

Quick Facts | Veterans Aid & Attendance



WHAT IS IT?

Aid & Attendance is part of the Veterans Pension Plan from the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

WHAT DOES IT PROVIDE?

The Veterans Pension program provides monthly payments to wartime Veterans who meet certain age or disability requirements, and who have income and net worth within certain limits.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Veterans who are at least 65 and meet certain criteria:
<https://www.va.gov/pension/eligibility/>

MILITARY SERVICE

Must have served 90 consecutive days with at least one day during a war period.
Must have received any discharge other than an dishonorable discharge.

ELIGIBLE PERIODS OF WAR

- World War II (December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946)
- Korean conflict (June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955)
- Vietnam War era (November 1, 1955, to May 7, 1975, for Veterans who served in the Republic
- of Vietnam during that period. August 5, 1964, to May 7, 1975, for Veterans who served
- outside the Republic of Vietnam.)
- Gulf War (August 2, 1990, through a future date to be set by law or presidential proclamation)

MEDICAL CRITERIA

FOR AID & ATTENDANCE

- You need another person to help you perform daily activities, like bathing, feeding, and dressing, or
- You have to stay in bed—or spend a large portion of the day in bed—because of illness, or
- You are a patient in a nursing home due to the loss of mental or physical abilities related to a disability, or
- Your eyesight is limited (even with glasses or contact lenses you have only 5/200 or less in both eyes; or concentric contraction of the visual field to 5 degrees or less)

FOR HOUSEBOUND BENEFIT:

- You may be eligible for this benefit if you get a VA pension and you spend most of your time in your home because of a permanent disability (a disability that doesn't go away).

*Note: You can't get Aid and Attendance benefits and Housebound benefits at the same time.

FINANCIAL CRITERIA

- Yearly family income and net worth meet certain limits set by Congress. Your net worth includes all personal property you own (except your house, your car, and most home furnishings), minus any debt you owe.
- Your net worth includes the net worth of your spouse.

<https://www.va.gov/pension/veterans-pension-rates/>

HOW DO I APPLY?

<https://www.va.gov/pension/how-to-apply/>

- Online:
<https://www.va.gov/pension/application/527EZ/introduction>
- Mail: Fill out VA Form 21-2680 (Examination for Housebound Status or Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance) and mail it to the PMC for your state.
- In-Person: Take your information to a VA regional office near you.

Get help from a trained professional: an accredited attorney, a claims agent, or a Veterans Service Officer (VSO) can help you. Be sure to check the qualifications and reputation of the person helping you, as there are scams by people who will pressure you to act quickly. <https://www.va.gov/disability/get-help-filing-claim/>

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OUR RECOMMENDATION

The VA application forms are complex. Many people who apply on their own are denied or receive less than they should. Because of that, we recommend enlisting the help of

experienced, accredited professionals. Here is a list of organizations who charge varying fees to help with applications:

- Patriot Angels <https://www.patriotangels.com/>
- American Patriot Service Corp <https://apscnp.org/>

Contact us for a list of groups and attorneys who also assist.

ARIZONA ORGANIZATIONS THAT OFFER VETERANS ASSISTANCE

- Arizona Veterans Commission: <https://dvs.az.gov/>
- Arizona VFW: <https://vfwaz.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp>

