



Survivor Outreach Services

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YEAR 2 - VA Transitional Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

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This is a reminder that at after two years, there is a change to the VA DIC compensation. The VA DIC is made up of two parts. The first part is the basic VA DIC for eligible surviving spouses; this portion of the benefit is not changing. The second part is the VA Transitional DIC which is a two year benefit. The VA Transitional DIC is a benefit to surviving spouses with one or more children under the age 18 when the VA DIC is initiated

It is important to be aware that this will change the amount of VA DIC that you receive each month. I encourage you to review your Online Survivor Benefits Report (OSBR) to see an estimate of all future changes in compensation. Below I have included information on how to view your OSBR. Since each situation is unique, we recommend that you contact the Office of Veteran Affairs with your specific questions regarding benefit changes. Please let me know if you would like to speak with a Financial Counselor about these upcoming changes.

The current rate of the transitional benefit can be found at:

<https://www.va.gov/disability/survivor-dic-rates/>

The Interactive Online Survivor Benefits Report:

- Is available for surviving Spouses of all Service Members who have died on active duty.
- Can be accessed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- Displays current and estimated future benefits and allows Survivors to input "what if" type changes to family members' education status and plans, disability status and marital status. Current or "what if" reports can be saved or printed.
- Provides a Family Assistance Support Team to assist in accessing the Interactive Online Survivor Benefits Report site and to help understand benefits.
- Requires surviving Spouses to have a DoD self-service logon premium account — or DS logon premium account — and password. (The DS logon is a secure, self-service logon ID that allows individuals affiliated with the DoD or Department of Veterans Affairs to access several websites using a single username and password.)
- <https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/Casualty-and-Survivor-Assistance>.

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