

# Qualifications For Aid & Attendance & Housebound Pension Benefits

There is 1 requirement & 4 criteria that must be met to qualify for Aid & Attendance benefits.

## Age/Unemployable

- Veteran must be over the age of 65 and/or unemployable.
- Un-remarried surviving spouse has no age requirement. (A surviving spouse must have been married to the veteran for at least one year, never divorced and has never remarried).

## Qualifying Military Service

- Must have an honorable or general discharge (any discharge other than dishonorable).
- Must have served at least 90 days of active duty with at least one day during an official period of conflict.

### Official Periods of Conflict

WWI	04/06/1917	-	11/11/1918
WWII	12/07/1941	-	12/31/1946
Korea	06/27/1950	-	01/31/1955
Vietnam	08/05/1964	-	05/07/1975
Gulf War	08/02/1990	-	Date TBD

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## Medical Necessity

- Must have a medical condition or medical necessity requiring the applicant to live in an assisted or protected environment.
- Doctor is able to document this need with a VA Physicians Report.

## Cost of Care and Monthly Income

- The VA has an income test, certain medical expenses can be deducted from income to help qualify. Your Volunteer Veteran Advocate or U.S.S.V. can review allowable deductions.

## Net Worth and Liquid Assets

- The VA's asset and net worth limit can vary depending on many factors like life expectancy, medical expenses etc.. Please consult a Volunteer Veteran Advocate or U.S.S.V. for a personal assessment.

### Other Pertinent Information

Service in the **Merchant Marines** during War World II counts the same as Naval service providing that There were 90 days of ocean-going service (does not have to be consecutive), one day which had to be between 12/7/1941 and 8/15/1945.

**Women** in the World War II military, including nurses, qualify as veterans.

**Reserves and National Guard** are not qualified unless they served 90 days active Duty Federal duty with 1 day during a period of conflict. Training does not count as active duty.

The **90 day rule does not apply** to those who served less than 90 days but were awarded Purple Hearts, suffered a service connected disability, or were killed in the line of duty.

For more information about this benefit you may contact your local U.S. Senior Veteran Advocate Volunteer:  
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