

**VOLUME 7B, APPENDIX L: “DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC) RATES”**

**SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES**

All changes are denoted by **blue font**.

Substantive revisions are denoted by an asterisk (\*) symbol preceding the section, paragraph, table, or figure that includes the revision.

Unless otherwise noted, chapters referenced are contained in this volume.

Hyperlinks are denoted by ***bold, italic, blue, and underlined font***.

The previous version dated **June 2019** is archived.

<b>PARAGRAPH</b>	<b>EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>
All	Updated hyperlinks and formatting to comply with current administrative instructions.	Revision
L00103	Deleted “Authoritative Guidance” to comply with Appendix Structure.	Deletion
Tables L-1 and L-2	Updated DIC rates.	Revision
References	Updated References where applicable.	Revision

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## L001 GENERAL

## L00101. Overview

The Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity for a spouse [may](#) be reduced by [an](#) amount of DIC that is payable to the spouse if the DIC paid is due to the service connected death of the same member for which the spouse is receiving the SBP annuity. [See Chapter 46](#). DIC is compensation paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to the eligible survivors of Military Service members who died after December 31, 1956, from a service-connected or compensable disability.

## L00102. Purpose

The DIC rates used to determine the SBP annuity reduction amounts are in Table L-1. The VA determines entitlement to and the amount of a DIC award. In accordance with Title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.), section 1311, VA establishes annual DIC rates which are required to be published in the Federal Register.

## APPENDIX L

## DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC) RATES

\*Table L-1 DIC Rates: For Deaths Before January 1, 1993 (Notes 1 and 6)

Table Revision Effective Date: December 1, 2020

Pay Grade	<u><a href="#">PL 112-53</a></u> Effective Dec 1, 2011 (See note 1 and note 2)	<u><a href="#">PL 112-198</a></u> Effective Dec 1, 2012	<u><a href="#">PL 113-52</a></u> Effective Dec 1, 2013	<u><a href="#">PL 113-181</a></u> Effective Dec 1, 2014 (See note 3)	<u><a href="#">PL 114-197</a></u> Effective Dec 1, 2016 (See note 3)	<u><a href="#">PL 115-75</a></u> Effective Dec 1, 2017	<u><a href="#">*PL 115-258</a></u> Effective Dec 1, 2018	<u><a href="#">*PL 166-58</a></u> Effective Dec 1, 2019	<u><a href="#">*PL 116-178</a></u> Effective Dec 1, 2020
E1	\$1,195	\$1,215	\$1,233.23	\$1,254.19	\$1,257.95	\$1,283.11	\$1,319.04	\$1,340.14	\$1,357.56
E2	1,195	1,215	1,233.23	1,254.19	1,257.95	1,283.11	1,319.04	1,340.14	1,357.56
E3	1,195	1,215	1,233.23	1,254.19	1,257.95	1,283.11	1,319.04	1,340.14	1,357.56
E4	1,195	1,215	1,233.23	1,254.19	1,257.95	1,283.11	1,319.04	1,340.14	1,357.56
E5	1,195	1,215	1,233.23	1,254.19	1,257.95	1,283.11	1,319.04	1,340.14	1,357.56
E6	1,195	1,215	1,233.23	1,254.19	1,257.95	1,283.11	1,319.04	1,340.14	1,357.56
E7	1,236	1,257	1,275.86	1,297.55	1,301.44	1,327.47	1,364.64	1,386.47	1,404.49
E8	1,305	1,327	1,346.91	1,369.81	1,373.92	1,401.40	1,440.64	1,463.69	1,482.72
E9	1,361	1,384	1,404.76	1,428.64	1,432.93	1,461.59	1,502.51	1,526.55	1,546.40
E9 (Note 4)	1,470	1,494	1,516.41	1,542.19	1,546.82	1,577.76	1,621.94	1,647.89	1,669.31
W-1	1,262	1,283	1,302.25	1,324.39	1,328.36	1,354.93	1,392.87	1,415.16	1,433.56
W-2	1,312	1,334	1,354.01	1,377.03	1,381.16	1,408.78	1,448.23	1,471.40	1,490.53
W-3	1,351	1,373	1,393.60	1,417.29	1,421.54	1,449.97	1,490.57	1,514.42	1,534.11
W-4	1,429	1,453	1,474.80	1,499.87	1,504.37	1,534.46	1,577.42	1,602.66	1,623.49
O-1	1,262	1,283	1,302.25	1,324.39	1,328.36	1,354.93	1,392.87	1,415.16	1,433.56
O-2	1,305	1,327	1,346.91	1,369.81	1,373.92	1,401.40	1,440.64	1,463.69	1,482.72
O-3	1,395	1,418	1,439.27	1,463.74	1,468.13	1,497.49	1,539.42	1,564.05	1,584.38
O-4	1,478	1,503	1,525.55	1,551.48	1,556.13	1,587.25	1,631.69	1,657.80	1,679.35
O-5	1,627	1,654	1,678.81	1,707.35	1,712.47	1,746.72	1,795.63	1,824.36	1,848.08
O-6	1,834	1,865	1,892.98	1,925.16	1,930.94	1,969.56	2,024.71	2,057.11	2,083.85
O-7	1,980	2,013	2,043.20	2,077.93	2,084.16	2,125.84	2,185.36	2,220.33	2,249.19
O-8	2,175	2,211	2,244.17	2,282.32	2,289.17	2,334.95	2,400.33	2,438.74	2,470.44
O-9	2,326	2,365	2,400.48	2,441.29	2,448.61	2,497.58	2,567.51	2,608.59	2,642.50
O-10	2,551	2,594	2,632.91	2,677.67	2,685.70	2,739.41	2,816.11	2,861.17	2,898.37
O-10 (Note 5)	2,738	2,784	2,825.76	2,873.80	2,882.42	2,940.07	3,022.39	3,070.75	3,110.67

