



CAREGIVER RECOGNITION BENEFIT

COMING SOON: APRIL 1ST 2018

The Government of Canada is fulfilling its commitment to enhancing and simplifying support to Veterans’ families and caregivers by replacing the Family Caregiver Relief Benefit with a monthly, tax-free benefit paid directly to a Veteran’s caregiver.

The proposed changes deliver directly on the mandate commitments of the Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence as well as being specifically requested by the Veterans caregiver stakeholder community.

This benefit is just one step the Government is taking to improve benefits and services offered to Canadian Armed Forces members, Veterans and their families

QUICK FACTS

\$187.3 million over six years to create the Caregiver Recognition Benefit to provide \$1,000 per month to caregivers of ill and injured Veterans to better recognize their vital role.

We are increasing the support we provide and recognize caregivers directly by replacing The Family Caregiver Relief Benefit with the Caregiver Recognition Benefit. This new tax-free benefit of \$1,000 a month will be paid directly to a Veteran’s caregiver.

This benefit will be indexed annually to keep pace with inflation.

These changes will provide additional support to Veterans and their families and recognizes the integral role of the caregiver in the Veteran’s well-being

The definition of a Caregiver is a person 18 years of age or older who plays an essential role in the provision or coordination of ongoing care for that Veteran in the Veteran’s home, for which that person received no other forms of remuneration.



SCENARIO:

Florence is a 28 year old woman who takes care of her grandfather who is a Veteran and continues to live at home.

Florence is not receiving compensation for the care she is providing, which includes daily supervision, cooking, maintaining the home and running errands.

The new Caregiver Recognition Benefit will provide Florence with the monthly amount of \$1,000 paid directly to her in acknowledgement of the care and support she provides.

