

Veteran's Benefits

If you are a veteran, you may be eligible for the benefits listed below.

Disability Compensation for Veterans

If you are disabled because of an injury or disease that began or worsened during military service, you should receive compensation benefits. Disabilities are rated according to severity. Greater disability means greater benefits. There is no time limit by which to apply, but if you apply within one year of release from active duty, you may be able to get retroactive benefits.

Disability Pension

Pensions are available to veterans who meet the following requirements:

- Generally, you served 90 days or more, one day of which was during a war
- Your income and resources are within certain limits
- You are permanently disabled.

If you are a disabled veteran, you must show permanent disability to be eligible. If your condition makes you homebound or you are living in a care facility, you may be entitled to a higher benefit. You may qualify for more money to have a family member or other person give you care at home. You may also be able to qualify for reimbursement of medical expenses that you have paid depending on the amount of your bills and the amount of your income.

Dependents

If you receive monthly VA benefits because of a disability, your spouse and dependents may receive an additional monthly benefit. A surviving spouse and dependent children also receive VA benefits.

Other VA Benefits

The following other VA benefits are available:

- Death benefits for survivors of a disabled veteran
- Prosthetic appliances, aids, and services for the blind
- Reimbursement for burial expenses, burial flags, burial in national cemeteries, headstones, or grave markers
- Loan and guaranty

- Education and training
- Insurance

How to Apply

To apply for VA benefits, contact the Veterans' Affairs regional office nearest you. You may also contact your county as each county in Idaho has a Veteran's Service Officer.

Your Right to Appeal

If you were denied VA benefits, you have one year from the date you were notified of the denial to ask for a hearing. The local office holds the hearing. If your claim is denied again, you can appeal to the Board of Veterans' Appeals. You can choose someone to represent you at the hearing and on appeal.