



**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**  
Veterans Benefits Administration

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## **Parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation**

### **What is Parents' DIC?**

Parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is a need-based benefit paid to the parents of a military Servicemember or Veteran who died from one of the following:

- A disease or injury acquired or worsened while on active duty or active duty for training.
- An injury acquired or worsened in the line of duty, or certain diseases acquired while on inactive duty for training.
- A service-connected disability.

The Veteran must have received an other than dishonorable discharge. Parents do not need to be financially dependent on the Veteran or Servicemember to be eligible for this benefit.

### **Who are eligible parents?**

The term "parent" includes biological, adoptive and foster parents.

### **How much does VA pay?**

The Parents' DIC rate charts

([http://www.benefits.va.gov/Pension/current\\_rates\\_Parents\\_DIC\\_pen.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/Pension/current_rates_Parents_DIC_pen.asp)) provide

current and past rates. You can also learn how to determine the monthly payment on the webpage.

VA rates for recipients of Parents' DIC are based on countable incomes. When a parent's countable income is more than the legal limit, VA pays no benefit. Eligible parents must report all sources of income to VA. This includes wages, retirement payments, insurance proceeds or annuity payment, interest and dividends.

VA deducts certain expenses you pay from your household income. This decreases your countable income and increases your monthly Parents' DIC payment. Find a complete list of eligible expenses in the Code of Federal Regulations, sections 3.261 and 3.262 of Title 38, located at <http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=60a4d32d8dc1ba66fef8e80bb5903c04&node=pt38.1.3&rgn=div5>.

### **How can you apply?**

Apply for Parents' DIC by completing [VA Form 21P-535](#), "Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by Parent(s)" located at [www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21P-535-ARE.pdf](http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21P-535-ARE.pdf). Mail or fax the form and Veteran's death certificate to the Pension Management Center serving your state.

<p><b>Philadelphia VA Regional Office</b></p> <p>Department of Veterans Affairs Claims Intake Center Attention: Philadelphia Pension Center P. O. Box 5206 Janesville, WI 53547-5206 Fax: 1-844-655-1604</p>	<p>Service Area: Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and all other foreign countries not listed below under the St. Paul VA Regional Office</p>
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<p><b>Milwaukee VA Pension Center</b></p> <p>Department of Veterans Affairs  Claims Intake Center  Attention: Milwaukee Pension Center  Janesville, WI 53547-5192  P. O. Box 5192  Fax: 1-844-655-1604</p>	<p>Service Area: Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, Wisconsin</p>
<p><b>St. Paul VA Regional Office</b></p> <p>Department of Veterans Affairs  Claims Intake Center  Attention: St. Paul Pension Center  PO BOX 5365  Janesville, WI 53547-5365  Fax: 1-844-655-1604</p>	<p>Service Area: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean</p>

For more information on VA Pensions visit the web pages listed above, or call 1-800-827-1000.