

Veterans Independence Program Grant Determination Tool Background

The Grant Determination Tool (GDT) was developed as part of the Budget 2012 initiative to assist with the implementation of the Veterans Independence Program (VIP) Grant for Housekeeping and Grounds Maintenance.

To support the implementation of the new Grant Determination Tool (GDT), it was necessary to establish a usual and customary rate for services by geographic area.

The approach to establish rates included considerable analysis and was designed to be fair and consistent.

Various data sources were used in establishing the rates:

- Payments to registered service providers in the 2011/12 fiscal year;
- Consultations with VAC staff who administer the VIP Program on the current approach to establishing rates for housekeeping and grounds maintenance;
- A telephone survey with a representative sample of current VIP service providers to determine their approach to pricing services; and
- References to the Labour Market Information (LMI) provided by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) for the wage component of the various housekeeping and grounds maintenance services.

The proposed rates were validated through a review by VAC staff across the country who currently administer the VIP program and determine the need for grounds maintenance and housekeeping services.

The validated and recommended approach is based on a multiple of the Labour Market Information of HRSDC which is an independent, geographically-based and regularly updated reflection of the value of the service in the labour market.

The Grant Determination Tool ensures that there is adequate funding to cover the services needed up to the maximum rate for the geographic area.

Note : The National Rate Table is not used to convert current recipients of VIP housekeeping and grounds maintenance services from the Veterans Independence Program to a grant. The initial grant amount is calculated based on expenditures incurred in the past year and current needs. The Grant Determination Tool (and the associated National Rate Table) is used for new applications and to assess current needs when there has been a change in circumstances for the recipient.

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British Columbia	26.13	146.50	130.33	616.00	770.00	1,100.00	611.72	834.17	1,056.61	75.00	150.00	300.00
Cariboo Region	26.13	146.50	130.33	616.00	770.00	1,100.00	611.72	834.17	1,056.61	75.00	150.00	300.00
Kootenay Region	26.13	140.00	124.55	616.00	770.00	1,100.00	611.72	834.17	1,056.61	75.00	150.00	300.00
Lower Mainland--Southwest Region	26.60	150.00	133.45	672.00	840.00	1,200.00	166.83	227.50	288.17	75.00	150.00	300.00
Nechako Region	26.13	146.50	130.33	560.00	700.00	1,000.00	611.72	834.17	1,056.61	75.00	150.00	300.00
North Coast Region	26.13	146.50	130.33	616.00	770.00	1,100.00	556.11	758.33	960.56	75.00	150.00	300.00
Northeast Region	26.13	146.50	130.33	560.00	700.00	1,000.00	611.72	834.17	1,056.61	75.00	150.00	300.00
Thompson-Okanagan Region	24.49	146.50	130.33	672.00	840.00	1,200.00	583.92	796.25	1,008.58	75.00	150.00	300.00
Vancouver Island and Coast Region	24.70	146.50	130.33	630.00	787.50	1,125.00	166.83	227.50	288.17	70.31	140.63	281.25

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Alberta	26.60	145.00	129.00	616.00	770.00	1,100.00	618.44	843.33	1,068.22	75.00	150.00	300.00
Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River Region	27.08	145.00	129.00	560.00	700.00	1,000.00	562.22	766.67	971.11	75.00	150.00	300.00
Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House Region	26.60	140.00	124.55	621.78	777.22	1,110.31	618.44	843.33	1,068.22	75.70	151.41	302.81
Calgary Region	26.60	145.00	129.00	616.00	770.00	1,100.00	618.44	843.33	1,068.22	75.00	150.00	300.00
Camrose-Drumheller Region	26.60	165.00	146.79	560.00	700.00	1,000.00	618.44	843.33	1,068.22	75.00	150.00	300.00
Edmonton Region	26.60	155.00	137.90	616.00	770.00	1,100.00	618.44	843.33	1,068.22	75.00	150.00	300.00
Lethbridge-Medicine Hat Region	23.75	140.00	124.55	516.29	645.36	921.94	618.44	843.33	1,068.22	62.86	125.72	251.44
Red Deer Region	26.60	140.00	124.55	616.00	770.00	1,100.00	618.44	843.33	1,068.22	75.00	150.00	300.00
Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake Region	26.60	140.00	124.55	538.30	672.88	961.25	562.22	766.67	971.11	72.09	144.19	288.38

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Saskatchewan	26.60	116.00	103.20	501.27	626.59	895.13	513.33	700.00	886.67	63.94	127.88	255.75
Nothern Region	26.60	116.00	103.20	429.66	537.08	767.25	513.33	700.00	886.67	63.94	127.88	255.75
Prince Albert Region	26.60	116.00	103.20	477.40	596.75	852.50	513.33	700.00	886.67	63.94	127.88	255.75
Regina - Moose Mountain Region	25.65	116.00	103.20	558.25	697.81	996.88	513.33	700.00	886.67	67.97	135.94	271.88
Saskatoon - Biggar Region	26.60	116.00	103.20	571.34	714.18	1,020.25	513.33	700.00	886.67	69.56	139.13	278.25
Swift Current - Moose Jaw Region	22.19	116.00	103.20	572.88	716.10	1,023.00	513.33	700.00	886.67	69.75	139.50	279.00
Yorkton - Melville Region	23.28	116.00	103.20	525.14	656.43	937.75	513.33	700.00	886.67	63.94	127.88	255.75

