



Non-Service-Connected Disability Pension

A. Claim Requirements:

1. Minimum of 90 consecutive days of active service or was discharged because of SC disability. If veteran entered service after 1980, the service requirement is 24 continuous months or the full period for which called to active duty, whichever is less, unless discharged sooner because of hardship, reduction-in-force, or SC disability. In any event, at least one day of service must have been during a wartime period.
2. If veteran is under age 65, evidence that veteran is in receipt of any disability benefit administered by the Social Security Administration (either SSA or SSI); or, is a long-term patient in a nursing home because of disability; or, medical evidence showing the veteran is unable to work because of disability.
3. Medical evidence to show that veteran is in need of regular aid and attendance or is housebound (if applicable).
4. Report projected family income—include income from all sources, including farm and/or business. Also list deductions/exclusions — unreimbursed medical expenses, children's wages, etc.
5. Report net worth.
6. Dependency documents—marriage certificate, birth certificate(s), death certificate (s), divorce decree(s), VA Form(s) 21-674(as applicable). If an adult child is claimed as disabled (helpless), submit appropriate medical evidence in support.

B. Benefits:

1. Possible additional pension payable if housebound or if so helpless as to require the regular aid and attendance of another person (includes nursing home patients).
2. Additional pension payable if veteran served during World War I.
3. VA outpatient medical card if entitled to **Aid and Attendance** or **Housebound** benefits, or if a World War I veteran.
4. Enrollment in VA Healthcare Priority Group 4 (no co-payments required) if entitled to aid and attendance or housebound benefits.
Enrollment in Priority Group 5 (no co-payments required) if entitled to basic pension.
Enrollment in Priority Group 6 (no co-payments required) if a World War I veteran.
5. Eligibility for sensorineural aids—hearing aids, eyeglasses, contact lenses — if housebound or in need of regular aid and attendance.
6. Waiver of VA insurance premiums, if under age 65 - (but not on any supplemental RH insurance)
7. CAL-VET Home Loan Disability Insurance.
8. Golden Access Passport for U.S. National Parks.
9. Possible eligibility for DMV Disabled Person Parking Placard.
10. Eligibility for 10-point preference for Federal Civil Service employment.



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