

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR INCOME, ASSET AND EMPLOYMENT STATEMENT

NOTE: Read these instructions very carefully, detach, and keep for your reference.

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I contact VA if I have a question?

If you have questions about this form, how to complete it, or about benefits, contact your nearest VA regional office. You can find the address of the nearest VA regional office on the Internet at https://www.va.gov/directory. For additional information or questions contact us online through Ask VA: https://www.va.gov/contact-us or call us toll-free at 1-800-827-1000 (TTY: 711).

When do I use VA Form 21P-527?

Use VA Form 21P-527 to apply for veterans pension if you have previously filed a claim for compensation and/or veterans pension. For expeditious processing under the Fully Developed Claim process use VA Form 21P-527EZ, Application for Veterans Pension. VA forms are available at www.va.gov/vaforms.

What is veterans pension and how does VA decide what I will and will not receive?

You should apply for veterans pension benefits if **all** of the following are true:

- Your income and assets do not exceed certain limits. Visit our website at www.benefits.va.gov/pension/rates.asp for the maximum yearly income we allow.
- You are 65 or older or permanently and totally disabled. Your disabilities do not have to be related to your military service.
- · You served on active duty with at least one day during a period of war. Visit our website at www.benefits.va.gov/pension/vetpen.asp for more specific information.

VA pays veterans pension based on income and asset amounts for the veteran and his/her dependents. VA must include all sources of income that Federal law specifies. You can find out what the current income limitations and rates of benefits are by contacting your nearest VA office.

You must provide information about the Social Security benefits you and your dependents receive. Report the gross amount you and your dependents receive monthly before deductions are taken out. If you have a copy of your most recent Social Security award letter, please include a copy of the letter with your application.

You must tell us if you or your dependents receive or received income from sources other than Social Security. Please also report if you or your dependents own your primary residence and the value of your assets and your dependents' assets. Your assets do include your spouse's assets. Although your assets do not include your child's assets, you must tell us if your child has significant assets.

Assets means the fair market value of all property that an individual owns, including all real and personal property (excluding the value of the primary residence including the residential lot area, not to exceed 2 acres) less the amount of mortgages or other encumbrances specific to the mortgaged or encumbered property. Personal property means the value of personal effects that are in excess of being suitable and consistent with a reasonable mode of life. You must tell us if you or your dependents have transferred assets in the past three calendar years.

IMPORTANT: If you or your dependents receive or received income in addition to Social Security benefits *or* you or your dependents have significant assets or have transferred assets, we will require you to complete VA Form 21P-0969, Income and Asset Statement, in addition to this application.

VA may pay benefits from the date of receipt of your application unless severe disability prevented you from filing a claim for a period of at least 30 days. If you want this claim considered for retroactive payment, indicate so in Item 36, "Remarks," and identify the specific disability which prevented you from filing.

What is special monthly pension?

Special monthly pension is an increased amount paid to individuals who, due to mental or physical disability, require the aid of another person to perform activities of daily living, are a patient in a nursing home, have severe visual problems, or are substantially confined to his or her home. If you wish to apply for this benefit, check "Yes" in Item 22A.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS (Continued)

What medical evidence should I submit?

If you are you are a veteran who is claiming pension and you are age 65 or older, or determined to be disabled by the Social Security Administration, you **DO NOT** have to submit medical evidence with your application unless you are claiming special monthly pension. Otherwise, provide only those medical records that are related to the disabilities that prevent you from working.

If you wish to claim special monthly pension and are not in a nursing home, please complete and attach with this application, VA Form 21-2680, *Exam for Housebound Status or Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance*. Please make sure every box is complete and the application is signed by a physician, physician assistant (PA), certified nurse practitioner (CNP), or clinical nurse specialist (CNS). If you are a patient in a nursing home, please attach a completed VA Form 21-0779, *Request for Nursing Home Information in Connection with Claim for Aid and Attendance*, signed by an official of the nursing home showing the date you were admitted to the nursing home, the level of care you receive, and whether Medicaid covers all or part of your nursing home costs.

If you want help getting medical records related to this claim, you may complete VA Form 21-4142, Authorization and Consent to Release Information to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). By signing VA Form 21-4142, you authorize any doctors, hospitals, or caregivers that have treated you to release information about your treatment to VA. You do not need to complete this form for any treatment you received at a VA facility. If you need a copy of the VA Form 21-4142 or VA Form 21-0779, you may contact VA as shown on page 1 in "How can I contact VA if I have a question?" or download the forms from the VA web site www.va.gov/vaforms.

What do I do when I have completed my application?

When you have completed this application, mail it to the Pension Intake Center listed below. Be sure to attach any materials that support and explain your claim. Also, make a photocopy of your application and everything that you submit to VA before mailing it.

MAIL: Department of Veterans Affairs Pension Intake Center P.O. Box 5365 Janesville, WI 53547-5365

How can I assign someone to act as my representative?