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Manitoba	24.70	110.00	97.86	441.00	551.25	787.50	465.18	634.33	803.49	56.25	112.50	225.00
Interlake Region	27.21	110.00	97.86	437.50	546.88	781.25	465.18	634.33	803.49	58.59	117.19	234.38
North Central Region	24.70	110.00	97.86	378.00	472.50	675.00	465.18	634.33	803.49	56.25	112.50	225.00
North Region	24.70	110.00	97.86	378.00	472.50	675.00	465.18	634.33	803.49	56.25	112.50	225.00
Parklands Region	24.70	110.00	97.86	462.00	577.50	825.00	465.18	634.33	803.49	56.25	112.50	225.00
South Central Region	24.70	110.00	97.86	529.38	661.72	945.31	465.18	634.33	803.49	64.45	128.91	257.81
Southeast Region	24.70	110.00	97.86	462.00	577.50	825.00	465.18	634.33	803.49	56.25	112.50	225.00
Southwest Region	24.70	120.00	106.76	545.16	681.45	973.50	465.18	634.33	803.49	66.38	132.75	265.50
Winnipeg Region	23.48	107.50	95.64	500.50	625.63	893.75	465.18	634.33	803.49	60.94	121.88	243.75

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Ontario	23.75	120.00	106.76	539.00	673.75	962.50	628.85	857.52	1,086.19	65.63	131.25	262.50
Hamilton--Niagara Peninsula Region	22.80	110.00	97.86	500.50	625.63	893.75	601.50	820.23	1,038.96	60.94	121.88	243.75
Kingston - Pembroke Region	25.18	120.00	106.76	471.63	589.53	842.19	628.85	857.52	1,086.19	57.42	114.84	229.69
Kitchener-Waterloo-Barrie Region	22.80	120.00	106.76	539.00	673.75	962.50	628.85	857.52	1,086.19	65.63	131.25	262.50
London Region	22.80	120.00	106.76	500.50	625.63	893.75	601.50	820.23	1,038.96	60.94	121.88	243.75
Muskoka-Kawarthas Region	22.71	120.00	106.76	500.50	625.63	893.75	548.17	747.50	946.83	60.94	121.88	243.75
Northeast Region	24.70	119.80	106.58	490.00	612.50	875.00	683.53	932.08	1,180.64	65.63	131.25	262.50
Northwest Region	23.75	110.00	97.86	490.00	612.50	875.00	683.53	932.08	1,180.64	65.63	131.25	262.50
Ottawa Region	22.80	120.00	106.76	539.00	673.75	962.50	601.50	820.23	1,038.96	65.63	131.25	262.50
Stratford-Bruce Peninsula Region	25.92	120.00	106.76	539.00	673.75	962.50	683.53	932.08	1,180.64	65.63	131.25	262.50
Toronto Region	22.80	140.00	124.55	624.09	780.11	1,114.44	574.16	782.95	991.74	75.98	151.97	303.94
Windsor-Sarnia Region	26.60	120.00	106.76	539.00	673.75	962.50	574.16	782.95	991.74	65.63	131.25	262.50

