulation)

An informal caregiver is a person 18 years of age or older who plays an essential role in the provision or coordination of ongoing care for that Veteran in the Veteran's home, for which that person receives no other forms of remuneration.



An annual renewal will no longer be required as part of the Caregiver Recognition Benefit

Example of who could benefit from this change:

Florence is a 28 year old woman who is the informal caregiver of her father. Her father is a Canadian Armed Forces Veteran who has been granted a Disability Award as a double amputee. Florence is not receiving compensation for the care she is providing. Her father requires extensive care including 5 of the 7 daily activities of living (feeding, grooming, taking medication, washing and dressing) daily personal care, supervision, and organizing and accompanying him on his many medical appointments. The new Caregiver Recognition Benefit will provide Florence with a monthly amount of \$1,000 paid directly to her in acknowledgement of the care and support she provides to her father.

