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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Benefits Administration

VA Pension

What is VA Pension?

Pension is a needs-based benefit program for wartime Veterans, who are age 65 or older or have a permanent and total non-service connected disability, and who have limited income and net worth. Veterans who are more seriously disabled may qualify for pension at the increased [housebound or aid and attendance](#) rates.

Who is eligible?

You may be eligible if you meet the following criteria:

- You were discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, AND
- You served 90 days of active duty with at least one day during wartime, *AND
- Your countable income is below the maximum annual pension rate (MAPR), AND
- You meet net worth limitations AND
- You meet one of the following criteria:
 - You are age 65 or older.
 - You have a permanent and total nonservice-connected disability.
 - You are a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity.
 - You are receiving Social Security disability benefits.

*Veterans who entered active duty after September 7, 1980, must serve at least 24 months of active-duty service. If the length of service is less than 24 months, the Veteran must have completed their entire tour of active duty.

For the current net worth limit and MAPR, see the Veterans Pension Rate Table:

VA Pension Rates 2024

*Net worth limit as of December 1, 2023 is **\$155,356***

Maximum Amount of Pension Payable = MAPR

MAPR minus Yearly Income = VA Pension for the year (divide by 12 to find monthly amount)

MAPR for Veterans with no Dependents

If you have no dependents and...	MAPR Amount
You don't qualify for Housebound or Aid and Attendance benefits	\$16,551 (yearly)
You qualify for Housebound benefits	\$20,226 (yearly)
You qualify for Aid and Attendance benefits	\$27,609 (yearly)

*If you have medical expenses, you may deduct only the amount that's above 5% of your MAPR amount (\$827 for a Veteran with no spouse or child).

MAPR for Veterans with at least One Dependent Spouse or Child

If you have one dependent and...	MAPR Amount
You don't qualify for Housebound or Aid and Attendance benefits	\$21,674 (yearly)
You qualify for Housebound benefits	\$25,348 (yearly)
You qualify for Aid and Attendance benefits	\$32,729 (yearly)

*If you have more than one dependent, add \$2,831 to your MAPR amount for each additional dependent.

*If you have a child who works, you may exclude their wages up to \$14,600.

*If you have medical expenses, you may deduct only the amount that's above 5% of your MAPR amount (\$1,083 for a Veteran with 1 dependent).

MAPR for Two Veterans who are Married to Each Other

If you're 2 Veterans who are married to each other and...	MAPR Amount
Neither of you qualify for Housebound or Aid and Attendance benefits	\$21,674 (yearly) .
One of you qualify for Housebound benefits	\$25,348 (yearly)
Both of you qualify for Housebound benefits	\$29,021 (yearly)
One of you qualify for Aid and Attendance benefits	\$32,729 (yearly)
Both of you qualify for Aid and Attendance benefits	\$36,395 (yearly)
One of you qualifies for Housebound benefits and one of you qualifies for Aid and Attendance benefits	\$43,791 (yearly)

*If you have more than one dependent, add \$2,831 to your MAPR amount for each additional child.

*If you have a child who works, you may exclude their wages up to \$14,600.

*If you have medical expenses, you may deduct only the amount that's above 5% of your MAPR amount (\$1,083 for a Veteran with 1 dependent).