

TRANSITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR ABUSED DEPENDENTS (TCAD)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS TCAD?

TCAD is a temporary resource that provides financial support and other assistance to dependent victims of domestic abuse or child abuse and neglect. If you are a military child or spouse who experienced abuse while your spouse was active duty, you may be eligible for this resource.

WHAT SUPPORT DOES TCAD PROVIDE?

Temporary monthly payments are provided to the abused spouse/children. Additional support includes continued access to medical care under TRICARE and continued access to the commissary and the exchange.

HOW LONG WILL I RECEIVE TCAD BENEFITS?

Compensation and access to medical and other services lasts for up to 36 months (3 years).

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR TCAD IF

- You were married to the abusive service member.
- Your service member was convicted of a dependent abuse offense.
- 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.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To see if you qualify for TCAD benefits, contact your installation's local <u>Family Advocacy Program</u> to complete an application.