You may wish to contact an accredited veterans service officer (VSO) to assist you with your application. For a list of accredited veterans service organizations go to https://www.va.gov/vso/. You may also contact your state office of veterans affairs at https://www.va.gov/statedva.htm, should you need further assistance with the application process.

Depending on the type of representative you want to designate, please submit one of the following forms:

- VA Form 21-22, Appointment of Veterans Service Organization as Claimant's Representative or
- VA Form 21-22A, Appointment of Individual as Claimant's Representative

You may download these forms at: www.va.gov/vaforms. If you have already designated a representative, no further action is required on your part.

IMPORTANT: If you are certifying that you are married for the purpose of VA benefits, your marriage must be recognized by the place where you and/or your spouse resided at the time of marriage, or where you and/or your spouse resided when you filed your claim (or a later date when you became eligible for benefits) (38 U.S.C. § 103(c)). Additional guidance on VA recognized marriages is available at https://www.va.gov/opa/marriage/.

Fees for claims: Section 5904, Title 38, United States Code (codified in § 14.636, Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations) contains provisions regarding fees that may be charged, allowed, or paid for services provided by a VA-accredited attorney or agent in connection with a proceeding before the Department of Veterans Affairs with respect to a claim for benefits under laws administered by the Department. Generally, a VA-accredited attorney or agent may charge you a fee for assisting in seeking further review of a claim for VA benefits only after VA has issued an initial decision on the claim and the attorney or agent has complied with the applicable power-of-attorney and the fee agreement requirements.

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION: The form will be used to determine allowance to pension benefits (38 U.S.C. 5101). The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). VA may disclose the information that you provide, including Social Security numbers, outside VA if the disclosure is authorized under the Privacy Act, including the routine uses 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. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law. Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies. VA may make a "routine use" disclosure for: 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. Your response is required in order to obtain or retain benefits. Information that you furnish may be utilized in computer matching programs with other Federal or state agencies for the purpose of determining your eligibility to receive VA benefits, as well as to collect any amount owed to the United States by virtue of your participation in any benefit program administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Social Security information: You are required to provide the Social Security numbers as authorized under the Privacy Act, and, specifically may disclose them for purposes stated above.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to determine your eligibility for pension. Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 1 hour 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. If desired, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.

Department of Veterans Affairs

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PART III - INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR UNMARRIED DEPENDENT CHILDREN

VA recognizes your biological children, adopted children, and stepchildren as dependents. These children must be unmarried and:

- under age 18, or
- between 18 and 23 and pursuing an approved course of education, or
- of any age if they became seriously disabled and permanently unable to support themselves before reaching age 18.

"Seriously disabled" means that the child became permanently unable to support himself/herself before reaching age 18.

Furnish a statement from an attending physician or other medical evidence which shows the nature and extent of the physical or mental impairment. If you need additional space, please attach a separate sheet of paper providing the requested information about each child.

If you need additional space, please attach a separate sheet of paper providing the requested information about each child. Note: You should provide a copy of the public record of birth for each child or a copy of the court record of adoption for each adopted child. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILDREN WHO LIVE WITH YOU 18. DO YOU HAVE ANY DEPENDENT CHILDREN? YES NO (If "No," skip to Part IV) 19E. CHECK EACH APPLICABLE CATEGORY 19C. PLACE 19B. DATE 19D. SOCIAL 18-23 YRS 19A. NAME OF CHILD OF BIRTH CHILD OF BIRTH **SECURITY** OLD AND SERIOUSI Y (First, Middle, Last) (City, State, **BIOLOGICAL** ADOPTED STEPCHILD PREVIOUSLY NUMBER (Mo., Day, Yr.) ATTENDING DISABLED or Country) MARRIED **SCHOOL** MACY SHES 12 $|\times|$ П PLAIN, VA TRA-01-CHILD INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILDREN WHO DO NOT LIVE WITH YOU 20D. MONTHLY AMOUNT 20A. NAME OF CHILD 20B. CHILD'S 20C. NAME OF PERSON CHILD YOU CONTRIBUTE COMPLETE ADDRESS (First, Middle, Last) LIVES WITH (If applicable) TO CHILD'S SUPPORT JOHN 12 MAPLE LN GRANDMOTHER .00 \$ \$.00 .00 \$.00 PART IV - INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DISABILITY(IES) AND BACKGROUND NOTE: If you are a veteran who is claiming pension and you are age 65 or older, or determined disabled by the Social Security Administration, you DO NOT have to submit medical evidence with your application unless you are claiming special monthly pension. 21A. WHAT DISABILITY(IES) PREVENT YOU FROM WORKING? 21B. WHEN DID THE DISABILITY(IES) BEGIN? (Month, Day, Year) SHOULDER INJURY 22A. ARE YOU CLAIMING SPECIAL MONTHLY PENSION BECAUSE YOU NEED THE 22B. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU RECENTLY BEEN HOSPITALIZED OR REGULAR ASSISTANCE OF ANOTHER PERSON, HAVE SEVERE VISUAL GIVEN OUTPATIENT OR HOME CARE? (Due to the disability(ies) listed in PROBLEMS, OR ARE GENERALLY CONFINED TO YOUR IMMEDIATE PREMISES? Item 21A) (If "Yes," complete and attach with this application VA Form 21-2680, (If "Yes," complete Items 23A & 23B) XYES NO X YES □NO Exam for Housebound Status or Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance. Please make sure every box is completed and signed by a Physician, Physician Assistant (PA), Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP), or Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS.) 23A. DATE(S) OF RECENT HOSPITALIZATION OR CARE 23B. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF FACILITY OR DOCTOR DR.CONNERS AT VAMC DC AUGUST 10 2022 TO SEPT 15 24A. ARE YOU NOW EMPLOYED? 24B. WHEN DID YOU LAST WORK? (Month, Day, Year) YES | X NO (If "No," complete Item 24B) 7/17/2023 24C. WERE YOU SELF-EMPLOYED BEFORE BECOMING TOTALLY DISABLED? 24D. WHAT KIND OF WORK DID YOU DO? X YES (If "Yes," complete Items 24D and 24E) CONSTRUCTION 24E. ARE YOU STILL SELF-EMPLOYED? 24F. WHAT KIND OF WORK DO YOU DO NOW? I CAN'T WORK YES \times NO (If "Yes," complete Item 24F)