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Quebec	24.70	130.00	115.66	577.50	721.88	1,031.25	557.33	760.00	962.67	70.31	140.63	281.25
Abitibi-Témiscamingue Region	24.70	130.00	115.66	577.50	721.88	1,031.25	580.56	791.67	1,002.78	70.31	140.63	281.25
Bas-Saint-Laurent Region	24.70	130.00	115.66	462.00	577.50	825.00	515.17	702.50	889.83	56.25	112.50	225.00
National Capital Region	26.60	130.00	115.66	577.50	721.88	1,031.25	580.56	791.67	1,002.78	70.31	140.63	281.25
Centre du Québec Region	24.70	121.00	107.65	462.00	577.50	825.00	480.24	654.87	829.50	56.25	112.50	225.00
Chaudière-Appalaches Region	23.75	130.00	115.66	511.28	639.10	913.00	603.78	823.33	1,042.89	62.25	124.50	249.00
Côte-Nord Region	24.70	130.00	115.66	480.48	600.60	858.00	572.00	780.00	988.00	58.50	117.00	234.00
Estrie Region	22.80	120.00	106.76	500.50	625.63	893.75	580.56	791.67	1,002.78	60.94	121.88	243.75
Gaspésie -- Îles-de-la-Madeleine Region	20.81	130.00	115.66	577.50	721.88	1,031.25	510.89	696.67	882.44	70.31	140.63	281.25
Lanaudière Region	28.50	130.00	115.66	577.50	721.88	1,031.25	464.44	633.33	802.22	70.31	140.63	281.25
Laurentides Region	24.70	130.00	115.66	577.50	721.88	1,031.25	580.56	791.67	1,002.78	70.31	140.63	281.25
Laval Region	28.46	130.00	115.66	577.50	721.88	1,031.25	580.56	791.67	1,002.78	70.31	140.63	281.25
Mauricie Region	19.91	117.60	104.62	481.25	601.56	859.38	423.77	577.87	731.96	58.59	117.19	234.38
Montérégie Region	25.18	130.00	115.66	577.50	721.88	1,031.25	510.89	696.67	882.44	70.31	140.63	281.25
Montréal Region	28.41	130.00	115.66	577.50	721.88	1,031.25	580.56	791.67	1,002.78	70.31	140.63	281.25
Nord-du-Québec Region	24.70	130.00	115.66	472.50	590.63	843.75	580.56	791.67	1,002.78	70.31	140.63	281.25
Outaouais Region	24.70	130.00	115.66	515.13	643.91	919.88	510.89	696.67	882.44	62.72	125.44	250.88
Saguenay--Lac-Saint-Jean Region	24.70	130.00	115.66	487.41	609.26	870.38	580.56	791.67	1,002.78	59.34	118.69	237.38

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<u>New Brunswick</u>	23.75	110.00	97.86	480.48	600.60	858.00	528.00	720.00	912.00	58.50	117.00	234.00
Miramichi Region	26.30	120.00	106.76	423.50	529.38	756.25	550.00	750.00	950.00	51.56	103.13	206.25
Edmundston Region	20.90	110.00	97.86	462.00	577.50	825.00	550.00	750.00	950.00	56.25	112.50	225.00
Fredericton Region	19.53	110.00	97.86	502.32	627.90	897.00	550.00	750.00	950.00	58.50	117.00	234.00
Saint John Region	23.75	110.00	97.86	483.00	603.75	862.50	484.00	660.00	836.00	56.25	112.50	225.00
Moncton Region	19.95	110.00	97.86	480.48	600.60	858.00	550.00	750.00	950.00	58.50	117.00	234.00

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<u>Prince Edward Island</u>	22.80	100.00	88.97	462.00	577.50	825.00	519.44	708.33	897.22	56.25	112.50	225.00

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Nova Scotia	22.80	110.00	97.86	462.00	577.50	825.00	543.28	740.83	938.39	56.25	112.50	225.00
Annapolis Valley Region	22.80	110.00	97.86	462.00	577.50	825.00	543.28	740.83	938.39	56.25	112.50	225.00
Cape Breton Region	22.80	130.00	115.66	420.00	525.00	750.00	543.28	740.83	938.39	56.25	112.50	225.00
Halifax Region	20.90	116.70	103.82	462.00	577.50	825.00	521.55	711.20	900.85	56.25	112.50	225.00
North Shore Region	20.90	110.00	97.86	462.00	577.50	825.00	521.55	711.20	900.85	56.25	112.50	225.00
Southern Region	22.80	110.00	97.86	462.00	577.50	825.00	521.55	711.20	900.85	56.25	112.50	225.00

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<u>Newfoundland-Labrador</u>	29.07	120.00	106.76	441.00	551.25	787.50	586.67	800.00	1,013.33	56.25	112.50	225.00
Avalon Peninsula Region	28.50	113.80	101.24	577.50	721.88	1,031.25	554.72	756.43	958.15	70.31	140.63	281.25
Notre Dame - Central - Bonavista Bay Region	33.25	120.00	106.76	378.00	472.50	675.00	586.67	800.00	1,013.33	56.25	112.50	225.00
South Coast - Burin Peninsula Region	29.07	120.00	106.76	462.00	577.50	825.00	586.67	800.00	1,013.33	56.25	112.50	225.00
West Coast - Northern Peninsula - Labrador Region	22.80	120.00	106.76	420.00	525.00	750.00	707.37	964.60	1,221.83	56.25	112.50	225.00

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<u>Yukon</u>	27.08	145.00	129.00	280.00	350.00	500.00	562.22	766.67	971.11	75.00	150.00	300.00

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<u>Northwest Territories</u>	27.08	145.00	129.00	280.00	350.00	500.00	562.22	766.67	971.11	75.00	150.00	300.00

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	Rate (per hour)	Rate (per occurrence)	Rate (per occurrence)	Rate (per annum)			Rate (per annum)			Rate (per annum)		
				Small	Medium	Large	Small	Medium	Large	Small	Medium	Large
<u>Nunavut</u>	27.08	145.00	129.00	280.00	350.00	500.00	562.22	766.67	971.11	75.00	150.00	300.00