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The slide features a light blue background with a subtle pattern of stars and stripes. At the top center is the official seal of the Department of Veterans Affairs, United States of America, which includes an eagle with wings spread, holding an olive branch and arrows, with a shield on its chest. The seal is encircled by the text "DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS" and "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA". Below the seal, the title "Common VA Forms" is displayed in a large, dark blue font. Underneath the title, the words "Compensation" and "Service" are stacked on the left, and "September" and "2020" are stacked on the right. At the bottom center, there are two navigation arrows: a grey arrow pointing left and a blue arrow pointing right.

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Objectives

Given all available references, trainees will be able to:

- Differentiate between the various forms used for submitting claims.
- Identify which forms to use in specific claims-related circumstances.



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References

- [§3.150 Forms to be furnished](#)
- [§3.151 Claims for disability benefits](#)
- [§3.2501 Supplemental claims](#)
- [§3.2601 Higher-level review](#)
- [M21-1 III.ii.2.B - Claims for Disability Compensation and-or Pension, and Claims for Survivors Benefits](#)
- [M21-1 III.ii.2.C - Informal claims received Prior to March 24, 2015, Communication of an intent to File \(ITF\), and Request for an Application](#)
- [M21-1 III.ii.2.D - Supplemental Claims](#)
- [VA Forms website](#)



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38 CFR §3.150(a) and §3.151(a)

§3.150 Forms to be furnished

- (a) Upon request made in person or in writing by any person applying for benefits under the laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the appropriate application form will be furnished. (Authority: 38 U.S.C. 5102)


§3.151 Claims for disability benefits

- (a) A specific claim in the form prescribed by the Secretary must be filed in order for benefits to be paid to any individual under the laws administered by VA. (38 U.S.C. 5101(a)).



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Original Claims - Compensation


An initial claim for service connection (compensation) will be submitted on:

- VA Form 21-526EZ Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits



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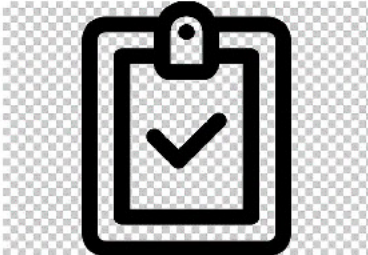
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Original Claims - Pension

An initial claim for pension will be submitted on:

- VA Form 21P-527EZ Application for Pension



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Claim for Non-Original New Issues

- On or after March 24, 2015, claims for new/increase/secondary issues are requested using:
 - VA Form 21-526EZ Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits
- Prior to March 24, 2015, claimants could use any type of letter or correspondence
- VA Form 21-4138 Statement in Support of Claim
 - This is a common form submitted by Veteran's and claimants to provide additional information.





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Claims Forms Required for Decision Reviews

- **On or after** February 19, 2019, all disagreements with or request for review of previously decided claims must be filed on specific forms.
- VA Form 20-0995 Supplemental Claim Form
 - This form can be submitted anytime after the prior decision
- VA Form 20-0996 Higher-Level Review Form
 - This form must be submitted within one year of the prior decision



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Request for Application

- Any claim received **on and after** March 24, 2015, that is not submitted on a prescribed form will be considered an “request for application”
- Requests for application are not a claim for benefits
- When a request for application is received, **the appropriate form** is mailed to the Veteran



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Intent to File (ITF)

- **On or after** March 24, 2015, Veterans can submit an “Intent to File” in order to preserve their effective date
- The formal application must be received within one year of the “Intent to File”
- Ways to submit an “intent to file”:
- **Initiating** an application for benefits via
 - eBenefits/VDC
 - Stakeholder Enterprise Portal (SEP), or
 - Digits-to-Digits (D2D); or
 - Over the phone with a VA National Call Center or other public contact representative; or
 - On the paper form (**VA Form 21-0966**), which may be mailed, faxed or delivered in person.



