Department of Veterans Affairs

Disability Compensation Benefits

What Is VA Disability Compensation?

Disability compensation is a tax-free benefit paid to a veteran for disabilities that are a result of or made worse by injuries or diseases that happened while on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training. Disability compensation is also paid to certain veterans disabled from VA health care.

Who Is Eligible?

You may be eligible for disability compensation if you have a service-related disability and you were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.

How Much Does VA Pay?

The amount of basic benefit paid ranges from $123 to $2,673 per month, depending on how disabled you are.

Note: You may be paid additional amounts, in certain instances, if:

- you have very severe disabilities or loss of limb(s)
- you have a spouse, child(ren), or dependent parent(s)
- you have a seriously disabled spouse

How Can You Apply?

You can apply by filling out VA Form 21-526, *Veterans Application for Compensation and/or Pension.* ***If you have any of the following material, please attach it to your application:***

- Discharge or separation papers (DD214 or equivalent)
- Dependency records (marriage & children's birth certificates)
- Medical evidence (doctor & hospital reports)

You can also apply online through our web site at http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp.

Related Benefits

Priority Medical Care
Vocational Rehabilitation
Clothing Allowance
Grants for Specially Adapted Housing
Automobile Grant & Adaptive Equipment
Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance
Federal Employment Preference
State/Local Veterans Benefits
Military Exchange & Commissary Privileges

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