



What Is VA Pension?

Pension is a benefit paid to wartime veterans with limited income, and who are permanently and totally disabled or age 65 or older.

Who Is Eligible?

You may be eligible if:

- you were discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, AND
• you served 90 days* or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war time, AND
• your countable family income is below a yearly limit set by law, AND
• you are permanently and totally disabled, OR
• you are age 65 or older.

*However, anyone who enlists after September 7, 1980, generally must have served at least 24 months or the full period for which called or ordered to active duty.

Table with 2 columns: 'If you are a...' and 'Your yearly income must be less than...'. Rows include categories like 'Veteran with no dependents' (\$10,579), 'Veteran with a spouse or a child' (\$13,855), 'Housebound veteran with no dependents' (\$12,929), etc.

How Much Does VA Pay?

VA pays you the difference between your countable family income and the yearly income limit that describes your situation (see chart above). This difference is generally paid in 12 equal monthly payments rounded down to the nearest dollar.

How Can You Apply?

You can apply by filling out VA Form 21-526, Veteran's Application for Compensation and/or Pension. If available, attach copies of dependency records (marriage & children's birth certificates) and current medical evidence (doctor & hospital reports).

Related Benefits

- Vocational Rehabilitation Program
Medical Care

For more information call toll-free 1-800-827-1000 or visit us on the Internet at www.va.gov.