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1.0 SYNOPSIS

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on the client groups eligible for the Permanent Impairment Allowance (PIA).

2.0 AUTHORITY

2.1 *Canadian Forces Members and Veterans Re-establishment and Compensation Act*, Sections 38, 39 and 40.

2.2 *Canadian Forces Members and Veterans Re-establishment and Compensation Regulations*, Sections 40 to 46.

3.0 POLICY

3.1 Intent of Program

The purpose of the Permanent Impairment Allowance is to recognize that a severe permanent impairment generally causes an economic disadvantage with respect to employment potential and career advancement opportunities, and to compensate CF Veterans for this disadvantage.

The Permanent Impairment Allowance is a monthly, taxable payment that is payable for life and is indexed annually. PIA is not an offset for the purposes of calculating an Earning Loss Benefit, but is an offset for purposes of Canadian Forces Income Support Benefit.

3.2 Eligible Clients

CF Veterans

CF Veterans who have one or more physical or mental health problems that are creating a permanent and severe impairment, as per s. 40 of the Regulations, and:

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a) have had an application for rehabilitation services approved with respect to that condition; and

b) have received a disability award under Part 3 of the *CFMVRCA* for that same condition.

It is important to note that “have had an application for rehabilitation services approved” will include those cases where it is determined, based on assessment, that the client is totally and permanently incapacitated, and may not benefit from rehabilitation services.

Survivors and Orphans

PIA is payable only to CF Veterans, and not to survivors or orphans.