

General Information about VA AID & ATTENDANCE

What is Aid & Attendance? A federal assistance program offering a monthly payment from the Department of Veterans Affairs designed to provide care for veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist in bathing, dressing, meal preparation, medication monitoring or other various activities of daily living. This benefit is available to individuals who reside in assisted living communities, personal care homes, skilled nursing facilities and those receiving personal in-home care. Anyone on Aid and Attendance also automatically qualifies for VA health care benefits, like prescription coverage and hospital and physician care.



How can these benefits help someone? Aid and Attendance can help pay for care in the home, skilled nursing facility, personal care home or an assisted living community. A veteran may be eligible for up to \$1,936/month while the surviving spouse of a veteran may be eligible for up to \$1,244/month. A married couple may be eligible for up to \$2,295/month.

Who is eligible? Any War Veteran with 90 days of active duty with at least one day during active Wartime. A surviving spouse of a War Veteran may be eligible if married at the time of death. The individual must qualify both medically and financially. Typically, assets must be less than \$130,773, EXCLUDING your home and car. Also, assets such as life insurance policies and pre-paid funeral expenses may be excluded from this number. For further information regarding financial qualifications, please seek the professional advice of an attorney or financial planner.

Eligible dates are April 21, 1898 through July 15, 1903, April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918, December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946, June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955, August 5, 1964 through May 7, 1975 and August 2, 1990 through a future date to be set by law or Presidential Proclamation.

How do I apply for this benefit? There are two ways to apply for this benefit. We will gladly assist you in applying or you may also apply by contacting your Regional Veterans Administration Office. To locate the closest regional office to you, visit the Department of Veterans Affairs website at: <http://www.vba.va.gov>.

How quickly would I receive the benefit? This is determined in part by the accuracy of the initial application. The average process takes between 3-6 months but some applications may take longer. However, the VA does pay retroactively from the date of application. The resident is paid directly from the VA. This program financially assists the resident with paying their monthly rent, care and/or services.

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