

SURVIVORS

PENSION WITH AID AND ATTENDANCE

DOCUMENTS NEEDED

***** Please have all documents available prior your appointment to
avoid delays*****

- **DD-214/Veterans Separation Paperwork (Must be a wartime veteran & meet the minimum service criteria)**
- **Death Certificate – long form**
- **Marriage Certificate**
 - **Marital History for both vet & spouse**
- **Bank Statement: Checking and Savings account (Most recent)**
- **Social Security Statement**
- **Annuity Monthly Statement**
- **Private Sector Monthly Pension Statement**
- **Statements for IRA's, Bonds, Stocks, Etc..**
- **Trust Fund statement – (All Schedules)**
- **Aid and Attendance Form - (VA Form 21-2680)**
- **Assisted Living Facility Form – if applicable**
- **In-Home Healthcare Form – if applicable**
- **Nursing Home Form - if applicable**
- **Proof of caregiver/facility payment (bill/statement) –\$5k or more**
 - **must show amount paid, payment date, purpose of payment, name of person receiving care, and ID of provider**
- **Voided Check or Direct Deposit Form to show bank name, Account & Routing number**

Eligible Wartime Periods

Under current law, VA recognizes the following wartime periods to determine eligibility for VA Pension benefits:

- **World War II** (December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946)
- **Korean Conflict** (June 27, 1950 - January 31, 1955)
- **Vietnam War** (November 1, 1955 - May 7, 1975) - for Veterans who served *"in country"* as of January 5, 2021
 - **Vietnam Era** (August 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975)
- **Gulf War** (August 2, 1990 - through a future date to be set by law or Presidential Proclamation)

**** Veterans must have at least 90 days of active duty, including one day during wartime period. If the active duty occurred after September 7, 1980, the vet must have served at least 24 months or the full period that he/she were called up (some exceptions may apply)****

VA PENSION MAXIMUM MONTHLY AMOUNTS FOR 2025
(Effective 12/01/2024)

AID AND ATTENDANCE (A&A)

Veteran:	\$2,358
One Dependent:	\$2,795
Widow(er) No Dependents:	\$1,515
Widow(er) One Dependent:	\$1,862

HOUSEBOUND (HB)

Veteran:	\$1,727
One Dependent:	\$2,165
Widow(er) No Dependents:	\$1,159
Widow(er) One Dependent:	\$1,451

NOTE THE MAXIMUM YEARLY INCOME TO QUALIFY IS...

Veteran Pension:	\$16,965
Veteran w/ One Dependent:	\$22,216
Veteran (HB):	\$20,732
Veteran w/ One Dependent (HB):	\$25,982
Veteran (A&A):	\$28,300
Veteran w/ One Dependent (A&A):	\$33,548
Widow(er) (Pension):	\$11,380
Widow(er) (HB):	\$13,908
Widow(er) (A&A)	\$18,187

NOTE: Net worth & combined annual income must be below
\$159,240.00 dollars



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EXAMINATION FOR HOUSEBOUND STATUS OR PERMANENT NEED FOR REGULAR AID AND ATTENDANCE

INSTRUCTIONS: Before completing this form, read the Privacy Act and Respondent Burden on page 4. Use this form to determine eligibility for aid and attendance or housebound benefits. For more information, you can contact us online through Ask VA: <https://ask.va.gov/>. Ask us a question online or call us toll-free at 1-800-827-1000 (TTY: 711). VA forms are available at www.va.gov/vaforms.

SECTION I: VETERAN'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

NOTE: You may complete the form online or by hand. If completing by hand, print neatly and legibly in ink, and completely fill in each applicable check box to help expedite processing of the form.

1. VETERAN/BENEFICIARY'S NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)

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2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

3. VA FILE NUMBER (If applicable)

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4. VETERAN'S SERVICE NUMBER (If applicable)

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5. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

SECTION II: CLAIMANT'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

6. CLAIMANT'S NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)

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7. CLAIMANT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

A visual representation of the subtraction $30 - 20 = 10$ using base ten blocks. It shows three tens rods (each composed of ten units) minus two tens rods, leaving one ten rod.

8. RELATIONSHIP OF CLAIMANT TO VETERAN

SELF

☐ PARENT☐ SPOUSE

CHILD

9. CLAIMANT'S DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

A subtraction problem using base ten blocks: 2 tens blocks minus 1 ten block minus 3 ones blocks.

