

Department of Veterans Affairs

Raison d'être

Canada's development as an independent country with a unique identity stems partly from its achievements in times of war.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VAC) exists to assist and help those whose courageous efforts gave us this legacy and contributed to our growth as a nation.

The Department of *Veterans Affairs Act* provides authority to the Minister of Veterans Affairs to administer Acts of Parliament and orders in council as are not by law assigned to any other federal department or any Minister for the care, treatment and re-establishment in civil life of Veterans and the care of their dependents and survivors, and such other matters as the Governor in Council may assign.

The Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence is responsible for this organization.

Additional information can be found in the Departmental Plan.

Organizational Estimates

	2018–19 Expenditures	2019–20		2020–21 Main Estimates
		Main Estimates	Estimates To Date	
		(dollars)		
Budgetary Voted				
1 Operating expenditures	1,001,640,228	1,125,198,099	1,236,495,827	1,158,864,928
5 Grants and contributions	3,655,818,666	3,180,739,500	3,925,236,601	4,044,621,627
– Items voted in prior Estimates	.....	75,943,056	75,943,056	.....
Total Voted	4,657,458,894	4,381,880,655	5,237,675,484	5,203,486,555
Total Statutory	33,004,059	38,113,710	38,266,790	34,215,699
Total Budgetary	4,690,462,953	4,419,994,365	5,275,942,274	5,237,702,254

2020–21 Main Estimates by Purpose

Budgetary	Operating	Capital	Transfer Payments	Revenues and other reductions	Total
			(dollars)		
Benefits, Services and Support	1,085,315,619	.....	4,021,444,627	.....	5,106,760,246
Commemoration	19,592,357	.....	23,374,000	.....	42,966,357
Veterans Ombudsman	5,483,671	.....	.....	.....	5,483,671
Internal Services	82,491,980	.....	.....	.....	82,491,980
Total	1,192,883,627	.....	4,044,818,627	.....	5,237,702,254

Listing of the 2020–21 Transfer Payments

	2018–19 Expenditures	2019–20 Main Estimates (dollars)	2020–21 Main Estimates
<u>Grants</u>			
Pain and Suffering Compensation	.....	685,114,000	1,301,434,000
Pensions for disability and death, including pensions granted under the authority of the Civilian Government Employees (War) Compensation Order, P.C. 45/8848 of November 22, 1944, which shall be subject to the <i>Pension Act</i> , for former prisoners of war under the <i>Pension Act</i> , and Newfoundland special awards	1,215,938,359	1,155,817,000	1,241,735,000
Income Replacement Benefit	.....	627,950,000	868,225,000
Housekeeping and Grounds Maintenance	266,889,789	281,815,000	282,467,000
Additional Pain and Suffering Compensation	.....	102,367,000	156,574,000
Education and Training Benefit	12,311,850	44,100,000	42,436,000
Caregiver Recognition Benefit	6,622,296	7,070,000	13,485,000
Commonwealth War Graves Commission	11,086,005	11,772,000	11,700,000
Last Post Fund	8,375,000	9,275,000	8,019,000
War Veterans Allowances and Civilian War Allowances	5,737,130	5,265,000	5,130,000
Disability Awards and Allowances	1,323,653,614	108,535,000	4,496,000
Canadian Forces Income Support Allowance	1,524,010	2,187,000	2,376,000
Earnings Loss and Supplementary Retirement Benefit	717,249,444	1,564,000	2,000,000
Grant for Veterans and Family Well-Being Fund	1,852,985	2,000,000	2,000,000
Grant for Research Funding Program	.....	.....	2,000,000
Critical Injury Benefit	664,932	900,000	1,200,000
Supplementary Retirement Benefit Payout	.....	53,793,000	1,136,000
Veterans Emergency Fund	1,209,404	1,000,000	1,000,000
Children of Deceased Veterans Education Assistance	617,910	978,000	978,000
Payments under the Flying Accidents Compensation Regulations	554,522	975,000	975,000
Grant for Commemorative Partnerships	850,837	750,000	750,000
Treatment Allowances	356,925	625,000	625,000
Assistance in accordance with the provisions of the Assistance Fund Regulations	123,267	420,000	420,000
Career Transition Services	4,320	73,000	73,000
Assistance to Canadian Veterans – Overseas District	54,817	75,000	70,000
United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Korea	24,405	70,000	70,000
Retirement Income Security Benefit	1,550,010	14,000	15,000
Canadian Veterans Association of the United Kingdom	.....	5,000	5,000
Payments of Gallantry Awards	3,361	4,500	4,500
Total Statutory	46,435	197,000	197,000
<u>Contributions</u>			
Contributions to Veterans, under the Veterans Independence Program, to assist in defraying costs of extended health care not covered by provincial health programs	75,285,480	72,366,000	78,294,000
Centre of Excellence on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other related mental health conditions	398,753	1,500,000	6,300,000
Contribution for Research Funding Program	.....	.....	4,799,127
Contributions under the Commemorative Partnerships Program, to organizations, institutions and other levels of government, in support of projects related to the health and well-being of the veteran population, and commemoration activities and events	1,464,374	1,360,000	2,830,000
Contribution for Veterans and Family Well-Being Fund	1,141,796	1,000,000	1,000,000

