



## Transitional Compensation: Financial Support for Victims of Abuse

### How do I apply?

Your installation's [Family Advocacy Program](#) or [Legal Assistance Office](#) can help you apply for transitional compensation.

### What other help is available?

Your installation's [Family Advocacy Program](#) can help you:

- Develop a safety plan for you and your family
- Find a safe house or shelter
- Access counseling
- Arrange for a medical exam or court appearance
- Find additional military and civilian resources

### You don't have to go through this alone.

[Domestic abuse victim advocates](#) are available to provide you with information, resources and support. You can also ask them about your [domestic abuse reporting options while in the military](#).

### What is transitional compensation?

Transitional compensation is a 12- to 36-month resource that provides financial support and other resources to dependent victims of abuse. If you are a military spouse, dependent child, or an active-duty service member spouse, you may be eligible for this benefit if:

- You were married to the abusive service member at the time of the abuse
- Your service member was convicted of a dependent-abuse offense; or
- Your service member was separated from the military under a court-martial sentence; sentenced to a forfeiture of all pay and allowances by a court-martial for a dependent-abuse offense; or administratively separated, at least in part, for a dependent-abuse offense\*

\*If abuse occurred, and the service member wasn't separated for an abuse offense, you may still be eligible for this resource. Contact a [domestic abuse victim advocate](#) to learn more.

The resource may include:

- Medical care
- Exchange privileges
- Commissary privileges

The [resource amount](#) is based on Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, which changes annually. To maintain eligibility, you cannot remarry or move back in with the former service member while receiving benefits, and you must recertify annually.

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