

Eligible Wartime Periods

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

- Mexican Border period (May 9, 1916, to April 5, 1917, for Veterans who served in Mexico, on its borders, or in adjacent waters)
- World War I (April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918)
- World War II (December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946)
- Korean conflict (June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955)
- Vietnam War era (February 28, 1961, to May 7, 1975, for Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period. August 5, 1964, to May 7, 1975, for Veterans who served outside the Republic of Vietnam.)
- Gulf War (August 2, 1990, through a future date to be set

by law or presidential proclamation)



Non-Service Connected Pension

Claim Items Needed

- DD214/ Military Discharge
- VA Form 21-2680 for Aid & Attendance (if applicable)
- Social Security Number(s) and date(s) of birth (for married couples)
- Marriage Certificate
- Divorce Decrees (if applicable)
- Documented monthly income (ie.: Social Security Award Letter, IRS Form 1099 for other income (including pension and/or interest income)
- Interest statements on all accounts, including savings, investments, stocks, bonds, and/or annuities.
- Premium amounts for supplement health insurance policies including Medicare Part C and/or D.

- VA Form 21-0779 for nursing Home or Assisted Living facility (if applicable).

Call 864-429-1605 to make an appointment.

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*Non-Service
Connected
Pension with
Housebound or*

Aid and Attendance



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What is VA Pension?

Pension is a needs-based benefit program for wartime Veterans, who are age 65 or older or have a permanent and total non-service

connected disability, and who have limited income and net worth. Veterans who are more seriously disabled may qualify for pension at the increased housebound or aid and attendance rates. These benefits also apply to the surviving spouse of an eligible veteran.

Your yearly family income must be less than the amount set by Congress to qualify for Veterans Pension benefit.

Who is Eligible?

You may be eligible if you meet the following criteria: You were discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, AND

- You served 90 days of active duty with at least one day during wartime, *AND
- Your countable income is below the maximum annual pension rate (MAPR), AND
- You meet net worth limitations AND
- You meet one of the following criteria:
 - o You are age 65 or older.

- You have a permanent and total non-service-connected disability.
- You are a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity.
- You are receiving Social Security disability benefits.

*Veterans who entered active duty after September 7, 1980, must serve at least 24 months of active-duty service. If the length of service is less than 24 months, the Veteran must have completed their entire tour of active duty.

Enhanced or Special Monthly Rates for Housebound or Aid and Attendance

Housebound: Housebound is an increased monthly pension amount. It is paid to permanently disabled Veterans who are greatly confined to their homes. Veterans may qualify for this increased amount if one of the following is true:

- You have a single permanent disability evaluated as 100-percent disabling. Because of this, you are

permanently confined to your immediate location.

- You have a single permanent disability evaluated as 100-percent disabling and another disability (or disabilities) evaluated as 60-percent or more.

You may not receive enhanced or special monthly pension without first establishing eligibility for VA pension. However, enhanced pension is based on a higher income limit. For this reason, a claimant who is not eligible for basic pension may still qualify for increased pension benefits.

Aid and Attendance: Aid and Attendance is a higher monthly pension amount paid to a Veteran or surviving spouse. You may be eligible if one (or more) of the following is true:

- You require help to perform activities of daily living. These include bathing, feeding, dressing, toileting, adjusting prosthetic devices or protection from environmental hazards.
- You are bedridden. This means your disability requires you to stay in bed when you are not receiving treatment.

You are a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity.

- You have corrected visual acuity of 5/200 or less in both eyes.
- You have concentric contraction of the visual field to 5 degrees or less.

To determine eligibility for these special rates, VA Form 21-2680 "Examination for Housebound or Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance," would need to be completed by your physician.

You may not receive pension at the A&A and Housebound rate at the same time.