\* **DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC) RATES (Continued)****\*Table L-2 DIC Rates: For Deaths on or After January 1, 1993 (Note 6)**

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<b>Flat Rate</b>	<b>Additional</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
\$750	\$165	January 1, 1993
769	169	December 1, 1993
790	173	December 1, 1994
810	177	December 1, 1995
833	182	December 1, 1996
850	185	December 1, 1997
861	187	December 1, 1998
881	191	December 1, 1999
911	197	December 1, 2000
935	202	December 1, 2001
948	204	December 1, 2002
967	208	December 1, 2003
993	213	December 1, 2004
1,033	221	December 1, 2005
1,067	228	December 1, 2006
1,091	233	December 1, 2007
1,154	246	December 1, 2008
1,154	246	December 1, 2009
1,154	246	December 1, 2010
1,195	254	December 1, 2011
1,215	258	December 1, 2012
1,233.23	261.87	December 1, 2013
1,254.19	266.32	December 1, 2014
1,254.19	266.32	December 1, 2015
1,257.95	267.12	December 1, 2016
1,283.11	272.46	December 1, 2017
1,319.04	280.09	December 1, 2018
1,340.14	284.57	December 1, 2019
<b>*1,357.56</b>	<b>*288.27</b>	<b>*December 1, 2020</b>

**Notes:**

1. If the current year is not listed in the table, see the [Dependency and Indemnity Compensation Rates](#) at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) website. Additionally, see the VA website for any rate effective prior to December 1, 2011.
2. The DIC rates remained unchanged from December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2011.
3. The DIC rates remained unchanged from December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2016.

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4. These are E9 pay grade veterans who served as a Sergeant Major of the Army or Marine Corps, Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Navy, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, or Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard.
5. These are O-10 pay grade veterans who served as a Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army or Air Force, Chief of Naval Operations, or Commandant of the Marine Corps.
6. An additional amount may be payable if at the time of death the veteran was entitled to receive (or, but for the receipt of retired pay or retirement pay, was entitled to receive) compensation for Service-connected disability that was rated totally disabling for a continuous period of at least 8 years immediately preceding death. In determining the period of a veteran's disability for purposes of the preceding sentence, only periods in which the veteran was married to the surviving spouse will be considered. See 38 U.S.C. [§ 1311\(a\)\(2\)](#). If a veteran died before January 1, 1993, then DIC was payable based on the pay grade of the veteran. Effective January 1, 1993, DIC was payable at the flat rate of \$750 (including \$165, if applicable according to 38 U.S.C. § 1311(a)(2)) if it is more favorable than the DIC amount based on the veteran's pay grade.

REFERENCES

**APPENDIX L – DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC) RATES**

L001 – GENERAL

38 U.S.C. § 1311  
38 U.S.C. § 5110(d)  
38 U.S.C. § 5111(a)  
10 U.S.C. § 1450(c)  
63 Comp Gen 536, B-21446, August 20, 1984  
10 U.S.C. § 1451(c)  
Department of Defense Instruction 1332.42,  
June 23, 2009  
[Public Law 116-92, Section 622, National  
Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020](#)

Tables L-1 and L2

[Public Law 116-78](#)