2018–19 Expenditures	2019–20 Main Estimates	2020–21 Main Estimates
	(dollars)	

Listing of Statutory Authorities

	2018–19 Expenditures	2019–20 Estimates To Date	2020–21 Main Estimates
		(dollars)	
Budgetary			
Contributions to employee benefit plans	32,862,854	37,982,090	33,929,399
Veterans Insurance Actuarial Liability Adjustment (<i>Veterans Insurance Act</i>)	45,663	175,000	175,000
Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence – Salary and motor car allowance (<i>Salaries Act</i> and <i>Parliament of Canada Act</i>)	74,738	87,700	89,300
Returned Soldiers Insurance Actuarial Liability Adjustment (<i>Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act</i>)	772	10,000	10,000
Repayments under section 15 of the <i>War Service Grants Act</i> of compensating adjustments made in accordance with the terms of the <i>Veterans' Land Act</i> (R.S.C., 1970, c. V-4)	.....	10,000	10,000
Re-Establishment Credits under section 8 of the <i>War Service Grants Act</i> (R.S.C., 1970, c. W-4)	.....	2,000	2,000

Items for inclusion in the Proposed Schedule 1 to the Appropriation Bill

(for the financial year ending March 31, 2021)

Unless specifically identified under the **Changes in 2020–21 Main Estimates** section, all vote wordings have been provided in earlier appropriation acts.

Vote No.	Items	Amount (\$)	Total (\$)
	DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS		
1	– Operating expenditures	1,158,864,928	
	– Expenditures related to the upkeep of real property or immovable property, including engineering and other investigatory planning expenses that do not add tangible value to the property, payment of taxes, insurance and public utilities		
	– Expenditures related to, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, (a) necessary remedial work on properties constructed under individual firm price contracts and sold under the <i>Veterans' Land Act</i> (R.S.C. 1970, c. V-4), to correct defects for which neither the veteran nor the contractor may be held financially responsible; and (b) other work on other properties that is required to protect the Director's interest or right in those properties		
	– The payment to each member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada who is a minister without portfolio, or a minister of State who does not preside over a ministry of State, of a salary – paid annually or pro rata for any period less than a year – that does not exceed the salary paid under the <i>Salaries Act</i> , rounded down to the nearest hundred dollars under section 67 of the <i>Parliament of Canada Act</i> , to ministers of State who preside over ministries of State		
5	– The grants listed in any of the Estimates for the fiscal year; however, the amount listed for any grant may be increased or decreased, subject to the approval of the Treasury Board	4,044,621,627	
	– Contributions		5,203,486,555
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Statutory Forecasts

