

Figure 1 – Overview of the Primary Allowances and Benefits Under the *Canadian Forces Members and Veterans Re-establishment and Compensation Act*

CANADIAN FORCES MEMBERS AND VETERANS RE-ESTABLISHMENT AND COMPENSATION ACT

Overview of the Primary Allowances and Benefits (2018 Rates)

PART 1: CAREER TRANSITION SERVICES



Job-finding and business start-up assistance, and career counselling services for serving members and veterans who need support for transitioning to civilian life, as well as for their spouses and survivors



EDUCATION AND TRAINING BENEFIT

A benefit to cover tuition and living expenses payable to veterans with at least 6 years of service (up to \$40,000) or 12 years of service (up to \$80,000)

PART 2: REHABILITATION SERVICES, VOCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND FINANCIAL BENEFITS



Physical, psychosocial (or combination) rehabilitation services and various taxable income replacement benefits



EARNINGS LOSS BENEFIT¹

Guarantees 90% of gross pre-release salary, until the individual is able to pursue suitable and gainful employment, or until the age of 65 if that is impossible



SUPPLEMENTARY RETIREMENT BENEFIT¹

A single payment of 2% of the income earned while in a rehabilitation program to compensate for the difficulty of saving for retirement during rehabilitation



CAREER IMPACT ALLOWANCE¹

Payable to veterans who have one or more physical or mental health problems that create a permanent and severe impairment. The allowance and its supplement total \$7,315–\$35,393 per year, based on the extent of the impairment



RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY BENEFIT¹

Equal to 70% of benefits received before the age of 65, or 35% if the benefit is transferred to the veteran's survivor



CANADIAN FORCES INCOME SUPPORT BENEFIT

Benefit of last resort based on family income

PART 3: CRITICAL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH AND DETENTION



Tax-free amounts to recognize and compensate pain and suffering associated with or aggravated by service, and death



DISABILITY AWARD²

Lump sum based on disability rating. A totally disabled individual would receive \$365,400, an individual determined to be 50% disabled would receive \$182,700, etc.



DEATH BENEFIT

Payable to the family of a service member who dies within 30 days of a service-related injury or illness resulting in death. Equal to the maximum disability award amount (\$365,400)



CRITICAL INJURY BENEFIT

Lump sum of \$70,000 to service members and veterans who experienced a severe and traumatic injury or an acute disease caused by a sudden and single service-related event resulting in an immediate and severe impairment and interference in quality of life



DETENTION BENEFIT

Payable to service members or veterans who were detained by a foreign power while serving



CAREGIVERS RECOGNITION BENEFIT³

\$1,000 per month payable to the veteran-designated adult who plays an essential role in the provision of ongoing at-home care to the veteran without being remunerated



CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

Up to \$2,513 per year payable to service members and veterans whose injuries cause wear and tear on clothing or require specially made clothing

PART 4: GENERAL



Includes provisions concerning a group health care plan for service members and veterans

 Current benefit
 Benefit coming into force on 1 April 2018

¹ To be replaced by the new Income Replacement Benefit as of 1 April 2019

² To be replaced by the new Pain and Suffering Compensation as of 1 April 2019

³ Replaces the former Family Caregiver Relief Benefit as of 1 April 2018

Source: Figure prepared by the author using data obtained from Veterans Affairs Canada documents.