



# REMOVAL OF TIME LIMITS ON REHABILITATION SERVICES AND VOCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## Background

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The Government of Canada has eliminated the one-year application time limit for the Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Assistance program to enhance support for survivors, spouses and common-law partners. Families will not be pressured to be active in the vocational assistance process while still adjusting to the Veteran's health circumstances.

## Quick Facts

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There is no longer a time limit for spouses, common-law partners and survivors to apply for the Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Assistance program.

Any spouse, common-law partner or survivor who previously was outside of the one-year application time limit can now apply for rehabilitation services.

Survivors will now have time to gain resiliency and adopt coping strategies and then be free to choose a time that works for them to move forward and address future vocational needs.

Spouses and common-law partners will have more flexibility to pursue vocational assistance while caring for ill and injured Veterans.



## Examples of who could benefit from this change:

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Sheila's husband, a Veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces, recently passed away from a service-related injury. Sheila is a stay-at-home mother and is now considering rejoining the workforce. With the removal of the time limit to apply for assistance, Sheila is able to take time to grieve and adjust to her new situation without the pressure of having to make an immediate decision about her future.