10. MAILING ADDRESS (Number and street or rural route, P. O. Box, City, State, ZIP Code and Country)

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State/Province Country ZIP Code/Postal Code -

11. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Optional) (Include Area Code)

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Enter International Phone Number (If applicable)

12. EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional) ☐ I agree to receive electronic correspondence from VA in regards to my claim.

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SECTION III: CLAIM INFORMATION

13. SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS (Choose one)

Special Monthly Compensation (SMC) - Veterans and surviving spouses or parents who are eligible to receive VA compensation due to a service-related disability or death and require aid and attendance of another person to perform personal functions required in everyday living such as bathing, feeding, dressing, attending to the wants of nature, adjusting prosthetic devices, or protecting oneself from the hazards of the daily environment may be eligible for Special Monthly Compensation. A veteran or a deceased veteran's surviving spouse may also be eligible for Special Monthly Compensation based on being housebound (substantially confined to the immediate premises because of permanent disability). For a veteran, the disability causing the need for aid and attendance or housebound status must be related to service. These benefits are paid in addition to monthly compensation or Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC). They are not paid without eligibility to compensation.

Special Monthly Pension (SMP) - Veterans and survivors who are eligible for Veteran's Pension and/or Survivors benefits and require the aid and attendance of another person in order to perform personal functions required in everyday living, such as bathing, feeding, dressing, attending to the wants of nature, adjusting prosthetic devices, or protecting them from the hazards of their daily environment, or are housebound (substantially confined to their immediate premises because of permanent disability), may be eligible for Special Monthly Pension (SMP). This benefit is an increased monthly amount paid to a veteran or survivor who is eligible for Veterans Pension or Survivors benefits.

VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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SECTION IV: IS VETERAN/CLAIMANT HOSPITALIZED?

14A. IS THE CLAIMANT HOSPITALIZED?

☐ YES (If "YES," complete Items 14B, 14C & 14D)☐ NO (If "NO," skip to Section V)

14B. DATE ADMITTED (MM/DD/YYYY)

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14C. NAME OF HOSPITAL

14D. ADDRESS OF HOSPITAL

SECTION V: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I CERTIFY THAT the statements on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

15A. VETERAN/CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE (Required)

15B. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)

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SECTION VI: EXAMINATION INFORMATION
(IMPORTANT: Remainder of form MUST be filled out by Examiner)**NOTE:** Examiner **must be** a Medical Doctor (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic (DO) medicine, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse.

16. DATE OF EXAMINATION (MM/DD/YYYY)

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NOTE: EXAMINER PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The purpose of this examination is to record manifestations and findings pertinent to the question of whether the veteran/claimant is housebound (confined to the home or immediate premises) or in need of the regular aid and attendance of another person. Please provide as much description as needed for each question as this will assist VA to determine if the disease(s) or injury(ies) listed may lead to physical or mental impairment, loss of coordination or enfeeblement that require assistance with daily living. Findings should be recorded to show whether the claimant is blind or bedridden. Whether the claimant seeks housebound or aid and attendance benefits, the report should reflect how well they ambulate, where they go, and what they are able to do during a typical day.

17. PROVIDE COMPLETE DIAGNOSIS WITH MOST SIGNIFICANT SYMPTOMS FOR EACH CONDITION (Diagnosis needs to equate to the level of assistance described in Items 26 through 37) (Describe below)

18. WHAT DISABILITY(IES) ARE CONSIDERED PERMANENT AND TOTALLY DISABLING? (Describe below)

A.

D.

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19A. AGE

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19B. WEIGHT

ACTUAL LBS.

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ESTIMATED LBS.

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19C. HEIGHT

FEET

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INCHES

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20. NUTRITION

21. GAIT

22. BLOOD PRESSURE

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23. PULSE RATE

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24. RESPIRATORY RATE

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25. WHAT DISABILITIES RESTRICT THE LISTED ACTIVITIES/FUNCTIONS?

VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER - -

26. IF THE PATIENT IS CONFINED TO BED, INDICATE THE NUMBER OF HOURS IN BED

From 9 PM to 9 AM: From 9 AM to 9 PM:

27. DOES THE PATIENT REQUIRE ASSISTANCE WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES? (Select ALL that apply)

- ☐ BATHING/SHOWERING ☐ TENDING TO HYGIENE NEEDS ☐ ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (i.e., housekeeping, laundering, meal preparation, etc.) (Specify additional activity below)
- ☐ EATING OR SELF-FEEDING ☐ TRANSFERRING IN OR OUT OF BED/CHAIR
- ☐ DRESSING ☐ TOILETING
- ☐ AMBULATING WITHIN THE HOME OR LIVING AREA ☐ MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

28A. IS THE PATIENT LEGALLY BLIND? (If "Yes," provide explanation)

☐ YES

☐ NO

28B. CORRECTED VISION

LEFT EYE

RIGHT EYE

29. DOES THE PATIENT REQUIRE NURSING HOME CARE? (If "Yes," provide explanation)

☐ YES

☐ NO

30. IN YOUR JUDGMENT, DOES THE PATIENT HAVE THE MENTAL CAPACITY TO MANAGE THEIR BENEFIT PAYMENTS, OR ARE THEY ABLE TO DIRECT SOMEONE TO DO SO?

☐ YES

☐ NO

(If "NO," provide the disability(ies) that prevent them from performing this function and any rationale to support your conclusion in the space provided)

31. WHAT IS THE POSTURE AND GENERAL APPEARANCE OF THE PATIENT? (Describe)

32. DESCRIBE RESTRICTIONS OF EACH UPPER EXTREMITY WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO GRIP, FINE MOVEMENTS, AND ABILITY TO FEED THEMSELVES, TO BUTTON CLOTHING, SHAVE AND ATTEND TO THE NEEDS OF NATURE

33. DESCRIBE RESTRICTIONS OF EACH LOWER EXTREMITY WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE EXTENT OF LIMITATION OF MOTION, ATROPHY, AND CONTRACTURES OR OTHER INTERFERENCE. (**NOTE:** If indicated, comment specifically on weight bearing, balance and propulsion of each lower extremity)

34. DESCRIBE RESTRICTION OF SPINE, TRUNK, AND NECK

VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER -

35. DESCRIBE ALL OTHER PATHOLOGY INCLUDING THE LOSS OF BOWEL OR BLADDER CONTROL OR THE EFFECTS OF ADVANCING AGE, SUCH AS DIZZINESS, LOSS OF MEMORY OR POOR BALANCE, THAT AFFECTS PATIENT'S ABILITY TO PERFORM SELF-CARE, OR IF HOSPITALIZED, BEYOND THE WARD OR CLINICAL AREA

36. HOW OFTEN PER DAY OR WEEK AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES (to include the level of assistance required) IS THE PATIENT ABLE TO LEAVE THE HOME OR IMMEDIATE PREMISES (Describe)

37. ARE AIDS SUCH AS CANES, BRACES, CRUTCHES, OR THE ASSISTANCE OF ANOTHER PERSON REQUIRED FOR LOCOMOTION?

☐ YES (If "YES," check the applicable box or specify distance)

☐ 1 BLOCK

☐ 5 OR 6 BLOCKS

☐ 1 MILE

OTHER (Specify distance) _____

☐ NO

SECTION VII: EXAMINER'S SIGNATURE

38. PRINTED NAME OF EXAMINER

39. TITLE OF EXAMINER

40. SIGNATURE OF EXAMINER (REQUIRED)

41. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)

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SECTION VIII: EXAMINER'S INFORMATION

42. NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER (NPI) NUMBER OF EXAMINER

43. NAME OF MEDICAL FACILITY

44. ADDRESS OF MEDICAL FACILITY (Number and street or rural route, city, state, ZIP Code and Country)

45. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF MEDICAL FACILITY (Include Area Code)

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Enter International Phone Number (If applicable)

PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties (including fine and/or imprisonment) for willfully submitting any statement or evidence of a material fact you know to be false, or for fraudulent receipt of any document you are not entitled to.

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: The VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (i.e., civil or criminal law enforcement, congressional communications, epidemiological or research studies, the collection of money owed to the United States, litigation in which the United States is a party or has an interest, the administration of VA programs and delivery of VA benefits, verification of identity and status, and personnel administration) as identified in the VA system of records. 58VA21/22/28, Compensation, Pension, Education and Veteran Readiness and Employment Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain benefits. Giving us your Social Security Number (SSN) account information is mandatory. Applicants are required to provide their SSN under Title 38, U.S.C. 5701(c)(1). The VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure is required by a Federal Statute of law in effect prior to January 1, 1975, and still in effect. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits provided under the law. The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Information that you furnish may be utilized in computer matching programs with other Federal or state agencies for the purpose of determining your eligibility to receive VA benefits, as well as to collect any amount owed to the United States by virtue of your participation in any benefit program administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to determine your eligibility for aid and attendance or housebound benefits. Title 38, United States Code 1521 (d) and (e), 1115(I)(e), 1311(c) and (d), 1315(h), 1122, 1541(d)(e), and 1502 (b) and (c) allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 30 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet website at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. If desired, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.

