



PENSION AND FIDUCIARY SERVICE

PMC VSR Advanced Core Course
Phase 5, Part 1(d): Beyond Basic
Eligibility and Ready to Rate

Phase 5, Part 1(d) Knowledge Check Preparation

Appendix B

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Phase 5, Part 1(d) Worksheet

Part A: What Do I Need to Verify Proof of Death?

Use the Claim 1 provided by instructor and references in Appendix A, *Verify Proof of Death for Survivor's Benefits* to answer the following questions.

1. Does the information provided in the example claim contain proof of death? If so, list the piece of information.
2. Is the proof of death provided satisfactory?
3. If development is needed, what information do you need to verify proof of death and establish the death of the Veteran?

Part B: Veteran-Married-to-Veteran Claim

Use the Claim 3 provided by the instructor, the **Veteran Married to Veteran** job aid, and the references listed in Appendix A, *Process Veteran Married to Veteran Cases* to complete the following tasks.

1. Calculate the combined MAPR.
2. Add the Veteran's spouse as a dependent.
3. Confirm the general award.
4. Flash the award, if necessary.

Part C: Burial Benefits

Use the Claim 6 provided by the instructor, the **Burial Benefits Eligibility** job aid, and the references listed in Appendix A, *Determine Burial Benefits Eligibility*, to answer the following questions.

1. Who is the claimant?
2. What kind of claim is this?
3. Is the claimant eligible for SC burial benefits?
4. Is the claimant eligible for NSC burial benefits?
5. Is the claimant eligible for VA hospitalization death burial benefits?
6. Is the claimant eligible for a plot allowance?
7. Is the claimant eligible for transportation reimbursement?
8. Is development required to determine eligibility? If so, for what?
9. Should this claim be submitted to the rating activity? Why or why not?

Part D: Month of Death

Use the Claim 7 provided by the instructor and references in Appendix A, *Determine Eligibility for Month of Death (MOD) Benefit*, to answer the following questions.

1. Was the Veteran receiving benefits at time of death?
2. Had an MOD payment been made?
3. Is the claimant an eligible surviving spouse?
4. Is development necessary?

Part E: Overview of Ready to Rate

Use the Claim 8 provided by the instructor, the **Ready to Rate** job aid, and the references listed in Appendix A, *Identifying If a Claim Is Ready to Rate*, to answer the following questions:

1. What is the type of claim?
2. Is a rating decision required? If so, why?
3. Does the claim require development to be ready to rate? If yes, what evidence is needed?