

**Trinity County Veteran Service Office**

**Individual Unemployability Fact Sheet**

Individual Unemployability is a benefit paid to certain Veterans who are unable to obtain and maintain employment as a result of their service-connected disability.

**Eligibility**

You may be eligible if:

* You have been granted service-connected compensation for one disability at a rate of 60% or higher **or**
* You have been granted service-connected compensation for multiple disabilities totaling 70% or higher. One of the disabilities must be rated at 40% or higher
* You are unable to obtain or maintain substantially gainful employment as a result of your service-connected disability.

**Compensation Rates**

Veterans granted Individual Unemployability are paid at the 100% service-connected disability rate. The actual amount varies by the type and number of dependents. See the US Department of Veterans Affairs website for more information.

<https://www.va.gov/disability/compensation-rates/veteran-rates/>

**How to apply**

Contact your Veteran Services Office for help with an Individual Unemployability claim. The claims process is long and difficult to navigate. The VA will reexamine previously awarded service-connected disability ratings so all applicants must understand their percentage could increase, decrease, or stay the same. The Trinity County Veteran Services Office is dedicated to helping Veterans submit complete, fully developed claims while attempting to obtain Individual Unemployability and retain or attain an increase in their previously awarded service-connected disability rating. Bring the following documents to your appointment:

* Discharge or separation papers (DD214, DD215, etc.)
* Dependency records (marriage license, divorce decree, children’s birth certificates)
* Medical evidence (medical records, doctor/hospital reports)
* Work history and wage records
* Education history

If you do not have all of these documents, the Veteran Services Office may be able to help you obtain them.

**Related Benefits**

Those granted a service-connected disability rating may be eligible for additional federal and state benefits. Contact your Veteran Service Office for more information.

* Medical Care
* Vocational Rehabilitation
* Clothing Allowance
* Housing Adaptation Grants
* Automobile Grant and Adaptive Equipment
* Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance
* Military Exchange Privileges