# VA Clothing Allowance For Veterans With Certain Disabilities

Has your clothing been damaged by your prosthetic or orthopedic device (such as a wheelchair) or by the medicine you’re taking for a skin condition? If it has, you may be able to get money each year to help you buy new clothes. This is a disability compensation benefit known as an *Annual Clothing Allowance*.

Am I Eligible for a Clothing Allowance from the VA?

You may be eligible if your prosthetic/orthopedic device or your skin medicine causes damage to your clothes and you need this device or skin medicine because of an injury or illness related to your military service (called a service-connected condition).

What disability benefits can I get?

A one-time payment, or

A yearly payment

**Note:** The current clothing allowance rate is $817.48.

How do I get these benefits?

When you file a disability claim, you’ll also need to complete an *Application for Annual Clothing Allowance (VA Form 10-8678)*.

Bring it to the prosthetic representative at your local VA medical center.

To get your yearly payment, you’ll need to qualify by August 1 of that year.

You may be able to get more than one payment if you meet at least one of the requirements listed below. At least one of these must be true:

* You have more than one prosthetic or orthopedic device, or
* You have more than one skin medicine, and/or
* Your device or skin medicine affects more than one type of clothing.

If you qualify, you’ll receive payments between September 1 and October 31. The VA collects applications throughout the year and hold them until the August 1 closing date.