



PENSION AND FIDUCIARY SERVICE

PMC VSR Core Course

# **Common VA Terms**

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This job aid serves as a quick reference for common VA terms. Please note that this job aid is not all-inclusive and is only meant to serve as a guide.

<b>Acronym</b>	<b>Term/Definition</b>
A&A or A/A	Aid and Attendance
A/R	Accounts Receivable
ACDUTRA	Active Duty for Training
ADM	Administrative Decision Made (BIRLS Screen)
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AL	American Legion (POA)
AMA	Appeals Modernization Act
AMIE	Automated Medical Information Exchange
ANG	Air Force National Guard
AO	Agent Orange
AO73	AO73 Law Change (effective 10-18-2018)
APMCM	Assistant Pension Management Center Manager
ARNG	Army National Guard
ASB	Asbestosis
ASPEN	Automated Standardized Performance Elements Nationwide
AWOL	Absent Without Official Leave
BDD	Benefits Delivery at Discharge
BINQ	BIRLS Inquiry (SHARE Command)
BIRLS	Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem
BUPD	BIRLS Update (SHARE Command)

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BVA	Board of Veterans Appeals, or Blind Veterans Association (POA)
BWN	Blue Water Navy
C&C	Confirmed and Continued (Rating)
C&P	Compensation and Pension
CA	Claims Assistant
CADD	Change of Address (SHARE Command)
CAPRI	Compensation and Pension Records Interchange
CAVC	Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
CBCM	Centralized Benefits Communications Management
CEST	Claims Establishment
C-FILE	Veteran's Physical Claims File
CFID	Change of Fiduciary
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CH31	Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation Education Program)
CH32	Chapter 32 (Veterans Educational Assistance Program)
CH34	Chapter 34 (Vietnam Era GI Bill _ no longer paid)
CH35	Chapter 35 (Dependents Educational Assistance)
CHAMPUS	Civilian Health & Medical Program of Uniformed Services (Active Duty & Retired)
CHAMPVA	Civilian Health & Medical Program of (Department of) Veterans Affairs
CME	Continuing Medical Expense
COD	Character of Discharge, or Cause of Death

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COLA	Cost-of-Living Adjustment
COVERS	Consolidated Veterans Records System
COWC	Committee on Waivers and Compromises
CP&E	Compensation, Pension & Education
CPKM	Compensation and Pension Knowledge Management
CPL	Compensation & Pension Disability Benefits For (Live) Veterans
CSA/CSR	Civil Service Annuity or Retirement
CUE	Clear and Unmistakable Error
DAV	Disabled American Veterans (POA)
DC	Diagnostic Code
DD 214	Certificate of Release
DEA	Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35)
DEV	Development
DIC	Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (SC Death)
DIS	Dishonorable (BIRLS Code)
DISP	Disposition of PIF
DLP	Date Last Paid
DOB	Date of Birth
DOC	Date of Claim
DOD	Department of Defense, or Date of Death, or Date of Divorce
DRO	Decision Review Officer
DTA	Duty to Assist

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DTRA	Defense Threat Reduction Agency
DUPC	Duplicate Record Consolidation (BIRLS Command)
DVA	Dishonorable for VA Purposes (BIRLS Code)
EFolder	Electronic Folder
EMS	Exam Management System
ENT	Entitlement Code
EOD	Enter On Duty
EOM	End of Month
EOY	End of Year
EP	End Product (Code)
EPSS	Electronic Performance Support System
FARC	Federal Archives Records Center
FDC	Fully Developed Claim
FECA	Federal Employees Compensation Act
FERS	Federal Employees Retirement System
FL	Fast Letter
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FRC	Federal Records Center (See FARC)
FTI	Federal Tax Information
GAF	Global Assessment of Functioning (Scale)
GC	General Counsel
GDN	Guardian

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GS	General Schedule
GSW	Gunshot Wound
HB or HBD	Housebound
HC	Helpless Child
HON	Honorable Military Service
HVA	Honorable for VA Purposes (BIRLS Code) ICP
ICP	Inactive Comp and Pen Data (BIRLS screen)
INS	Insurance Data (BIRLS Screen)
IRIS	Inquiry Routing and Information System
IT	Information Technology
IU	Individual Unemployability
IVAP	Income for VA Purposes
IVM	Income Verification Match
KIA	Killed In Action
KC	Korean Conflict
KSA	Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities
LGY	Loan Guaranty
LOD	Line of Duty
MA	Management Analyst
MAP-D	Modern Award Processing Development
MAPR	Maximum Annual Pension Rate
MBP	Mexican Border Period

