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## 1.0 SYNOPSIS

### 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on the client groups that qualify for the Canadian Forces Income Support (CFIS) benefit.

## 2.0 AUTHORITY

2.1 *Canadian Forces Members and Veterans Re-establishment and Compensation Act*, Subsection 2(1) and Sections 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31.

## 3.0 POLICY

### 3.1 **Intent of Program**

The purpose of the Canadian Forces Income Support benefit is to provide income support for Veterans who have successfully completed rehabilitation services and/or vocational assistance, but have not been successful in obtaining employment, and are no longer entitled to the Earnings Loss Benefit. The Veteran's total household income must be shown to be insufficient to meet the basic needs of daily living.

The CFIS benefit is also payable to the Veteran's survivor and orphans in certain circumstances, if they meet the income and other eligibility requirements.

### 3.2 Eligible Clients

#### Veterans

For a Veteran to be considered eligible for the CFIS benefit, the Veteran must

a) demonstrate that he/she had been in receipt of an Earnings Loss (EL) Benefit, or would have been entitled to receive such a benefit except for his/her level of income, and is:

- i) no longer entitled to the EL Benefit due to the completion of the Rehabilitation Plan, or

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- ii) has turned age 65, or
- iii) if the Veteran had been determined Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI), was in receipt of the Earnings Loss Benefit and then subsequently has now been assessed as no longer being TPI;

b) meet the Canadian residency requirement;

c) meet the criteria relating to employment-related criteria ; and

d) meet the criteria relating to income in the month in which the application is made.

The initial application must be made no later than six months after the last day of the last month that the Veteran was entitled to the EL Benefit.

Subsequent applications must be made no later than six months after the last day of the month in which the CFIS benefit ceases to be payable.

#### Survivors, Service-related death of the Veteran

Survivors who are in receipt of the EL Benefit, or would be in receipt if not for their level of income, are eligible for CFIS when they cease to be eligible for the EL Benefit, i.e. on the day the member or Veteran, if alive, would have turned age 65.

To be considered eligible for the CFIS benefit, the survivor must be resident in Canada and meet the CFIS income criteria.

There are no requirements for employment-related criteria or job placement participation.

There are no time limitations with respect to the submission of CFIS applications for survivors.

#### Survivors, Non-service-related death of the Veteran

Survivors of Veterans whose death is not related to service may be eligible for CFIS if the Veteran had been in receipt of CFIS at the time of his or her death.

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In addition, the survivor must

- a) meet the Canadian residency requirement;
- b) meet the employment-related criteria; and
- c) meet the criteria relating to income in the month in which the application is made.

The survivor of a Veteran whose death is not attributable to a service-related injury or disease must apply no later than six months after the last day of the month in which the Veteran dies.

Subsequent applications must be made no later than six months after the last day of the month in which the CFIS benefit ceases to be payable.

The requirement to satisfy employment-related criteria and job placement participation does not apply if the survivor has attained the age of 65 years, or has been granted an exemption by the Minister.

#### Orphans, Service-related Death

An orphan may be eligible for the CFIS benefit if, on the day the application is approved, the member or Veteran, if alive, would be at least 65 years of age and the orphan resides in Canada.

The orphan is not required to participate in a job placement program nor meet any employment-related criteria as a condition of qualifying for the CFIS benefit.

There are no time restrictions on submitting an application.

#### Orphans, Non-service-related Death of Veteran

Orphans of Veterans who died of a non service-related death may be eligible for CFIS if the Veteran was in receipt of the CFIS benefit at the time of his/her death and the orphan resides in Canada.

In addition the orphan must be:

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- a) a resident of Canada; and
- b) meet the criteria relating to income.

The orphan is not required to participate in a job placement program nor meet any employment-related criteria as a condition of qualifying for the CFIS benefit.

There are no time restrictions on submitting an application.