

Supplementary Retirement Benefit



If you are a seriously disabled Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Veteran approaching the age when most people would be considering retirement, you may be concerned about the pension income you can expect to receive. Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) recognizes that you may have made lower pension plan contributions over the years because you were not able to work. For that reason, VAC developed the Supplementary Retirement Benefit to compensate for this shortfall. It's a lump-sum cash award, designed to offset the effects of your reduced pension contributions due to your service-related disability.

Who qualifies for the Supplementary Retirement Benefit?

You may qualify if your **earnings loss benefit** has ceased because you are:

- totally and permanently incapacitated and have reached the age of 65;
- no longer considered totally and permanently incapacitated; **or**
- a survivor of a CAF Veteran who, if alive today, would now have reached the age of 65.

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 district office or Integrated Personnel Support Centre (IPSC) can assist you. To find one of these offices or to learn more about this or other benefits, visit us online at veterans.gc.ca or call us at **1-866-522-2122**.

Important information

The Supplementary Retirement Benefit is deemed to be a taxable benefit by the Canada Revenue Agency.

Related programs

Earnings Loss Benefit
Permanent Impairment Allowance

For more information:

veterans.gc.ca

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