

# 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 per household in a fiscal year (April 1 to March 31) to cover essential needs. While VEF can provide short-term help, you will also be referred to other resources for longer-term support.

## Who can qualify?

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

- A Veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF)
- A current spouse or common-law partner of a Veteran
- The survivor of a deceased Veteran or deceased CAF member
- The 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).

## What will the fund cover?

Each VEF application is reviewed based on your personal situation.

Funding **may** be approved for:

- Food
- Clothing
- Shelter
- One-time medical/dental expenses not covered by insurance
- Other essential needs

## How to apply?

You can apply by submitting an Application for Veterans Emergency Fund (VAC1571) in one of the following ways:

- Online through My VAC Account (this is the fastest and easiest way); or By mail: download the application and send it 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

We will review your application and make a decision within two business days. If approved, the payment will be sent within two business days of the decision.

## 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](#).