

Earnings Loss Benefit (for Survivors or Children)



This support is calculated based on the amount of the **Earnings Loss Benefit** that would have been paid to the Veteran and is paid (before the consideration of other income) in the following manner:

- 60% to the survivor, and
- 40% divided equally between all eligible children.

Do I qualify?

You may qualify if you are the survivor or dependent child of a Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) member or Veteran who died due to a service-related injury or disease or any injury or disease that was aggravated by service.

Amounts for children

Amounts for dependent children are paid to the survivor or guardian until the children are 18 years of age. At this point, the benefit is paid directly to the children until 25 years of age if they are enrolled in an **approved course of instruction**; otherwise, the benefit ends.

Children who are considered to be permanently dependent due to a physical or mental incapacity can receive the benefit until the Veteran would have reached the age of 65. At this point, they may then qualify to receive **Canadian Forces Income Support**.

How to apply

The staff at any VAC office or Integrated Personnel Support Centre (IPSC) can assist you. To find one of these offices or to learn more about this and other benefits, visit us online at **veterans.gc.ca** or call us at **1-866-522-2122**.

Important information

- The Earnings Loss Benefit is taxable, and income tax must be withheld in accordance with the rules established by the Canada Revenue Agency.
- The benefit is adjusted each year in accordance with the consumer price index to protect you against the effects of inflation.
- The benefit is paid to the survivor until the Veteran would have reached the age of 65. Remarriage does not affect this payment.
- Children of deceased Veterans who pursue post-secondary education may also qualify for assistance through VAC's **Education Assistance Program**.

Key terms

An **approved course of instruction** is defined as a full-time educational program at an accredited high school, college, university or trade school.

For more information:

veterans.gc.ca

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