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## VETERANS COMPENSATION RATES FOR THE PERIOD 12/1/2008 THROUGH 11/30/2009 (P. L. 110-324)

On September 24, 2008, President Bush signed into law S. 2617, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Act of 2008. The law provides, effective December 1, 2008, a 5.8% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation paid to the survivors of certain service-disabled veterans. This increase was specified to be equal to the same increase being provided to Social Security and VA Pension. The Director, Compensation and Pension Service of the Department of Veterans Affairs', Veterans Benefits Administration issued the following draft Compensation, Pension, Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and other rates. The new rates, if not equal to a whole dollar, have been rounded down to the nearest dollar. The increases will be reflected in checks or electronic transfers received by veterans and beneficiaries on or about December 31, 2008.

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Disability Compensation and DIC

**BASE SERVICE CONNECTED MONTHLY COMPENSATION RATES FOR 2009**

For the period ending 11/30/2009 for a single veteran.

(38 U.S.C. § 1114)

<b>% DISABILITY</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Amount (\$)</b>	123	243	376	541	770	974	1228	1427	1604	2673

**SPECIAL MONTHLY COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN MULTIPLE DISABILITIES**

(38 U.S.C. 1114, (paragraph))

Veteran only<sup>j</sup> – all amounts are monthly maximum except (k) which is additional to base rate.

<b>(k)</b>	96	<b>(n, n+k)</b>	4176 / 4272
<b>(2k)</b>	192	<b>(o)</b>	4667
<b>(l, l+k)</b>	3327 / 3423	<b>(r) (1) / (2)</b>	6669/ 7650
<b>(m, m+k)</b>	3671 / 3767	<b>(s)</b>	2993

**ADDITIONAL SERVICE-CONNECTED COMPENSATION FOR SELECTED DEPENDENTS<sup>ii</sup>**

(38 U.S.C. § 1115)

Any veteran entitled to compensation under 38 U.S.C. § 1114 and whose disability is rated not less than 30% shall be entitled to additional compensation for dependents.

(S=Spouse, C=Child, C>18=Child over 18 in School, P=Parent, AA=Additional Spouse in need of Aid and Attendance)

<b>% Disability</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>S</b>	421	601	845	1064	1333	1547	1739	2823
<b>S+1C</b>	453	644	899	1129	1409	1634	1837	2932
<b>No S, 1C</b>	406	581	820	1034	1298	1507	1694	2774
<b>Each additional C</b>	+22	+30	+37	+45	+52	+60	+67	+75
<b>Each C&gt;18</b>	+72	+96	+120	+144	+168	+192	+216	+240
<b>1 P</b>	412	589	830	1046	1312	1523	1712	2793
<b>Spouse A&amp;A<sup>iii</sup></b>	+40	+54	+68	+81	+91	+108	+122	+136

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**CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS**

(38 U.S.C. § 1162)

The annual clothing allowance for veterans whose service-connected disabilities require the wearing or use of prosthetic or orthopedic appliances that tend to wear or tear clothing or who's physician prescribed medication for a service-connected condition that causes irreparable damage to the veteran's outer garments is \$716 for the period ending 11/30/2008.

**DEPENDENCY & INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC)  
TO SURVIVING SPOUSES**

(38 U.S.C. § 1311)

Veteran died on or after 1/1/93

The monthly rate of DIC payable to a surviving spouse is \$1154. The additional allowance payable where the veteran was rated totally disabled for at least 8 years prior to death is \$246.

Veteran died before 1/1/93

<b>Pay grade</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>	<b>Pay grade</b>	<b>\$ Amount</b>
<b>E-6 and below</b>	1154	<b>O-1</b>	1219
<b>E-7</b>	1194	<b>O-2</b>	1260
<b>E-8</b>	1260	<b>O-3</b>	1347
<b>E-9</b>	1314	<b>O-4</b>	1427
<b>E-9 Special</b>	1419	<b>O-5</b>	1571
		<b>O-6</b>	1771
<b>W-1</b>	1219	<b>O-7</b>	1912
<b>W-2</b>	1267	<b>O-8</b>	2100
<b>W-3</b>	1305	<b>O-9</b>	2246
<b>W-4</b>	1380	<b>O-10</b>	2463
		<b>O-10 Special</b>	2643

The monthly rate of DIC payable is increased:

<b>For each dependent child under 18:</b>	286
<b>Where is spouse is an inpatient in a nursing home, blind or in need of A&amp;A:</b>	286
<b>Where the spouse is housebound:</b>	135

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**SUPPLEMENTAL DEPENDENCY & INDEMNITY COMPENSATION  
(DIC) TO SURVIVING SPOUSES FOR CHILDREN**

<b>For helpless child over 18</b>	488
<b>Child 18-23 in school:</b>	243

**DEPENDENCY & INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC) CHILDREN<sup>iv</sup>**

(38 U.S.C. § 1313)

Where there is no surviving spouse of a deceased veteran entitled to DIC, payment shall be made in equal shares to the children of the deceased veteran as follows:

<b>One child:</b>	488
<b>Two children:</b>	701 (each child shares 350.50)
<b>Three children</b>	915 (each child shares 305.00)
<b>Each additional child:</b>	174

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<sup>i</sup> See current VBA rate schedules effective 12/01/2008 for additional dependent rates

<sup>ii</sup> This table is for quick reference only and does not include all possible combinations of dependents. For a complete listing and formulas consult current VBA rate schedules effective 12/01/2008.

<sup>iii</sup> Consult current VBA rate schedules effective 12/01/2008 for spouse A&A for veterans less than 100% SC disabled.