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WORKSHEET FOR AN ASSISTED LIVING, ADULT DAY CARE, OR SIMILAR FACILITY
NOTE: Only complete this worksheet if you are claiming expenses for an assisted living facility, adult day care or similar facility.
IMPORTANT: VA recognizes the following five activities as Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) for medical expense purposes:
(1) Eating
(2) Bathing/Showering
(3) Dressing
(4) Transferring (for example, from bed to chair)
(5) Using the toilet
Custodial Care is regular - • assistance with two or more ADLs, or • supervision because a person with a mental disorder is unsafe if left alone due to the mental disorder.
INSTRUCTIONS: Use this worksheet if you are claiming a disabled person's care in an assisted living facility, adult day care, or similar facility as unreimbursed medical expenses. Follow the steps below to determine whether VA may deduct all or some of your out-of-pocket payments to the facility.
STEP 1. Are the expenses you wish to claim due to the disabled person's treatment in a hospital, inpatient treatment center, nursing home, or VA-approved medical foster home?
(If "NO," continue to Step 2) (If "YES," claim all payments to the facility qualify as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F. You are finished completing this worksheet)
STEP 2. Do all of the following apply to the facility?
The facility is licensed (if the State or country requires it)
 The facility's staff (or the facility's contracted staff) provides the disabled person with health care or custodial care or both.
If the facility is residential, it is staffed 24 hours per day with caregivers
XYES NO (If "NO," payments to the facility <i>do not</i> qualify as medical expenses. You are finished completing this worksheet)
STEP 3. Are you (the veteran) the disabled person?
XYES NO (If "NO," skip to Step 6)
STEP 4. Did you claim special monthly pension on Page 5, Item 22A of the attached form?
X YES NO (If "NO," payments to this facility for meals and lodging do not qualify as medical expenses. Only claim amounts you pay the facility for health care services or assistance with ADLs provided by a health care provider in Items 32A - 32F. Skip to Step 8)
STEP 5. If you answered "YES" in Step 2, you stated that the facility provides you with health care and/or custodial care. Is this the <i>primary reason</i> you live in the facility (or attend day care in the facility)?
WYES NO (If "YES," all payments to this facility may qualify as medical expenses if VA rates you as eligible for special monthly pension. Please report separately in Items 32A - 32F applicable amounts you pay the facility for (1) lodging and meals, (2) health care services or assistance with ADLs provided by a health care provider, and (3) custodial care. Skip to Step 8)
(If "NO," payments to this facility for meals and lodging do not qualify as medical expenses. Please report separately in Items 32A - 32F applicable amounts you pay the facility for (1) health care services and assistance with ADLs provided by a health care provider and (2) custodial care. Skip to Step 8)
STEP 6. Does the disabled person require the health care services or custodial care that the facility provides to him or her because of the disabled person's mental or physical disability?
(If "YES," you must submit a statement from a physician or physician assistant that (1) the disabled person requires the health care services or custodial care that the facility provides to him or her because of mental or physical disability, and (2) describes the mental or physical disability)
(If "NO," claim payments you pay this facility for health care services or assistance with ADLs provided by a health care provider in Items 32A - 32F. Skip to Step 8)
STEP 7. If you answered "YES" in Step 2, you stated that the facility provides the disabled person with health care and/or custodial care. Is this the <i>primary reason</i> the disabled person lives in the facility (or attends day care in the facility)?
√YES NO (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F) (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F) (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F) (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F) (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F) (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F) (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F) (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F) (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F) (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F) (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F) (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F) (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F) (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F) (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F) (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F) (If "YES," claim all payments to this facility (to include meals and lodging) are the include meals and lodging to this payments
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STEP 8. Facility Certification: Please submit a current statement showing the fees the claimant pays to your facility and a breakdown of the care received.
I CERTIFY that the information stated within this WORKSHEET FOR AN ASSISTED LIVING, ADULT DAY CARE, OR SIMILAR FACILITY is accurate and
reflects the current environment pertaining to Mack A Veteran
(Name of person staying at your facility) and his or her care at this facility 18 Daisy Care Ln
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(Name, Signature and Title of Person Certifying for the Facility) (Date Certified)

