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## ***Automobile and Special Adaptive Equipment Grants***

### **Can a Veteran Receive Financial Assistance From VA to Purchase an Automobile?**

Financial assistance is available to purchase a new or used automobile (or other conveyance) to accommodate a disability for a veteran or servicemember with certain disabilities that resulted from an injury or disease incurred or aggravated during activity military service. The veteran or servicemember may only receive the automobile grant once in his/her lifetime. The grant is paid directly to the seller of the automobile for the total price (up to \$11,000) of the automobile.

**Note:** A veteran or servicemember may qualify for the automobile or special adaptive equipment grants, if the injury or disease resulted from medical treatment, examination, vocational rehabilitation, or compensated work therapy provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

### **What Disabilities Must You Have to Qualify for the Automobile Grant?**

A veteran or servicemember must have one of the following disabilities to qualify for the automobile grant:

- loss, or permanent loss of use, of one or both feet
- loss, or permanent loss of use, of one or both hands, or
- permanent impairment of vision in both eyes to a certain degree

### **Does VA Pay to Adapt a Vehicle?**

Certain service-connected veterans who need to specially adapt a vehicle due to his/her service connected disability(ies) may qualify for the adaptive equipment grant. In addition to those qualified for the automobile grant, a veteran or servicemember service connected for ankylosis (immobility of the joint) of one or both knees or hips qualifies for the adaptive equipment grant.

Adaptive equipment includes, but is not limited to, power steering, power brakes, power window lifts, power seats, and special equipment necessary to assist the eligible person into and out of the vehicle. Contact should be made with your local VA medical center's Prosthetic Department prior to purchasing any equipment.

The adaptive equipment grant may be paid more than once, and it may be paid to either the seller or the veteran.

### **How Can I Apply for an Automobile and/or Special Adaptive Equipment Grant?**

You can apply for the automobile and/or the special adaptive equipment grant by completing VA Form 21-4502, *Application for Automobile or Other Conveyance and Adaptive Equipment* and submitting it to your local VA regional office. The instructions on the VA Form 21-4502 contain a list of adaptive equipment that has been pre-approved for particular disabilities.

**Note:** After you complete and submit Section I of the application, VA will complete Section II and return the original to you. You are responsible for obtaining the invoice from the seller, updating Section III, and submitting the form to your local VA regional office for payment.

If you are entitled to adaptive equipment only (i.e., service connected for ankylosis of knees or hips) you should complete VA Form 10-1394, *Application for Adaptive Equipment – Motor Vehicle* and submit it to your local VA medical center. Additionally, VA Form 10-1394 should be completed for approval of equipment not specified on the VA Form 21-4502.

**For More Information, Call Toll-Free 1-800-827-1000  
or Visit Our Web Site at <http://www.va.gov>.**