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General Qualifications for Non-Service Connected Pension Plus Aid & Attendance

Veteran, Widowed Spouse, and Dependent or Disabled Child (Any May be a Claimant)

- Veteran must typically have served ninety days Active Duty with One Day during Wartime (Those who enlisted after September 7, 1980 have additional time requirements).
- Veteran cannot have had a Dishonorable Discharge.
- Claimant is blind, almost blind, living in skilled nursing, needs a protective environment or help with activities of daily living.
- Claimant should have limited household assets excluding primary home, car, and personal belongings. If assets are jointly owned with someone else, only the claimant's share is generally counted as an asset. In the case of a married veteran, both his/her assets are counted as assets.
- The VA now considers the claimant's Life Expectancy in determining how many assets a claimant can have. In the case of assets over \$50k, it may be best to consult with an Accredited Elder Law Attorney. One should never transfer assets or add a name to an account without the proper legal/professional advice.
- Claimant's Household Out-of-Pocket annual medical expenses must exceed or come close to his/her total annual household gross income (Total Annual Cost of a Care Facility may be considered a medical expense if the doctor states the need). INDEPENDENT LIVING REQUIRES A THIRD-PARTY CAREGIVER ASSISTING WITH PERSONAL CARE.
- Divorced Spouses are typically not entitled to benefits.

Maximum Pension Rates for Pension Plus Aid and Attendance

Single Veteran	\$1,794 per month or \$21,531 per year
Married Veteran	\$2,127 per month or \$25,525 per year
Surviving Spouse	\$1,153 per month or \$13,836 per year
Veteran Married to Veteran (Both Aid & Attendance)	\$2,846 per month or \$34,836 per year

Once Aid & Attendance or Housebound Status is awarded, a veteran may obtain free medications, medical equipment, incontinence supplies, glasses and hearing aids from the VA Hospital/Clinic via home delivery.

Note: Each VA claim is unique and the above criteria is generic in nature and may not be applicable to each claimant. There are never any guarantees that any claim or specific benefit amount will be awarded and regulations are subject to change at any time.

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