



VETERAN'S AID & ATTENDANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Am I entitled to Veteran's Aid & Attendance?

1. The Veteran served in one of the following: Yes
 No
 - Army
 - Navy
 - Air Force
 - Marines
 - Coast Guard
 - Merchant Marine during WWII

2. Did the Veteran serve at least (90) days of consecutive active duty? Yes
 No

3. Did the Veteran serve at least (1) day during wartime? Yes
 No
 - WWI
 - WWII: December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946
 - Korean War: June 27, 1950 - January 31, 1955
 - Vietnam War: August 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975
 - Gulf War: August 2, 1990 to date

4. Is the person who is ill one of the following: Yes
 No
 - Veteran
 - Spouse of Veteran
 - Spouse of Deceased Veteran
 - Dependent Child of a Vetern

5. Did the Veteran receive a discharge other than dishonorable? Yes
 No

6. Was the disability caused without willful misconduct by the claimant? Yes
 No

7. The claimant is one of the following:
 - Confined to home
 - In an assisted living facility (ALF)
 - In a skilled nursing facility (NH)

8. If the claimant is home bound, does the claimant meet one of the following conditions?
- Claimant is blind
 - Claimant is:
 - unable to dress/undress or keep self clean and presentable
 - unable to attend the wants of nature
 - has a physical or mental incapacity that requires assistance on a regular basis to protect claimant from *daily environmental hazards*
9. Does the claimant need assistance with any of the “activities of daily living” (A&A)? Yes No
- If **yes**, which ADLs?
- Bathing
 - Dressing
 - Feeding
 - Transferring from chair to bed; or bed to chair
 - Toileting
 - Continence
10. Does the claimant have serious Dementia, making it difficult to remember to administer medications? Yes No

If answers to all questions (1) through (8) are YES and either (9) or (10) are YES, you should consider exploring Veteran’s Aid & Attendance.

**MAXIMUM PENSION RATES FOR AID & ATTENDANCE
(FOR 2016 - CURRENT DATE)**

▶	Single Veteran	\$1,788.00 per month or \$21,456.00 per year
▶	Married Veteran	\$2,120.00 per month or \$25,440.00 per year
▶	Widowed Spouse	\$1,1149.00 per month or \$13,788.00 per year
▶	Veteran Married to Veteran (Both A&A)	\$2,837.00 per month or \$34,044.00 per year

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**GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR NON-SERVICE CONNECTED AID & ATTENDANCE
VETERAN, WIDOWED SPOUSE, AND DEPENDENT OR DISABLED CHILD
(ANY MAY BE A CLAIMANT)**

- Veteran must have served at least ninety (90) days active duty with one day of the ninety (90) during a qualified war period

(90 days must generally be consecutive, with some exceptions)
- Veteran must have had an other than “dishonorable” discharge
- Claimant’s physician must declare him/her as in need of assistance from another individual
- Claimant should have limited household assets; excluding primary home, car, and personal belongings. If assets are jointly owned by other than spouse, only the claimant’s share is generally countable.

In case of a married veteran, both his/her assets are countable.

There is no longer a current asset cap. The V.A. now considers the claimant’s life expectancy in determining how much a claimant can have. In the case of assets over \$50,000, it may be best to consult an elder law attorney. 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/her 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 (1) year OR have had children by the veteran, if married less than one (1) 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)
- Minor or disabled adult children may qualify for limited benefits on their own

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Once awarded Aid & Attendance or Housebound Status, a Veteran may obtain free medications, medical equipment, incontinence supplies, glasses, and hearing aides from the V.A. Hospital/Clinic via U.S. Mail. A separate application must be made through the health care system.

** Note: Each V.A. Claim is unique and the above criteria is generic in nature and may not be applicable to each claimant. There are never any guarantees that any claim or specific benefit amount will be awarded. **