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MOD	Month of Death
MOPH	Military Order of the Purple Heart (POA)
MRS	Military Record Specialist
NAN	No Action Necessary
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration
NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmosphere Administration
NOD	Notice of Death, or Notice of Disagreement
NOE	Notice of Exception
NOK	Next of Kin

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NPRC	National Personnel Records Center
NSC	Non-Service-Connected
NW	Net Worth
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of (Year) (AKA Omnibus)
OGC	Opinions of the General Counsel
OIF/OEF	Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
OTH	Discharge Under Other Than Honorable Conditions
P&T or PT	Permanent and Total
PCAN	Pending Issue File Cancel (BDN Command)
PCHG	Pending Issue File Change (BDN Command)
PCGL	Personal Computer Generated Letters
PCT	Percentage
PEB	Physical Evaluation Board (Military)
PFOP	Personal Funds of Patient
PGW	Persian Gulf War
PHS	Public Health Service
PIES	Personnel Information Exchange System
PIF	Pending Issue File



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PL	Public Law
PMC	Pension Management Center
PMCM	Pension Management Center Manager
PMR	Private Medical Records
POA	Power of Attorney (Usually Service Organizations)
POW	Prisoner of War
PTE	Peacetime Enlistment
PTI	Permanently Transferred In
PTO	Permanently Transferred Out
PTSD	Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
PVA	Paralyzed Veterans Of America (POA)
RAD	Release from Active Duty
RADL	Redesigned Automated Decision Letter
REPS	Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors
RMC	Records Management Center
RO	Regional Office
RR	Railroad Retirement
RTR	Ready to Rate
RVN	Republic of Vietnam
RVSR	Rating Veterans Service Representative
SAT	Satisfactory Service (BIRLS Code)

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SAW	Spanish American War
SBP	Survivors Benefit Plan (Retired Military)
SC or S/C	Service Connected
SLC or SL	Special Law Code
SMC	Special Monthly Compensation
SME	Subject Matter Expert
SMIB	Supplemental Medical Insurance Benefit
SOA	Statement of Account (of Funeral Goods and Services)
SOC	Statement of the Case
SPR	Service Personnel Records
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
SSN	Social Security Number
SSOC	Supplemental Statement of the Case
STR	Service Treatment Records
SVSR	Senior Veterans Service Representative
TDRL	Temporary Disability Retired List
TPSS	Training Performance and Support Systems

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TTI	Temporarily Transfer In
TTO	Temporarily Transfer Out
UHC	Discharge Under Honorable Conditions
UME	Unreimbursed Medical Expenses
USC	United States Code (U.S.C.)
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs
VACO	VA Central Office
VACOLS	Veterans Appeals Control and Locator System
VADS	Veterans Assistance Discharge System (An entry of "Y" or "D" following the VADS Field on the VID Screen in BIRLS indicates VADS Data Input.)
VAF	Veterans Administration Form
VAMC	Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center
VARO	Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office
VARO&IC	Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office & Insurance Center
VBA	Veterans Benefits Administration
VBMS	Veteran Benefits Management System (replaced VETSNET)
VCE	Veterans Claims Examiner
VE	Vietnam Era
VFW	Veterans of Foreign Wars (POA)
VHA	Veterans Health Administration
VID	Veteran Identification Data (BIRLS Screen)

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VISN	Veterans Integrated Service Network
VR&C	Vocational Rehabilitation & Counseling
VR&E	Vocational Rehabilitation and Education
VRMOD	Veterans Rate Month of Death
VSC	Veterans Service Center
VSCM	Veterans Service Center Manager
VSO	Veterans Service Organization, or Veterans Service Officer
VSR	Veterans Service Representative
VVA	Vietnam Veterans of America (POA), or Virtual VA
WAC	Women's Army Corp
WARMS	Web Automated Reference Materials System
WIA	Wounded in Action
WWI	World War I
WWII	World War II
XC	Deceased Veteran's claims folder