

## **Factsheet 8. Constant Attendance Allowance.** **War Pensions Scheme only.**

There may be entitlement to Constant Attendance Allowance (CAA) if:

- a war pension at the 80% rate or higher is being paid and
- the need for personal help is because of the condition(s) for which the war pension is being paid

CAA can be paid of a War Pensioner in receipt of a War Pension at the 80% rate or higher is suffering from an illness that is likely to limit life to 6 months or less and that illness is caused by service before 6 April 2005.

Constant Attendance Allowance is a tax-free allowance.

There are 4 rates of CAA dependent on the degree of care required. The allowance is still payable even if there is no carer.

CAA is only payable for personal help, NOT domestic help. It is not normally paid if the war pensioner spends more than 4 weeks in an NHS hospital, NHS Trust hospital or a nursing home that is fully or partially funded by the local authority.

An award of CAA gives automatic entitlement to Comforts Allowance at the lower rate.

CAA cannot be paid at the same time as Attendance Allowance/Disability Living Allowance (care component).

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