



# American Legion Post 100 Fact Sheet

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## AUTOMOBILE AND SPECIAL ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT

Do you have a disability related to your military service that prevents you from driving? If you do, you may be able to get disability compensation or benefits.

### Can I get disability benefits from VA?

You may be able to get disability benefits if you have a disability that's related to your service (called a service-connected disability) and that includes at least one of the below conditions

**At least one of these must be true for you. You have:**

- Loss, or permanent loss of use, of 1 or both feet, **or**
- Loss, or permanent loss of use, of 1 or both hands, **or**
- Permanent decreased vision in both eyes: 20/200 vision or less in your better eye with glasses, or greater than 20/200 vision but with a visual field defect that has reduced your peripheral vision to 20 degrees or less in your better eye, **or**
- A severe burn injury, **or**
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), **or**
- Ankylosis in 1 or both knees or hips (**Note:** This qualifies you for an adaptive-equipment grant only)

### Who's covered?

- Veterans
- Service members

### What kind of disability benefits can I get?

- A one-time payment of not more than **\$21,058.69** to help you buy a specially equipped vehicle
- In some situations, one or more adaptive-equipment grants to change a vehicle so it has features like power steering, brakes, seats, windows, or lift equipment to help you get into and out of the vehicle

[View current rates for special allowances](#)

### How do I get these benefits?

You'll need to file a claim for disability compensation and get our approval **before** buying a vehicle or adaptive equipment. You can apply for—and use—either grant before or after military discharge.

[Find out how to file a claim for disability compensation](#)

When you file, you'll need to show that your disability is service connected or treated as if service connected under 38 U.S.C. 1151.

[Learn more about 38 U.S.C. 1151](#)

[View the current payment rates](#)

### **For the one time payment to help you buy a specially equipped vehicle**

- You'll need to fill out an Application for Automobile or Other Conveyance and Adaptive Equipment (VA Form 21-4502).

[Download VA Form 21-4502 \(PDF\)](#)

- We'll pay the vehicle's seller directly.

### **For the adaptive grant**

- If you qualify for adaptive equipment only, you'll need to fill out an Application for Adaptive Equipment—Motor Vehicle (VA Form 10-1394).

[Download VA Form 10-1394 \(PDF\)](#)

- We may pay you, or we may pay the equipment seller directly.