

Rates for widows are slightly higher if the deceased veteran held the rank of Colonel or higher rank but those for children remain the same for all ranks.

The Civilian War Pensions and Allowance Act provides for the payment of pensions to, or on behalf of, persons who served in certain civilian groups that were closely associated with the World War II effort, and who suffered injury or death as a result of such service. These groups include merchant seamen, saltwater fishermen, auxiliary services personnel, ferry pilots of the RAF Transport Command, firefighters who served in the United Kingdom, etc.

6.—Pensions in Force at Mar. 31, 1960

| Service | Disability | | Dependant | | Disability and Dependant | |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | Pensions in Force | Liability | Pensions in Force | Liability | Pensions in Force | Liability |
| | No | \$ | No. | \$ | No. | \$ |
| World War I..... | 47,845 | 37,450,089 | 14,812 | 19,566,585 | 62,657 | 57,016,674 |
| World War II..... | 104,911 | 68,546,893 | 17,546 | 19,336,214 | 122,457 | 87,883,107 |
| Special Force..... | 1,607 | 898,183 | 171 | 213,463 | 1,778 | 1,111,646 |
| Regular Force..... | 1,249 | 667,956 | 485 | 755,987 | 1,734 | 1,423,943 |
| Totals..... | 155,612 | 107,563,121 | 33,014 | 39,872,249 | 188,626 | 147,435,370 |

Section 7.—War Veterans Allowances

War Veterans Allowances were first introduced in 1930 for those veterans who, as a result of their front-line service, were considered to have been pre-aged and therefore were at a disadvantage in the labour market before their time. Since then the War Veterans Allowance Act has been revised and amended on numerous occasions; each time its scope has been extended or its provisions made more generous.

The last legislative changes occurred in 1957. Effective July 1, 1957, Parliament approved certain increases in the rates of allowance payable and income ceilings. Additional changes became effective Nov. 1, 1957, including further increases in the rates of allowances and income ceilings; a change in the requirement of 20 years residence in Canada to 10 years for veterans of Commonwealth and Allied Forces; and eligibility established, from a service standpoint, for Canadian veterans who served in England during World War I for at least 365 days prior to Nov. 12, 1918.

As the Act now stands, War Veterans Allowances are payable, in Canada only, to Canadian veterans of the Northwest Field Force, the South African War, World Wars I and II, and the Korean operation; to veterans of Commonwealth and Allied Forces who were domiciled in Canada at time of enlistment, or alternatively, served during any such war concluded on or before Aug. 31, 1921, and have resided in Canada for a total period of at least 10 years. An allowance may also be payable to widows or orphans of eligible veterans. To be eligible, a veteran must have served in a theatre of actual war and, if not, he must be in receipt of a pension for disability incurred on or aggravated by service or have accepted a final payment in lieu of pension of 5 p.c. or more. Other Canadian and Allied Dual Service veterans who were members of Her Majesty's Canadian Forces during World War II, who did not serve in a theatre of actual war and who are non-pensioners but who served in both World War I and World War II and were honourably discharged from both periods of service, are also eligible.