

Permanent Impairment Allowance



If you have been injured in the line of duty to an extent that prevents you from reaching your career potential, Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) has a program that can assist you financially. The Permanent Impairment Allowance (PIA) is a monthly amount—payable for life—for Veterans who have lost gainful employment opportunities because of a **severe and permanent impairment** resulting from their military service.

Who qualifies for the Permanent Impairment Allowance?

You may qualify if you have:

- a severe and permanent impairment for which you have received a **disability benefit, and**
- a VAC-approved **rehabilitation** plan.

How do I 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**.

Important information

- If your impairment is so severe that you have been designated “totally and permanently incapacitated,” you may apply to receive a PIA supplement that increases the amount you receive by an additional \$1,047.53 per month.
- Both the PIA and its supplement are deemed to be taxable benefits by the Canada Revenue Agency.
- Both the PIA and its supplement are adjusted each year in accordance with the consumer price index to protect you against the effects of inflation.

Key terms

A **severe and permanent impairment** identifies those who require supervision or assistance with daily living tasks and have conditions such as: an amputation; a total and permanent loss of vision, hearing or speech; or a severe and permanent psychiatric condition.

Related programs

Disability Benefits
Rehabilitation and Vocational Assistance

For more information:
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