

VAC Disability Pension Act

- What is the VAC Pension Act and how does it apply to RCMP members and their dependents?
- Section 2 - Pension Act:
- Recognizes the obligation of the people and Government of Canada to provide compensation to those members of the forces who have been disabled or have died as result of military service, and to their dependants.

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- Pensioned conditions and disability pensions are awarded in accordance with the Pension Act, administered by VAC, as provided for by Section 32 of the RCMP Superannuation Act and Section 5 of the RCMP Pension Continuation Act.
- You must be a contributor of the RCMPSPA in order to be eligible for Pension Act Benefits.



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Who is **not** a contributor under the RCMPSPA?

- Cadets in Depot
- Municipal/Provincial Police Officers not in the RCMP
- Aux/Csts
- Reservists
- PSEs and TCEs

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- Two Essential Requirements for any Disability Pension Claim.
 1. Diagnosis of disability, condition, or illness.
 2. RCMP Service caused, contributed to, or aggravated the disability, condition, or illness.

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- Disability Decision, Two Parts.
 1. Entitlement (Permanency and Service Relationship).
 2. Assessment (Severity, QoL, 0-100%).

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- Disability Benefits & Disability Pension.
- Legislative Authority: Pension Act.
- Applies mainly to Second World War, Korean War Veterans and RCMP.
- Monthly payment .
- 2021 rates: (single rate) \$147.01 - \$2,940.15 (married rate) \$367.53 – \$3,675.19

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- All Disability Benefits are tax exempt and increased annually (Section 75 PA).

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- My VAC Account.
- All active/released members should create a MVA.

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- Apply for Benefits, Contact VAC, Track Status of Current Application, Upload documents directly to VAC, Review current benefits you enjoy and notifications from VAC.



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- Important to document the relationship to service to the members injury! Documentation is important....
 - 3414 or LAB 1070
 - Medical Doctor.
 - Notebook.
 - Statements from fellow members who can place you there. Don't forget to add your statement.

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- Accident Report.
- Health Services (VAC now recognizes when Health Services determine injury was occupational.
- PHA'S ARE IMPORTANT!!. Your Documents may still be with your doctor and not on your Medical File.

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- Fitness Plans for RMs (LTDM ch 2.3.).
- 3.3.2.1 - During an annual performance evaluation, the Commander/Supervisor will discuss plans with the RM to maintain an adequate level of physical ability for police work to support the required fitness for duty.

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- Sec 21(3)(a) Pension Act.
- For the purposes of subsection (2), an injury or disease, or the aggravation of an injury or disease, shall be presumed, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, to have arisen out of or to have been directly connected with military service of the kind described.

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- Any physical training or any sports activity in which the member was participating that was authorized or organized by a military authority, or performed in the interests of the service although not authorized or organized by a military authority.

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- **Top Ten Medical Conditions for all Serving and Retired RCMP Clients–March 2019**

1. Hearing Loss
2. Tinnitus
3. PTSD
4. Lumbar Disc Disease
5. Osteoarthritis Knee
6. Cervical Disc Disease

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- **Top Ten Medical Conditions for all Serving and Retired RCMP Clients–March 2019**

7. Internal Derangement Knee

8. Depressive Disorders, including Dysthymia and Major Depression

9. Osteoarthritis Lumbar Spine

10. Osteoarthritis Hip



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- **Disability Claim Process**

- Paid from **date that the application is received by VAC** not from the date the injury was incurred.
- At death, survivor benefits are paid to the survivors.



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- The NPF-FPN has a Special Advisor who can answer your VAC pension questions as follows:
- Kimberly Hendricken - info@npf-fpn.com



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- Need help completing the paperwork?

Legion Service Officers (Legion).

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Disability Benefit Officers (VAC) 866-522-2122 can also assist you with reviewing your application.



QUESTIONS?

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