

RCMP Services and Benefits

Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) has partnered with the RCMP for more than 60 years to help serving and retired, regular and civilian members and their families. While the RCMP is responsible for the programs and services provided to its members, VAC administers some of these programs on its behalf, including the disability pension and health benefit programs for a service-related injury or illness.

Help after a service-related injury or illness

Disability Pension – A monthly, tax-free payment to compensate for permanent disability caused by a service-related injury or disease. There must be documented evidence on your records that the disability is related to RCMP service. Whether serving or retired, you can apply for a disability pension. Additional pension amounts may be paid for qualified dependants such as a spouse, commonlaw partner and/or children.

If you qualify for a disability pension, you may be eligible for other benefits:

- **Attendance Allowance** – An additional tax-free monthly allowance if you are totally disabled and need help with daily living tasks. The amount payable depends on the degree of attendance needed for your personal daily care.
- **Clothing Allowance** – A monthly tax-free allowance if your disability causes wear and tear on your clothing or requires you to wear specially made clothing.
- **Exceptional Incapacity Allowance** – An additional tax-free monthly benefit if you have an exceptional incapacity related to your pensioned condition(s).
- **Health Care Benefits** – Former RCMP regular members, as well as both serving and discharged RCMP civilian members, are eligible to receive health care benefits for a pensioned condition. This includes items such as hearing aids, vision care, dental, medical costs, prescriptions, special equipment, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, psychology and nursing services. If

you are a serving regular member, health benefits related to a pensioned condition are provided by the RCMP.

- **Survivor Benefits** are available when a VAC disability pensioner dies.

Help for you and your family

Transition Interview – An interview to provide information on VAC programs and services and help identify needs you and your family may have while in transition to civilian life.

Case Management – Former RCMP members may be offered one-on-one help to identify needs and provide a single point of entry to help get the services they may need.

Operational Stress Injury (OSI) Clinics – Specialize in treating OSIs for Veterans, Canadian Armed Forces members and former RCMP members, across Canada. Serving members are referred by their physician and approval of their Division's Health Services Officer.

VAC Assistance Service (24/7 Crisis and Referral Centre – 1-800-268-7708) – Free, confidential professional short-term counselling services to support retired members and their families dealing with personal problems that affect their quality of life.

For more information, visit veterans.gc.ca and search "RCMP" or contact VAC, toll free, at **1-866-522-2122**.

You can apply for benefits, track your applications and send messages to VAC through **My VAC Account**. Register today at veterans.gc.ca/myvacaccount.