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Assisted Living Facilities & Personal Care Homes

VA ELIGIBILITY

Any War-Time Veteran with 90 days of active duty, 1 day beginning or ending during a period of War, is eligible to apply for the Aid & Attendance Improved Pension.

A surviving spouse (marriage must have ended due to death of veteran) of a War-Time Veteran may also apply. The individual applying must qualify both medically and financially **To qualify medically**, a War-Time Veteran or surviving spouse must need the assistance of another person to perform daily tasks, such as eating, dressing, undressing, taking care of the needs of nature, etc. Being blind or in a nursing home for mental or physical incapacity, or residing in an assisted living facility also qualifies.

Eligibility must be proven by filing the proper Veterans Application for Pension or Compensation. This application will require a copy of DD-214, or separation papers, Medical Evaluation from a physician, current medical issues, net worth limitations, and net income, along with out-of-pocket Medical Expenses. To request a copy of a DD-214 visit www.vetrec.archives.gov.

To qualify financially, an applicant must have on average less than \$80,000 in assets, EXCLUDING their home and vehicles.

For more general information about the Aid & Attendance Pension, please see our <u>FAQ Section</u>.

(Go to www.veteranaid.org) Under section titled **Eligibility for the Aid** and Attendance Pension click on FAQ Section

WAR TIME & PEACE TIME SERVICE

To be considered by the VA to have served during wartime, a veteran need not have served in a combat zone, but simply during one of these designated periods. Even if a majority of a veteran's service occurred during peacetime, the service member would still meet the wartime service requirement for eligibility for pension benefits if he or she served ninety consecutive days, at least one day of which occurred during a period designated as wartime.

<u>World War I</u>: April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918, extended to April 1, 1920, for those who served in the Soviet Union. Service after November 11, 1918, through July 2, 1921, qualifies for benefits purposes if active duty was performed for any period during the basic WorldWar I period.

<u>World War II:</u> December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946, extended to July 25, 1947, where continuous with active duty on or before December 31, 1946.

Korean Conflict: June 27, 1950, through January 31, 1955.

Vietnam Era: August 5, 1964, through May 7, 1975.90 However, February 28, 1961, through May 7, 1975, for a veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period.

Persian Gulf War: August 2, 1990, through a date to be prescribed by Presidential proclamation or law. Congress has not enacted legislation that would make the periods covering the 1983-1984 Lebanon crisis or the invasions of Grenada and Panama wartime service.



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BENEFITS



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WHAT IS VA AID & ATTENDANCE?

The Aid and Attendance (A&A) Pension provides benefits for veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist in eating, bathing, dressing and undressing or taking care of the needs of nature. It also includes individuals who are blind or a patient in a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity. Assisted care in an assisting living facility also qualifies.

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Aid and Attendance (A&A) is an increased monthly pension amount paid to a Veteran or surviving spouse.

The A&A Pension can provide up to \$1,788 per month to a veteran, \$1,149 per month to a surviving spouse, or \$2,120 per month to a couple.



DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO APPLY

Discharge/Separation Papers (DD-214). If you need to request military records, you can either fill out Standard Form 180

Copy of Marriage Certificate and marital information.

Copy of the Death Certificate (surviving spouses only).

Copy of Social Security Award Letter stating monthly amount for the following year.

Net Worth information - bank accounts, CDs, Trusts, Stocks, Bonds, Annuities, etc. Proof of all income (pensions, retirement, etc.)

For guardian of veteran or surviving spouse (certified copy of court ordered appointment).

Proof of insurance premiums, medications, med bills or any other medical expenses not reimbursed by insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid.

Physician statement: current diagnosis, medical status, prognosis, name and address, ability to care for self, ability to travel unattended, etc.

Bank info for Direct Deposit (include a voided check).

Employment history (does not apply if you are over 65).

List of all doctors and hospitals visited in the last year.

DISCLOSURE AUTHORIZATION

Be sure to include <u>VA form 21-0845</u> (Authorization to Disclose Personal Information to a Third Party) if you are filing for your loved one and need to oversee the application process. Without this authorization, the VA will not discuss the application with you.

MAIL & DUPLICATES

Never send originals. Always send correspondence **Registered Return Receipt**. Keep a complete copy of everything for your own records.

If you are in the process of completing an A & A Claim, the VA states ...

"It is not necessary to request a duplicate copy of a veteran's discharge or separation papers solely for the purpose of filing a claim for VA Benefits. If complete information about the veteran's service is furnished on the application, the VA will obtain verification of service."

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