

Caregiver Recognition Benefit

The [Caregiver Recognition Benefit](#) (CRB) recognizes the contribution that informal caregivers make to the health and well-being of Veterans who have been seriously disabled in service.

Once approved, your caregiver will receive a monthly, tax-free payment of \$1,000*. This does not replace loss of income.

*Indexed annually by the Consumer Price Index. See [current rates](#).

Qualifications

To qualify, you must:

- be a former Canadian Armed Forces member.
- be approved for a disability benefit*.
- need ongoing care that is expected to last for at least 12 months because of the condition(s) your Disability Award or Pain and Suffering Compensation was approved for.
- need at least one of the following:
 - ◇ a level of care and supervision consistent with admission to an institution.
 - ◇ daily physical assistance from another person for most [activities of daily living](#).
 - ◇ ongoing direction and supervision during the performance of most activities of daily living.
 - ◇ daily supervision and are not safe when left alone.
- have an unpaid informal caregiver who is 18 or older and plays an essential role in providing ongoing care.
- not live in a nursing home or long-term care facility.

* If you have a disability pension (or POW compensation) of 1% or more, you could qualify for support through the [Attendance allowance](#).

Application Process

To apply both you and your informal caregiver must complete sections of the [Caregiver Recognition Benefit Application – VAC1540](#).

Submit an application:

1. Online through [My VAC Account](#) (preferable option); or
2. Mail to:
Veterans Affairs Canada
PO Box 6000
Matane QC
G4W 0E4

Note: You may need to complete an assessment as part of the Caregiver Recognition Benefit application process. Read the [Caregiver Recognition Benefit Policy](#) for more information.

Decisions

You can expect a decision letter within **eight weeks** of submitting a complete CRB application.

An application is complete when it is signed by the Veteran and caregiver, and VAC has all the supporting documents needed to make a decision.

Once approved, your caregiver will receive a payment **within one week of the decision date**.

More Information

For more information or if you need help to access our services, contact us:

- Call toll-free at **1-866-522-2122**
- Send a [My VAC Account](#) secure message.
- Schedule an in-person appointment using the [online booking form](#).