



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WOUNDED, ILL, AND/OR INJURED COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS HANDBOOK



The Department of Defense (DoD)'s Wounded, Ill, and/or Injured Compensation and Benefits Handbook

[The Department of Defense \(DoD\) Wounded, Ill, and/or Injured Compensation and Benefits Handbook](#) is a reference guide of programs and resources available to wounded, ill, and/or injured Service members and the people in their support networks. It is a living document, updated annually by the DoD in collaboration with the [U.S. Departments of Veterans Affairs \(VA\)](#), [Labor](#), and [Education](#), as well as [the Social Security Administration](#) and the [U.S. Military Services](#).

The handbook serves as a starting point for Service members and their support networks to navigate through recovery and rehabilitation, and possible return to duty or transition to the civilian community. It provides a centralized location that briefly introduces and summarizes programs and resources, while providing links for further information. The handbook contains the following chapters and appendices:

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