



Veterans Benefits



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General Qualifications for Non-Service Connected Aid and Attendance for War Time Veterans

Veteran ~ Widowed Spouse and Dependant or Disabled Child (Any may be a Claimant)

- Veteran must have served at least ninety days active duty with one day of the ninety during a qualified war period (ninety days must generally be consecutive, with some exceptions)
 - WWII.....Dec 7, 1941 to Dec 31, 1946
 - Korean War.....June 25, 1950 to Jan 31, 1955
 - Vietnam War.....Aug 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975 (In-Country 2/28/61 to 8/5/64)
 - Persian Gulf War.....Aug 2, 1990 to Present
- Veteran must have had other than "Dishonorable" Discharge.
- Claimant's physician must declare him/her as in need of assistance from another individual, which may include services, needed for homecare or assisted living.
- Claimant should have limited household assets; excluding primary home, car, and personal belongings. In the case of a married veteran, both his/hers assets are countable. There is no longer a current asset cap, per se. *The VA now considers the claimant's life expectancy in determining how much the claimant can have. In the case of assets over \$50K, it may be best to consult a VA Accredited Service Officer. One should never transfer assets without the proper legal/professional advice.*
- Claimant's household out-of-pocket yearly medical expenses must exceed or come close to his/hers total yearly household gross income (total yearly cost of assisted living is typically considered a medical expense).
- Widowed spouse must have been married to the veteran for at least one year or have had children by the veteran if married less than one year and never remarried (with possibly one very rare exception).
- Widowed spouse must have been living with the veteran at the time of the veteran's death, unless the separation was due to medical or military reasons (there may be some exceptions related to separations due to abuse)

2015 Maximum Pension Rates for Aid and Attendance

Single Veteran.....	\$1,787.00 per month or \$21,454.00 per year
Married Veteran.....	\$2,119.00 per month or \$25,433.00 per year
Widowed Spouse.....	\$1,149.00 per month or \$13,786.00 per year

Once awarded Aid and Attendance or Housebound Status, a veteran may obtain free medications, medical equipment, incontinence supplies, glasses, and hearing aids from the VA Hospital/Clinic via US Mail. A separate application must be made through the Health Care System.