

This really refers only to those who were not medically released: (eligibility to apply)

### 3.3.2 Rehabilitation Need

(a) CF Veterans who have voluntarily released or who have been medically released over 120 days and who have been determined to have a physical or mental health problem, which VAC finds has resulted primarily from service and poses a barrier to reestablishment in civilian life, i.e. rehabilitation need <sup>4</sup>.

(b) Former members of the Cadet Instructors Cadre, the Canadian Rangers, the Supplementary Reserve Force and the Primary Reserves who have voluntarily released or who have been medically released over 120 days and who have been determined to have a physical or mental health problem, which VAC finds has resulted primarily from service and poses a barrier to re-establishment in civilian life, i.e. rehabilitation need <sup>5</sup>.

### 3.5.1 Determination of a Health Problem That Poses a Barrier to Re-establishment

This applies to the category of CF Veterans (including all categories of Reservists) who have voluntarily released or who have been medically released over 120 days and who have been determined to have a health problem, which VAC finds has resulted primarily from service and poses a barrier to re-establishment in civilian life, **i.e. rehabilitation need**.

1) A **rehabilitation need** is present when:

a) there is a physical and/or mental health condition<sup>6</sup>

b) the health condition results in an impairment<sup>7</sup> in physical or psychological functioning such as chronic pain, limitation of motion for upper or lower limbs, strength, perception, cognition and emotional coping skills; and

c) the health problem<sup>8</sup> creates a barrier to re-establishment in civilian life by significantly limiting the ability to complete everyday tasks such as ADL's, IADL's, community participation and vocational roles.

Rehabilitation Program, Volume 5, 3.1.2, page 1 and 2

### 3.2 Principles and Factors

Rehabilitation Program Services including Vocational Assistance services should be based as far as possible on the principles and factors prescribed in regulations.

The Principles include:

a) the provision of services be focussed on addressing client's **needs**

b) services will involve family members to the extent required to facilitate the rehabilitation

c) early provision of services is desirable, and

d) services be focussed on building on the education, skills, training and experience for each client.

The Factors include:

a) the potential for improvement of a client's physical, psychological and social functioning, employability and quality of life

b) the availability of local resources

Assessment of Needs

3.15 Subsection 10(2) of the CFMVRC Act requires that case plans and services must be based on assessed needs after the applicant's eligibility for the Rehabilitation Program has been approved.

3.17 Medically releasing members will be dual VAC-SISIP clients. SISIP LTD will provide income replacement benefits and vocational rehabilitation services for these CF Veterans. Clients who make application for VAC rehabilitation services as a medically released member can access the following additional benefits:

1. Medical and psycho-social rehabilitation;
2. Additional vocational rehabilitation, if needed;
3. Earnings loss over and above the maximum 24 months post-release earnings loss coverage that SISIP LTD provides, if needed;
4. Supplementary Retirement Benefit (SRB) if in receipt of long-term earnings loss;
5. Permanent Impairment Allowance (PIA); and
6. Canadian Forces Income Support Benefit (CFIS).

Volume 5, Financial Benefits Program, ELB 4.1.2, Page 1  
Benefit 3.2

The level of Earnings Loss benefit is calculated as the difference between seventy-five per cent (75%) of the Veteran's CF monthly income as determined by VAC and the sum of the monthly amounts of other income from prescribed sources that are payable to the Veteran.  
(See VPPM 4.1.7 - Calculation of Earnings Loss, VPPM 4.1.5 - Determination of Imputed Income and VPPM 4.1.6 - Determination of Prescribed Sources of Income).

Volume 5, Financial Benefits Program, ELB, 4.1.1, Page 1  
Re offsets:

3.2 SISIP-LTD benefits shall be considered as one of the prescribed sources of income which will be offset from any EL benefit that might otherwise be payable should the Veteran qualify under the *CFMVRC Act* (See VPPM Policy 4.1.6 - Determination of Prescribed Sources of Income)

From the NVC Bill 45:

Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Assistance, 8.1, Page 7 and page 8

8. (1) The Minister **may**, on application, provide rehabilitation services to a veteran who has a physical or a mental health problem resulting primarily from service in the Canadian Forces that is creating a barrier to re-establishment in civilian life.

10. (1) The Minister shall, on approving an application made under Section 8 or 9, assess the veteran's medical, psycho-social and vocational rehabilitation **needs**.

10. (2) The Minister **may** develop and implement a rehabilitation plan to address the rehabilitation **needs** that are identified in the assessment.

Job Placement, 4.1, Page 6

Assessment of Needs

4. (1) The Minister shall, on approving an application made under section 3, assess the **needs** of the member, veteran, spouse, common-law partner or survivor with respect to career counselling, job-search training and job-finding assistance.