



PARENTS' DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC)

WHAT IS PARENTS' DIC?

Parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (Parents' DIC) is a needs-based benefit paid to the parent(s) of a military service member or Veteran who dies from:

- a disease or injury incurred or aggravated while on active duty or active duty for training, OR
- an injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty, or certain diseases incurred while on inactive duty for training, OR
- a service-connected disability.

WHO ARE ELIGIBLE PARENTS?

The term "parent" includes biological, adoptive, and foster parents.

HOW MUCH DOES VA PAY?

Sole Surviving Parent (Un-remarried or Remarried Living With a Spouse)

If your Annual Income (after subtracting deductions allowed by law) is Not Over:
\$800

Your Monthly Rate is:
\$590 (Highest Possible Rate)

See note below explaining decrement system-

For every hundred dollar increment over \$800 up to \$8,100, the monthly rate decreases by \$8

\$8,113-Income Limit \$5 (Lowest Possible Rate)



Disabilities determined by VA to be related to your military service can lead to monthly non-taxable compensation, enrollment in the VA health care system, a 10-point hiring preference for federal employment and other important benefits. Ask your VA representative or Veterans Service Organization representative about Disability Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Caregiver Program, Career Services, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance and/or Dependents and Survivors' Benefits.



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of Veterans Affairs**

Income Limits (effective December 1, 2011)

If you are a VA cannot pay the \$5 rate if your countable income exceeds....

Sole Surviving Parent (Unremarried or remarried but not living with spouse) \$13,941

Sole Surviving Parent (Remarried and living with spouse) \$18,739

One of Two Living Parents (Not Living With a Spouse) \$13,941

One of Two Living Parents (Living With a Spouse or Other Parent) \$18,739

with Aid and Attendance (A&A)-add \$320 to the total above

More rate charts and explanations about how to determine the monthly payment for Parents' DIC based on income that falls between the hundred-dollar increments are available at <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/comp04.htm>.

The amount of benefits VA pays recipients of Parents' DIC is based on the parent or parents' countable income. When countable income exceeds the limit set by law, no benefit is payable. Eligible parents must report all sources of income to VA such as wages, retirement payments, insurance proceeds or annuity payment, interest, and dividends.

VA deducts certain expenses paid by you from your annual household income, which will decrease your countable income and increase your monthly Parents' DIC payment. A complete list of these exclusions is provided in section 3.262 of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations. These regulations are available at Government Printing Office website, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title38-vol1/pdf/CFR-2011-title38-vol1-sec3-25.pdf>.

HOW CAN YOU APPLY?

You may apply for Parents' DIC by filling out VA Form 21-535, Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by Parent(s), and mailing it to the VA regional office having jurisdiction over your claim. If you do not know which regional office has jurisdiction over your claim, you may submit your request to the VA regional office closest to your current residence. A directory of VA regional offices is available at http://www2.va.gov/directory/guide/division_flash.asp?dnum=3. You can also apply online through our web site at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp>.