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Individual Unemployability (IU)


This is a benefit provided to a Veteran based on his/her inability to work due to service-connected disabilities.

- May be initially claimed on VA Form 21-526ez
- However, to grant the benefit, all claimants must submit VA Form 21-8940 Veteran's Claim for Increased Compensation Based on Unemployability
- The Veteran may also be requested to provide their former employer's information on a VA Form 21-4192 Request for Employment Information in Connection With Claim for Disability Benefits



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Claim for Housebound Status or Aid and Attendance (A&A) Benefits

The form used to request benefits due to housebound status or need for aid and attendance is the VA Form 21-2680 Examination for Housebound Status or Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance

This may be submitted as a “stand alone” form for increased benefits based on the Veteran’s or claimant’s inability to perform activities of daily living (ADLs) without assistance.



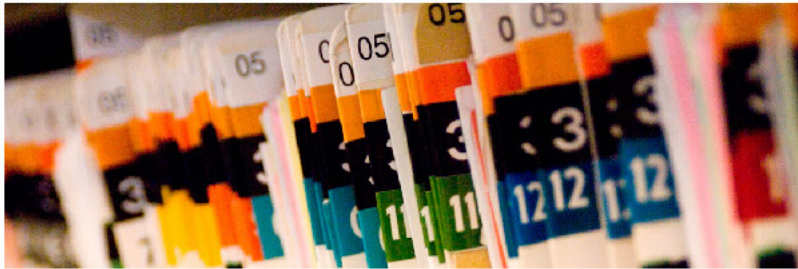
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Request for Private Medical Records

- Veteran is to provide a completed VA Form 21-4142 Authorization to Disclose Information to the Department of Veterans Affairs or;
- VA Form 21-4142a General Release for the Medical Provider Information to the Department of Veterans Affairs; and we will send it to the health care provider for a copy of the records
- Some health care providers require their own authorization form to be submitted in lieu of the VA's standard form



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Power of Attorney

Claimants can appoint a Veteran Service Organization (VSO) as their power of attorney.

- The form used is the VA Form 21-22 Appointment of Veterans Service Organization as Claimant's Representative
- If the claimant chooses an individual, they need to use the following form, VA Form 21-22a Appointment of Individual as Claimant's Representative



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Additional Forms for Ancillary Benefits

- VA Form 21-0819 DoD Referral to Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES)
- VA Form 21-2680 Examination for Housebound Status or Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance
- VA Form 21-8940 Veteran's Application for Increased Compensation Based on Unemployability
- VA Form 21-4502 Application for Automobile or Other Conveyance and Adaptive Equipment
- VA Form 26-4555 Application in Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing or Special Home Adaptation Grant



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DoD Forms: DD214 - Certificate of Discharge from Active Duty


What's on a DD214:

- Date and place of entry into active duty
- Date and place of release from active duty
- Last duty assignment and rank
- Military education
- Total creditable service
- Home address at time of entry
- Home address after separation
- Military job specialty
- Decorations, medals, badges, citations, campaign awards
- Foreign service credited
- Separation information (type of separation, character of service, authority and reason for separation, separation and reenlistment eligibility codes)





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Handout and Activity

- Common VA Forms
- Claim Related Forms
- DoD Forms
 - DD214
 - DD Form 2963
 - Certifies STR sent from the DoD is complete
- Matching Activity



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Review

During this class, we have reviewed several forms used to request benefits from or to provide information to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

- These included:
 - VA Form 21-526(EZ)
 - VA Form 21-0819
 - VA Form 21-8940
 - VA Form 21-4138
 - VA Form 21-2680
 - VA Form 21-0966
 - VA Form 21P-527(EZ)
 - VA Form 21-4192
 - VA Form 21-22/21-22a
 - VA Form 27-0820
 - VA Form 21-4142/4142a
 - VA Form 20-0995
- We also reviewed DD Form 214 and DD Form 2963



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