

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) Process: Ensuring the next of kin (NOK) is aware of and, if eligible, receives DIC benefit

Description

DIC is a monthly benefit paid to eligible survivors of certain deceased Soldiers and Retirees. Eligible survivors include unmarried surviving spouses, unmarried children under 18 or 23 if enrolled in higher education, disabled children, and low-income parents. The DIC benefit amount varies depending on the survivor.

Regulations and Supporting Resources

[A Survivor's Guide to Benefits – Taking Care of Our Families](#)

[AR 600-8-1, Army Casualty Program](#)

Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center (CMAOC) – Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO) Training Guide

[Military Benefits Website – Dependency and Indemnity Compensation \(DIC\)](#)

[U.S. Army Human Resources Command \(HRC\) Website – Dependency and Indemnity Compensation \(DIC\)](#)

[U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\) Website – Dependents Indemnity Compensation \(DIC\)](#)

Documents and Forms

[DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty](#)

[VA Form 21-534, Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Death Pension and Accrued Benefits by a Surviving Spouse or Child \(Including Death Compensation if Applicable\)](#)

[VA Form 21-534a, Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by a Surviving Spouse or Child \(In-Service Death Only\)](#)

[VA Form 21-535, Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by Parent\(s\) \(Including Accrued Benefits and Death Compensation when Applicable\)](#)

Related Processes

[Casualty Assistance Process](#)

Points of Contact

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