



REMOVAL OF TIME LIMITS REHABILITATION SERVICES AND VOCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

COMING SOON: APRIL 1ST 2018

The Government of Canada is enhancing support for survivors and common-law/spouses by eliminating the current one year application time limit for the Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Assistance program.

The proposed changes deliver directly on the mandate commitments of the Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence. 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

\$23.8 million over six years to eliminate time limits for veterans' spouses and survivors to apply to the Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Assistance Program.

Removing the time limit would allow survivors a period of time to gain resiliency and adopt coping strategies and then choose a time that works for them to move forward and address future vocational needs.

Removing time limits would give more flexibility for spouses/common-law partners who pursue vocational assistance while caring for ill and injured Veterans.

With no time limit, families are not pressured to be active in the vocational assistance process while still adjusting to the Veteran's health circumstances.

Examples of who could benefit from this change:



Scenario 1:

Sheila's husband, a Veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces, recently passed away. Sheila is a stay-at-home mother and now has to consider rejoining the workforce. With the removal of the time limit to apply for assistance, Sheila is able to take time to grieve and adjust to her new situation without the pressure of having to make an immediate decision about her future.