WORKSHEET FOR IN-HOME ATTENDANT EXPENSES

NOTE: This worksheet is to be completed by your in-home care provider -OR- if an agency is providing you in-home care please have an agency administrator complete this form. These expenses must be claimed on your application for benefits or VA Form 21P-8416, *Medical Expense Report*. In addition, VA Form 21-2680, *Examination for Housebound Status or Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance* may be needed to count these expenses.

1. WHO ARE YOU COMPLETING THIS WORKSHEET FOR? (Name of Care Recipient, either the Claimant or Dependent)

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2. WHO IS COMPLETING THIS WORKSHEET? (In-Home Care Attendant or Agency Administrator, Provider)

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3. IS THE IN-HOME CARE PROVIDED BY A LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL?
(A licensed health care provider refers to a person licensed to furnish health services by the State or country in which the services are provided.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

4. DO YOU WORK FOR AN AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION?

☐ YES ☐ NO (If "NO," skip to question 7)

5. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION?

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6. WHAT IS THE AGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER?

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7. WHAT IS YOUR MAILING ADDRESS OR THAT OF YOUR AGENCY'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE?

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8. PLEASE SELECT EACH ACTIVITY OF DAILY LIVING (ADL) THAT THE IN-HOME CARE ASSISTANT PROVIDED TO THE CARE RECIPIENT.

☐ A. EATING ☐ B. BATHING/SHOWERING ☐ C. TRANSFERRING IN OR OUT OF BED OR CHAIR

☐ D. DRESSING ☐ E. USING THE TOILET ☐ F. AMBULATING WITHIN HOME OR LIVING AREA

9. PLEASE SELECT EACH INSTRUMENTAL ACTIVITY OF DAILY LIVING (IADL) THAT THE IN-HOME CARE ASSISTANT PROVIDES TO THE CARE RECIPIENT.

☐ A. SHOPPING ☐ B. FOOD PREPARATION ☐ C. NON-MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

☐ D. LAUNDERING ☐ E. USING TELEPHONE ☐ F. MANAGING FINANCES

☐ G. HOUSEKEEPING ☐ H. HANDLING MEDICATIONS

10. IS THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE IN-HOME ATTENDANT TO PROVIDE THE CARE RECIPIENT WITH HEALTH CARE OR CUSTODIAL CARE? (Custodial Care is regular assistance with two or more ADLs (Question 8), or supervision because an individual with a physical, mental, developmental, or cognitive disorder requires care or assistance on a regular basis to protect the individual from hazards or dangers incident to their daily environment.)

☐ YES ☐ NO

11. PLEASE PROVIDE THE DATE CARE BEGAN FOR THE CARE RECIPIENT. (MM/DD/YYYY)

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12. ON WHAT DATE DO YOU EXPECT THIS CARE TO END? (MM/DD/YYYY)
(Select "Indefinite" if the care you provide is not temporary.)

☐ INDEFINITE

13. PLEASE PROVIDE THE HOURLY CHARGES THE CARE RECIPIENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING.

\$ PER HOUR

14. PLEASE PROVIDE THE TOTAL HOURS PER MONTH THAT YOU PROVIDE CARE TO THE CARE RECIPIENT.

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CERTIFICATION	
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I CERTIFY that the information stated within this WORKSHEET FOR IN-HOME ATTENDANT EXPENSES is accurate and reflects the current environment of the care recipient and the care services listed in questions eight and nine (8-9) above.

15. SIGNATURE OF PROVIDER (From question 2)

16. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)

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INSTRUCTIONS: Before completing this form, read the Privacy Act and Respondent Burden. We use this form to determine eligibility in connection with a claim for aid and attendance. For more information, contact us at <https://iris.custhelp.va.gov>, or call us toll-free at 1-800-827-1000. If you use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), the Federal relay number is 711. VA forms are available at www.va.gov/vaforms. After completing the form, mail to: Department of Veterans Affairs, Evidence Intake Center, P.O. Box 4444, Janesville, WI 53547-4444.

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SECTION IV - GENERAL INFORMATION (To be completed by a Nursing Home Official)

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☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ YES ☐ NO (If "YES," complete Item 14B)

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☐ SKILLED NURSING CARE ☐ INTERMEDIATE NURSING CARE

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Enter International Phone Number (If applicable)

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