

Veterans Aid & Attendance Benefits:

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SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:

- The Veteran must have served at least **90 days of active service** with at least **one day** of service during a **wartime period:**

World War II:

December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946



Korean Conflict:

June 27, 1950 through
January 31, 1955



Vietnam War:

August 5, 1964 (*February 28, 1961 for Veterans who served "in Country" before August 5, 1964*) through May 7, 1975

- The Veteran *cannot* have a dishonorable discharge from the service.

CARE REQUIREMENTS (allowable medical expenses):

- A Veteran living in **Independent Living, Assisted Living or Personal Care home** or receiving **care services at home** may qualify.
- As long as a physician, physician assistant, certified nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist says that the Claimant EITHER needs assistance with 2 ADLs (Activities of Daily Living such as dressing and undressing, bathing or feeding) OR supervision due to cognitive or physical limitations.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- **Three-year look-back for transfers:** Transfers made during the look-back period will be subject to a penalty period (a period of ineligibility).
- Asset limit is set currently at **\$130,773**. The asset test takes into account all assets (minus the primary residence and personal belongings like cars) plus annual gross income.
- Income can be reduced by out-of-pocket medical expenses. (Annual cost of independent, assisted living or personal care are considered a medical expense.)
- The sale of Claimants home after eligibility can result in the loss of benefits.
- If married, assets of both Veteran and spouse are countable.

For assistance understanding possible asset transfer penalties, consult a VA Accredited Elder Law Attorney.

Current maximum benefits for 2021 for Aid and Attendance*:

(1) Veteran with no dependents	\$1,936/month; \$23,238/year
(2) Married Veteran	\$2,295/month; \$27,549/year
(3) Widow of a Veteran with no dependents	\$1,244/month; \$14,934/year
(4) Healthy Veteran with ill spouse	\$1,520/month; \$18,240/year

* Actual award amounts will vary depending on individual situation.

- Widowed spouse of a Veteran must have been living with the Veteran at the time of the death of Veteran (unless separation was due to medical or military reasons).
- Divorce severs benefits.
- Minor or disabled children may qualify for limited benefits on their own.

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