	2018–19 Expenditures	2019–20 Estimates To Date (dollars)	2020–21 Main Estimates
Budgetary			
Department of Veterans Affairs			
Contributions to employee benefit plans	32,862,854	37,982,090	33,929,399
Veterans Insurance Actuarial Liability Adjustment (<i>Veterans Insurance Act</i>)	45,663	175,000	175,000
Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence – Salary and motor car allowance (<i>Salaries Act</i> and <i>Parliament of Canada Act</i>)	74,738	87,700	89,300
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Repayments under section 15 of the <i>War Service Grants Act</i> of compensating adjustments made in accordance with the terms of the <i>Veterans' Land Act</i> (R.S.C., 1970, c. V-4)	10,000	10,000
Re-Establishment Credits under section 8 of the <i>War Service Grants Act</i> (R.S.C., 1970, c. W-4)	.....	2,000	2,000
Other Statutory items listed in the Public Accounts of Canada	20,032
Total Budgetary	33,004,059	38,266,790	34,215,699

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Budgetary Expenditures by Standard Object

This table shows the forecast of total expenditures by Standard Object, which includes the types of goods or services to be acquired, or the transfer payments to be made and the revenues to be credited to the vote.

Definitions of standard objects available at: <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/recgen/pceaf-gwcoa/2021/7-eng.html>

Budgetary Expenditures by Standard Object

	Personnel	Transportation and communications	Information	Professional and special services	Rentals	Purchased repair and maintenance	Utilities, materials and supplies	Acquisition of land, buildings and works	Acquisition of machinery and equipment	Transfer payments	Public debt charges	Other subsidies and payments	Less: Revenues and other reductions	Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Department of Veterans Affairs	263,271,398	49,262,789	1,171,188	565,091,434	11,689,176	9,552,725	286,403,930	13,377	6,376,350	4,044,818,627	.....	51,260	.....	5,237,702,254
Total	263,271,398	49,262,789	1,171,188	565,091,434	11,689,176	9,552,725	286,403,930	13,377	6,376,350	4,044,818,627	51,260	5,237,702,254

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Expenditures by Purpose

Budgetary	2019–20 Main Estimates	2020–21 Main Estimates				
		Operating	Capital	Transfer Payments (dollars)	Revenues and other reductions	Total
Department of Veterans Affairs						
Benefits, Services and Support	4,205,757,171	1,085,315,619	.....	4,021,444,627	.....	5,106,760,246
Commemoration	44,916,250	19,592,357	.....	23,374,000	.....	42,966,357
Veterans Ombudsman	5,502,468	5,483,671	.....	.....	.....	5,483,671
Internal Services	87,875,420	82,491,980	.....	.....	.....	82,491,980
Funds not allocated to the 2020–21 Departmental Results Framework	75,943,056	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	4,419,994,365	1,192,883,627	. . . . .	4,044,818,627	.....	5,237,702,254

Interim Supply Requirements

Department of Veterans Affairs

Approved and Pending Items (dollars) (*triage items included*)

Vote No.	Vote wording and explanation(s) of Additional Twelfths	Total Main Estimates	Amount Granted
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Operating expenditures – Expenditures related to the upkeep of real property or immovable property, including engineering and other investigatory planning expenses that do not add tangible value to the property, payment of taxes, insurance and public utilities – Expenditures related to, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) necessary remedial work on properties constructed under individual firm price contracts and sold under the <i>Veterans' Land Act</i> (R.S.C. 1970, c. V-4), to correct defects for which neither the veteran nor the contractor may be held financially responsible; and (b) other work on other properties that is required to protect the Director's interest or right in those properties – The payment to each member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada who is a minister without portfolio, or a minister of State who does not preside over a ministry of State, of a salary – paid annually or pro rata for any period less than a year – that does not exceed the salary paid under the <i>Salaries Act</i>, rounded down to the nearest hundred dollars under section 67 of the <i>Parliament of Canada Act</i>, to ministers of State who preside over ministries of State <p>No additional twelfths beyond the normal three-twelfths</p>	1,158,864,928	289,716,232
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The grants listed in any of the Estimates for the fiscal year; however, the amount listed for any grant may be increased or decreased, subject to the approval of the Treasury Board – Contributions <p>An additional two twelfths are required beyond the normal three-twelfths</p> <p>Reason: To provide program payments to veterans.</p>	4,044,621,627	1,685,259,012