

# **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 **(Most recent)**
- Annuity Monthly Statement **(Most recent)**
- Private Sector Monthly Pension Statement **(Most recent)**
- Statements for IRA's, Bonds, Stocks, Etc.. **(Most recent)**
- Trust Fund statement – **(All Schedules)**
- Aid and Attendance Form - **(VA Form 21-2680)**
- Third Party Authorization– **(VA Form 21-0845)**
- 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 2026**  
**(Effective 12/01/2025)**

**AID AND ATTENDANCE (A&A)**

Veteran:	\$2,424
One Dependent:	\$2,874
Widow(er) No Dependents:	\$1,558
Widow(er) One Dependent:	\$1,858

**HOUSEBOUND (HB)**

Veteran:	\$1,776
One Dependent:	\$2,225
Widow(er) No Dependents:	\$1,191
Widow(er) One Dependent:	\$1,491

**NOTE THE MAXIMUM YEARLY INCOME TO QUALIFY IS...**

Veteran Pension:	\$17,441
Veteran w/ One Dependent:	\$22,839
Veteran (HB):	\$21,313
Veteran w/ One Dependent (HB):	\$26,710
Veteran (A&A):	\$29,093
Veteran w/ One Dependent (A&A):	\$34,488
Widow(er) (Pension):	\$11,696
Widow(er) (HB):	\$14,298
Widow(er) (A&A)	\$18,697

**NOTE: Net worth & combined annual income must be below  
\$163,699 dollars**



**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.
B.	E.
C.	F.

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?

[REDACTED] - [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

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

From 9 PM to 9 AM: [REDACTED]

From 9 AM to 9 PM: [REDACTED]

## 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

[REDACTED][REDACTED]

## 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





## 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) (First, Last)

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

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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?

No. & Street 

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Apt./Unit Number 

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 City 

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State/Province 

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 Country 

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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.)

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INDEFINITE

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

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 PER HOUR

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

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HOURS PER MONTH

## CERTIFICATION

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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VETERAN'S SSN    -   -

11. I, THE VETERAN/BENEFICIARY/CLAIMANT AUTHORIZE VA TO CONTACT THE PERSON **OR** ORGANIZATION LISTED IN ITEM 10A OR 10C FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO MY VA RECORD (*Check only one box below to tell VA the specific benefit or claim information you want disclosed*)

LIMITED INFORMATION (*Go to Item 12*)       ANY INFORMATION (*Go to Item 13*)

12. IF YOU SELECTED "LIMITED INFORMATION", CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

Status of pending claim or appeal       Amount of money owed VA       Current benefit and rate

Request a benefit payment letter       Payment history       Change of address or direct deposit

Other (*Specify below*):

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13. IF YOU SELECTED "ANY INFORMATION", THE TERMS OF SUCH RELEASE OF INFORMATION WILL BE:

One time only       Ongoing until written notice is given to VA to terminate

From the date of signing below until (Specify Date (MM/DD/YYYY)):    -    -

14. SPECIFY THE SECURITY QUESTION YOU WANT USED WHEN VERIFYING THE IDENTITY OF YOUR DESIGNATED THIRD PARTY. CHECK ONLY ONE SECURITY QUESTION BOX IN ITEM 14A AND PROVIDE THE ANSWER IN ITEM 14B.

A. SECURITY QUESTION	B. ANSWER
<input type="checkbox"/> The city and state your mother was born in	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> The name of the high school you attended	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Your first pet's name	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Your favorite teacher's name	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Your father's middle name	_____

## **SECTION IV - DECLARATION OF INTENT**

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

15. VETERAN/BENEFICIARY/CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE (*REQUIRED*)

16. DATE SIGNED (*MM/DD/YYYY*)

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**PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION:** 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 voluntary. VA uses your SSN to identify your claim file. Providing your SSN will help ensure that your records are properly associated with your claim file. Giving us your SSN account information is voluntary. Refusal to provide your SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. The VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by Federal Statute of law in effect prior to January 1, 1975, and still in effect.

**RESPONDENT BURDEN:** We need this information to release your private benefit and/or claim information to a designated third party(ies). The execution of this form does not authorize the release of information other than that specifically described. The information requested on this form will authorize release of the information you specify. Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 5 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 Page at [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](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.