



Veterans Emergency Fund

About the fund

The Veterans Emergency Fund (VEF) provides quick financial assistance to qualified Veterans and their family members who are facing an emergency that is threatening their health and well-being.

The fund can provide up to a maximum of \$2,500 per Veteran's household per fiscal year (April 1 to March 31) to cover essential needs.

Referrals to other internal and external resources will be provided for longer-term support.

Who can qualify?

To qualify for the VEF, you must be a Canadian resident* and be one of the following:

- A Veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF)
- A current spouse or common-law partner of a Veteran
- A survivor of a deceased Veteran or deceased CAF member
- An orphan of a deceased Veteran or CAF member (or the legal guardian if the orphan is under 18)

*Someone who has lived in Canada for at least 183 days (6 months) in the previous fiscal year (April 1-March 31).

You do not need to have received or be receiving benefits or services from Veterans Affairs Canada to qualify.

What will the fund cover?

Funding **may** be approved for essential needs, such as:

- Food
- Clothing
- Shelter
- One-time medical or dental expenses not covered by insurance

Each applicant's situation is reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

How to apply?

You must submit a complete [Veterans Emergency Fund Application \(VAC1571\)](#) to Veterans Affairs Canada in one of the following ways to be considered for funding:

- Online through [My VAC Account](#) (this is the fastest and easiest way).
- Mail to:
Veterans Affairs Canada
PO Box 6000
Matane, QC
G4W 0E4

You may be requested to submit documentation to support your application, such as:

- A current bank statement or record
- An invoice, quote, or outstanding bill
- Proof of identity

Once Veterans Affairs Canada receives your complete application, including any requested documentation, a decision will be made within two business days. If your application is approved, a payment will be processed within two business days of the decision date.

More information

For more information, contact Veterans Affairs Canada by:

- Calling toll-free at 1-866-522-2122 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time)
- Sending a [My VAC Account](#) secure message
- Requesting an in-person appointment using the [online booking form](#)