WORKSHEET FOR IN-HOME ATTENDANT EXPENSES										
NOTE: Only complete this worksheet if you are claiming expenses for in-home care.										
IMPORTANT: VA recognizes the following five activities as Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) for medical expense purposes:										
(1) Eating										
(2) Bathing/Showering										
(3) Dressing										
(4) Transferring (for example, from bed to chair)										
(5) Using the toilet										
Custodial Care is regular - • assistance with two or more ADLs, or • supervision because a person with a mental disorder is unsafe if left alone due to the mental disorder										
IMPORTANT : The following activities are examples of Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs) for VA purposes. VA generally does not recognize assistance with these activities as medical expenses: (1) Shopping; (2) Food Preparation; (3) Housekeeping; (4) Laundering; (5) Handling medications; (6) Using the telephone; (7) Transportation (except for medical purposes such as transportation to a doctor's appointment).										
INSTRUCTIONS: Use this worksheet if you are claiming payments to a disabled person's in-home attendant as an unreimbursed medical expense.										
Follow the steps below to determine whether or not:										
 the attendant must be a health care provider for VA purposes and VA may deduct payment for assistance with IADLs as well as assistance with ADLs and custodial care 										
STEP 1. Are you (the veteran) the disabled person?										
XYES NO (If "NO," skip to Step 4)										
STEP 2. Did you claim special monthly pension on Page 5, Item 22A of the attached form?										
(If "NO," payments to this in-home attendant for assistance with IADLs do not qualify as medical expenses. Please report separately X YES NO in Items 32A - 32F applicable amounts you pay an in-home attendant for (1) health care services or assistance with ADLs provided by										
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STEP 3. Is the <i>primary responsibility</i> of the in-home attendant to provide you with health care or custodial care?										
(If "YES," payments to this in-home attendant <i>may</i> qualify as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F <i>if</i> VA rates you as eligible for special monthly pension. Please report separately in Items 32A - 32F amounts you pay an in-home attendant for (1) health care services or assistance, (2) assistance with IADLs, and (3) custodial care. Skip to Step 6.)										
(If "NO," payments to this in-home attendant for assistance with IADLs do not qualify as medical expenses. Please report separately in Items 32A - 32F applicable amounts you pay an in-house attendant for (1) health care services or assistance with ADLs provided by a health care provider and (2) custodial care. Skip to Step 6.)										
STEP 4. Does the disabled person require the health care services or custodial care that the in-home attendant provides to him or her because of the disabled person's mental or physical disability? (If "YES," you must submit a statement from a physician or physician assistant that (1) the disabled person requires the health care services or custodial care that the in-home attendant provides to him or her because of mental or physical disability, and (2) describes										
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STEP 5. Is the <i>primary responsibility</i> of the in-home attendant to provide the disabled person with health care or custodial care?										
(If "YES," payments to the in-home attendant qualify as medical expenses (even assistance with IADLs) and can be reported in Items 32A - 32F)										
(If "NO," report payments to this in-home attendant for health care and/or custodial care as medical expenses in Items 32A - 32F. Payment for assistance with IADLs do not qualify as a medical expense)										
STEP 6. Check all activities below with which the attendant assists the veteran or disabled person with:										
ADLS:EATINGBATHING/SHOWERINGDRESSINGTRANSFERRINGUSING THE TOILET										
IADLs: SHOPPING FOOD PREPARATION X HOUSEKEEPING LAUNDERING HANDLING										
STEP 7. In-Home Attendant Certification: Please submit a current breakdown of the time the attendant spends assisting the veteran or disabled person with health care services, ADLs and IADLs.										
I CERTIFY that the information stated within this WORKSHEET FOR IN-HOME ATTENDANT EXPENSES is accurate and										
reflects the current environment pertaining to Mack A Veteran										
(Name of Person Requiring Care) and his or her care from GIFTED HELPERS VETERANS SERVICE										
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