

Exceptional Incapacity Allowance



The Exceptional Incapacity Allowance (EIA) is a tax-free monthly support provided in part to recognize that a serious injury or illness represents a much broader impact on the life of an individual. It involves considerations beyond medical challenges, such as an inability to work, limited access to social activities, and other challenges that living with a disability can pose on a family. The amount paid through the EIA is based on the extent of the Veteran's level of pain, loss of enjoyment or shortened life expectancy.

Who qualifies for the Exceptional Incapacity Allowance?

You may qualify for the EIA if you:

- have a disability pension (or a combination of a disability pension and award) of 98% or more; **or**
- have a combination of a disability pension and a prisoner of war compensation totalling 98% or more; **and**
- have an exceptional incapacity that is related to the condition(s) for which you have received a disability benefit.

To further help you with your care, you may also qualify for the **Attendance Allowance** if you:

- have a disability pension of 1% or more, or receive a prisoner of war compensation;
- are totally disabled; **and**
- need help with daily living tasks.

How to apply

Your VAC case manager can assist you with your application. If you do not have a case manager, 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**.

Related programs

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Permanent Impairment Allowance
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