

**APPENDIX "A"**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
 Deputy Minister  
 Ottawa, Ontario,  
 K1A 0P4,  
 7 April 1971.  
 The Hon. C. W. Carter,  
 Acting Chairman,  
 Senate Committee on Health, Welfare & Science,  
 The Senate,  
 Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Senator Carter:

As promised at the Committee meeting this morning, I enclose a supply of copies, in both official languages, of an advertisement which has already appeared in LEGION and will also appear in other veterans publications when they go to press.

Also enclosed are draft copies of an advertisement which is now in the hands of our advertising agency for insertion in veterans publications and certain week-end supplements and farm publications in both official languages.

Yours sincerely,  
 J. S. Hodgson,  
 Deputy Minister.

**HIGHER PENSIONS AND VVA RATES  
 IN EFFECT APRIL 1st, 1971**

Last December the Honourable J. E. Dubé, Minister of Veterans Affairs, announced that, subject to the approval of Parliament, the basic rates for Pensions for disability and death will be increased by 10 per cent and War Veterans Allowances by 15 per cent on April 1, 1971. At the same time VVA ceilings will be raised by amounts equal to the rate increases; and the pensions and allowances, paid under the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act, will be aligned with their counterparts in the Pension Act and the War Veterans Allowances Act.

The present and the proposed new rates for 100 per cent disability pensioners, widows and orphans on a yearly basis, are shown in the following table:

	Present	Proposed
	April 1, 1971	
	\$	\$
<b>100% Disability—</b>		
Single (no dependents)	3,180	3,504
Married (no children)	4,056	4,464
Married, one child	4,464	4,920
Married, two children	4,776	5,256
Each additional child	240	264
<b>Dependents of              Deceased Pensioners—</b>		
Widow (widower)	2,400	2,640
One orphan	816	912
Two orphans	1,440	1,584
Three orphans	1,920	2,112

The present and the proposed new rates and ceilings for VVA recipients, on a monthly basis, appear below:

	Present	Proposed
	April 1, 1971	
	\$	\$
<b>Single Recipient—</b>		
Income ceiling	145	161
Maximum allowance	105	121
<b>Married Recipient—</b>		
Income ceiling	245	271
Maximum allowance	175	201
<b>Orphan Allowances—</b>		
One orphan	60	69
Two orphans (one veteran)	105	121
Three orphans or more	141	163

When the new rates and ceilings go into effect the VVA regulations will be changed to provide that recipients, who are eligible to receive Old Age Security payments and Guaranteed Income Supplements—which are also being increased in April—will be deemed to be receiving the full amounts to which they are entitled under those programs.

This means that VVA recipients who are 65 or over, and who are eligible for Old Age Security and possibly the Guaranteed Income Supplement as well, should apply now if they haven't already done so. If the recipient has no other income, the difference between his combined OAS and GIS payments and his VVA income ceiling will be paid as an allowance.

Only by ensuring that they have applied for all they are entitled to under the OAS and GIS programs can VVA recipients be assured that their incomes will continue at the maximum levels.

Application forms for OAS payments may be obtained from any post office in Canada, and GIS application forms are sent automatically to OAS recipients by the Department of National Health and Welfare.

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 The Honourable J. E. Dubé,  
 Minister of Veterans Affairs

For Disabled Veterans, Widows, Orphans

**PENSION ACT AMENDED**

The Pensions Act, under which the Government of Canada pays compensation for death and disability related to military service, has been amended extensively to provide many improved benefits for disabled veterans and their families, and for the widows and orphans of those who have died. Some of the more significant improvements include:

—A new three-level adjudication procedure; initial hearing and entitlement hearing by Canadian Pension Commission with final appeal to new Pension Review Board;