

Defining who is a Veteran

Veteran means a person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

- For compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation the term *veteran* includes a person who died in active service and whose death was not due to wilful misconduct
- For death pension the term *veteran* includes a person who died in active service under conditions which preclude payment of service-connected death benefits, provided such person had completed at least 2 years honorable military, naval or air service.

Are Guard and Reserve Eligible for Benefits?

All National Guard and Reserve members qualify for some VA benefits. Different benefits may consider different factors to determine eligibility, such as length of service, type of service (such as under Title 10 or Title 32), wartime service, and/or service-related disability.

What is Service Connection?

Compensation benefits are paid for disabilities that are service-connected, which means the injury or disease resulted in a disability linked to military service.

What is Disability Compensation?

Disability compensation is a tax-free monetary benefit paid to veterans with disabilities that are the result of a disease or injury incurred or aggravated during active military service.

You may be eligible for benefits if you are a uniformed servicemember; veteran; or spouse, child, or parent of a deceased or disabled servicemember or veteran.

This brochure describes the minimum VA service connection rating for listed benefits. This list is not all-inclusive and in many cases there are additional requirements for eligibility.

For more information, contact your County Veterans' Service Officer. You can find contact information for your CVSO at [**veterans.nebraska.gov/cvso**](http://veterans.nebraska.gov/cvso)

You can also contact the State Service Office using the contact information below or connect with a Veteran Service Officer virtually using NDVA's Virtual VSO Live Chat at [**veterans.nebraska.gov**](http://veterans.nebraska.gov)

More information about benefits for veterans can be found online at [**benefits.va.gov**](http://benefits.va.gov)
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GUIDE TO VETERANS' BENEFITS

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Service Connection Rating*

Benefit

		None	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%	Permanent and Total
Health Care	VA Health Care Priority Group 1 (<i>IU or MOH with or without SC</i>)							X						
	VA Health Care Priority Group 2					X								
	VA Health Care Priority Group 3 (<i>Purple Heart or POW with or without SC</i>)			X										
	VA Health Care Priority Group 5, 6, 7, 8		X											
Non-Health Care Benefits	VA automobile allowance and adaptive equipment		X											
	VA home loan programs	X												
	Free National Park Entrance for Veterans and Gold Star Families	X												
	Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E)				X									
	Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI)		X											
	Individual Unemployability								X					
	Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay for Military Retirees							X						
	Veterans Pension (service during wartime required)	X												
	Special Monthly Compensation (SMC)		X											
	Aid and Attendance and Housebound allowances	X												
	Clothing Allowances for Service-Connected Disability Requiring Prosthetic or Orthopedic Appliances		X											
	Specially Adapted Housing/Special Housing Adaptation/Temporary Residence Adaptation Grants													X
	Veterans Preference in Federal Hiring	X												
Death Benefits	Eligible for Burial in a National Cemetery	X												
	Eligible for Burial Flag	X												
	Eligible for a Headstone or Marker	X												
	Eligible for Military Funeral Honors	X												
	Eligible for Presidential Memorial Certificates	X												
State of Nebraska Veterans' Benefits	State of Nebraska Homestead Exemption													X
	Election to Exclude Military Retirement Pay from Income Tax	X												
	Veteran's Annual Small Game Hunt/Fish/Fur Harvest Permit (Age 64 and older)	X												
	Disabled Veteran's Lifetime Annual Park Entry Permit							X						
	Disabled Veteran's Lifetime Annual Small Game Hunt/Fish/Fur Harvest Permit (no fee)							X						
	Eligible to apply for admission to one of the Nebraska Veterans' Homes	X												
	Eligible to apply for emergency assistance through the Nebraska Veterans Aid Fund (NVA)	X												
	Military honor license plate and/or veterans' identifier on State Issued ID	X												
	Eligible for Occupational Licensure Benefits	X												
	Department of Labor Priority of Service for workforce programs	X												
	Department of Labor Job Search Assistance	X												
	Military and Veterans Registry	X												
	Eligible for Burial in Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Alliance	X												
Dependent Benefit Programs	Dependency and Indemnity Compensation	The Veterans Benefits Administration offers a variety of benefits and services to spouses, children, and parents of service members and veterans who are deceased or totally and permanently disabled from a service-connected disability.												
	Parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation													
	Survivors Pension													
	Fry Scholarship													
	Dependents' Education Assistance Program													
	Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA)													

*There may be additional eligibility requirements beyond service connection rating