

# Earnings Loss Benefit (for Veterans)



If your chosen career has been affected by injury or illness arising from your military service, Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) has a program specifically designed to provide an income support for you and your family while you work toward accomplishing your rehabilitation goals. The Earnings Loss Benefit ensures that your **total income** does not fall below 75% of your gross pre-release military salary or a pre-tax amount of \$40,000 per year, whichever is greater.

## Who qualifies for the Earnings Loss Benefit?

You may qualify if you are a Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Veteran taking part in VAC's rehabilitation or vocational assistance services.

## 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](http://veterans.gc.ca) or call us at **1-866-522-2122**.

## Important information

- Like your military salary, 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 payable until you have completed your rehabilitation plan; however, it cannot be paid after age 65. If your income is low, you may then qualify for **Canadian Forces Income Support**.

## Key terms

**Total income** includes any amounts you receive from various other sources. This will include any payments from pension plans, employment insurance, disability insurance, and worker's compensation.

The calculation to determine your **pre-release military salary** does not include any additional amounts you may have received for such things as incentive pay, overtime, overseas deployments, etc.

## Related programs

Canadian Forces Income Support  
Rehabilitation and Vocational Assistance

For more information:

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