

# Eligibility For the Aid and Attendance Improved Pension Benefit

Any War-Time Veteran with 90 days of active duty, one (1) day beginning or ending during a period of War, is eligible to apply for the Aid & Attendance Improved Pension Benefit. A surviving spouse (marriage must have ended due to death of veteran) of a War-Time Veteran may also apply. The individual applying must qualify both medically and financially.

## Eligible Wartime Periods

- World War II (December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946)
- Korean Conflict (June 27, 1950 - January 31, 1955)
- Vietnam era (February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975 for Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam during this period; otherwise August 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975)
- Gulf War (August 2, 1990 - through a future date to be set by law of Presidential Proclamation)

## Additional Qualifications Include

- Veteran is 65 yrs. of older
- To qualify medically, an applicant requires the Aid & Attendance of another person to assist with the activities of daily living such as:

Eating (meal preparation), bathing, dressing and undressing or taking care of needs of nature, transferring to bed/walker/wheelchair, managing medications or finances. It also includes individuals who are blind or a patient in a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity. Assisted care in a assisting living facility also qualifies.

- Is spending more money per month for unreimbursed (out-of-pocket) reoccurring healthcare and medical expenses then your monthly income.

The VA defines "unreimbursed medical expenses" to include but not limited to the following:

Home care costs, assisted living costs, nursing home costs, recurrent medical supplies and services, insurance premiums such as, Medicare supplements, dental, long term care, only if paid by the veteran or family member.

- To qualify financially, an applicant must have on average less than \$80,000 in assets, EXCLUDING their home and vehicles.

Assets are defined as the total of all:

Bank & Credit Union accounts, Stocks, Bonds, CD's, Money Market accounts, Mutual Funds, Retirement programs, rental property, vacation homes, business interests, part-time income, etc.

Cash assets over the amount stated above Do Not Automatically disqualify the applicant from approval.  
Call if assets exceed \$80,000.

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