

Veterans Hearing Fund Eligibility Application



Eligibility

The Veterans Hearing Fund (VHF) is managed by The Royal British Legion (the Legion). It endeavours to meet the wellbeing needs of veterans who acquired hearing loss or impairment during their Service in the UK Armed Forces through the funding of hardware or therapies not typically available through statutory sources (for example: the NHS).

The purpose of the *eligibility application* is to ascertain whether your hearing loss was acquired during Service. Applicants will need to submit a completed eligibility application form with a copy of their Service audiometry records, which in most cases will allow the Legion to determine whether hearing loss was acquired during Service. To request a copy of your Service audiometry records, you can submit a Subject Access Request to the relevant Service Records Office. The Legion's website provides information on how to request Service records; guidance is also available by calling our Contact Centre on 0808 802 8080. Where audiogram data is not available, a provisional approval of eligibility will be given. Your audiologist will be asked to consider whether they feel that your hearing loss was acquired during Service. If the applicant is in receipt of a War Pension or Armed Forces Compensation Scheme Award, and this was awarded due to hearing loss, then they can submit a copy of their documentation confirming this in lieu of Service medical records.

Next Steps

Please complete the eligibility application and return with a copy of your Service audiometry records to:

**Veterans Medical Funds
The Royal British Legion
199 Borough High Street
London SE1 1AA**

Applications received by the Legion will be acknowledged within five working days.


Once we have received your completed eligibility application form and Service audiometry records you will receive a decision on eligibility within ten working days. If your eligibility application is approved or provisionally approved, you will be issued the second stage application form which must be completed and submitted by your audiologist. Please note that an invitation to stage two is not a guarantee that your application for financial assistance will be approved.

Questions?

For further information on the Veterans Hearing Fund, please visit the Legion's website (www.britishlegion.org.uk), call 0808 802 8080 or email medicalfunds@britishlegion.org.uk.

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PERSONAL DETAILS			
Full Name			
Date of Birth*			
NHS Number		Telephone	
Email Address			
Postal Address			Postcode
Current Occupation			
MILITARY SERVICE DETAILS			
Service Number			
Division/Regiment(s)			
Enlistment Date		Discharge Date	
Are you in receipt of a War Disablement or Armed Forces Compensation Scheme Payment?	Yes No	If Yes, for what was it awarded?	
MEDICAL INFORMATION			
Do you wear hearing aids / hardware now?	Yes No	If Yes, how were these funded?	NHS Private MOD
Name and Address of Dispenser / NHS			Postcode
Date of Last Appointment			

VETERAN'S DECLARATION			
<p>“I declare that the information I have given is correct to the best of my knowledge. I consent to the details provided being used by TRBL on my behalf to request my Service history and medical records from appropriate agencies (eg, MOD). I consent to the full medical records being disclosed to TRBL for the purpose of assessing my eligibility to the Veterans Medical Fund.”</p>			
Signature		Date	

* With the exception of age, which can be clinically relevant for some cases, none of the information in the 'Personal' or 'Military Service' Details sections will be shared with the VHF Advisory Panel.