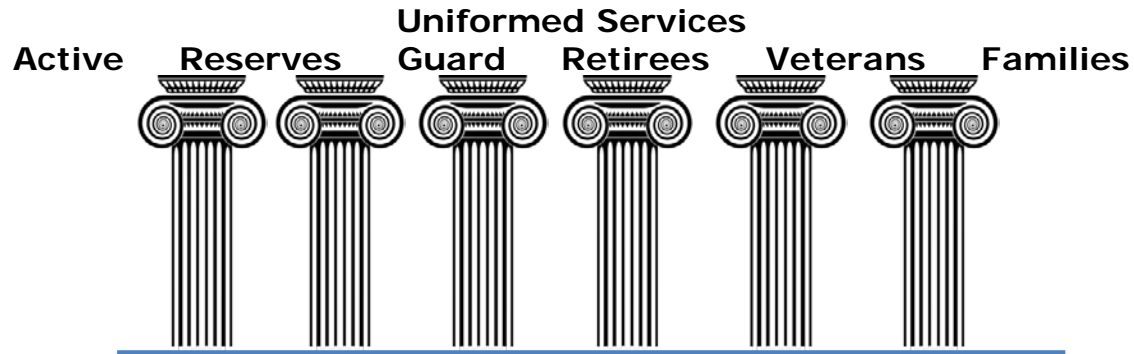


VA Disability Compensation Claim & Appeal Programs

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 - Benefits Information • Publications
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- Disability Claim Information
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- Financial Education for Caregivers

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VA Disability Compensation Claims

- Eligibility
- Requirements
- Types of VA Claims
- What a VSO can do for you
- eBenefits Accounts www.eBenefits.gov
- VSOs submit claims through Stakeholder Enterprise Portal (SEP)



DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS

- Why VA Disability Compensation Program?
- Honorably discharged (under conditions other than dishonorable)
- Current Disability
- Evidence of in-service injury/disease
- Nexus to service
 - Direct service
 - Aggravation
 - Secondary to service
- Presumptive service connection



SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY

- VA SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES
 - CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 38, BOOK C
 - <http://www.knowva.ebenefits.va.gov>
- MOAA Claims Checklists and Other Info
 - <https://www.moaa.org/vso>
 - <http://www.moaa.org/Content/Benefits-and-Discounts/Pay-and-Benefits/Pay-and-Benefits.aspx#VA-Claims-and-Benefits>



TYPES OF VA CLAIMS (Pre-Discharge)

	Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD)	Quick Start	Overseas Intake Sites
When to apply prior to separation?	60-180 days	1-59 days	Within 180 days
Availability	Nationwide	Nationwide	<u>Select military installations in Germany and Korea</u>

Must include all service medical records (including dental records), even if a majority of the records are not relevant to what you are claiming.



TYPES OF VA CLAIMS (Post-Service)

- Traditional claim
 - VA collects all records & obtains all medical evidence
- Fully Developed Claim
 - You submit everything to VA with your initial claim
 - <http://www.benefits.va.gov/FDC/checklist.asp>



Requesting Service Medical Records (SMR)

- Request a copy before leaving the service
 - AHLTA & Pre-AHLTA Hard Copy
 - Mental Health
 - Referral Out-Source Records
- Request a copy from National Archives (SF-180)
 - <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html>
 - List all hospitals



What a VSO can do for you

- <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-22-ARE.pdf>
- First consideration - PII/HIPAA protections
- Review Medical Records for Nexus
- Explain VA Service Connection and Rating System
 - 0 to 100%, round up or down to nearest 10%
 - VA Math to calculate final rating %
 - <http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/rates-index.asp#combined>
 - 0%, 30% and 50% milestones
- Ensure claim is complete



VA Math

- Veteran service connected for 3 disabilities
- Lower Back Strain – 30%
- Right Shoulder Strain – 10%
- Tinnitus – 10%
- Starting from highest rated
 - 30% of total body (100%) = 30%
 - 10% of remaining 70% = 7%
 - 10% of remaining 63% = 6.3%
 - Total Disability Rating = 43.3% = 40%



What a Fully Developed Claim Includes

- Intent to File – VA Form 21-0966
- Appointment of VSO (POA) - VA Form 21-22
- Fully Developed Claim - 21-526EZ
- Statement in Support of Claim - 21-4138
- Declaration of Status of Dependents - 21-686c
- School Attendance - 21-674
- All Medical Records (Including Dental)
- Separation/Retirement Physical
- DD-214(s)



What a FDC Includes – Con't

- Marriage Certificate and Spouse's SSN
- Children's Birth Certificates and SSN(s)
- Previous Marriage Dates and Divorce Decrees
- Separation or Retirement Pay
- Banking Information



You've Submitted Your Claim Now What?

- Claim Timing – based on 125 days
- Compensation & Pension (C&P) Exams
- Disability Benefit Questionnaires (DBQs)
- VA Notification Letter
- Reconsideration Requests
- Appeal Timing

eBenefits & SEP

- Sign up for an eBenefits Account (Premium)
 - <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>
- How to request a Veteran Service Officer online





What do you want to do?

Need help? Appoint a claims agent, attorney, or
Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to assist you.



Apply

Disability Compensation **P**

Add or Remove Dependent **P**

VA Health Care **↗**

Education Benefits

Pension Benefits

Vocational Rehabilitation and
Employment

See all applications for benefits



Manage Benefits

Compensation Claim Status **P**

Personal Contact and Direct Deposit **P**

Military Personnel File **P**

VA Letters **P**

Certificate of Eligibility for Home Loan **P**

Supporting Document Upload for
Claims **P**

See all options to manage benefits



Manage Health

Share Your VA Medical Records

VA Prescription Refills **P** **↗**



VA Medical Appointment Scheduling **P** **↗**

Hearing Aid Batteries and Prosthetic
Socks **P**

VA Medical Provider Messaging **P** **↗**

DoD TRICARE® Health Insurance **P** **↗**

See all options to manage your health

 <h3>Dependent Benefits</h3> <p>Select this application to manage the list of dependents you claim as part of your benefits profile.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Apply Now</p>	 <h3>Compensation Benefits</h3> <p>Complete your online application to submit a claim for Veteran's disability compensation. You can claim multiple disabilities, including PTSD. You can also claim unemployability, temporary total disability, and special circumstances, including the need for an automobile allowance, aid and attendance, and specially adapted housing.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Apply Now</p>	 <h3>Request for Representative</h3> <p>Claimants appoint representatives to serve as Power of Attorney (POA) and act on their behalf in the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims for VA benefits (38 U.S.C. 5902, 5903, and 5904).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Apply Now</p>	 <h3>Release Medical Records</h3> <p>Select this application to authorize non-VA medical centers to release medical information to the VA.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Apply Now</p>
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Open Applications

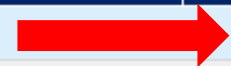
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Completed Applications

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