

First Selection	Second Selection	Third Selection
Type of Claim/Service Connection	Incurrence/Nexus/Diagnosis/Other	Text
Direct	Incurrence	The evidence shows that a qualifying event, injury, or disease had its onset during your service.
	Nexus	A nexus, or link, has been established between your claimed issue and an in-service event or injury.
	Diagnosis	You have been diagnosed with a disability.
Secondary	Incurrence	The claimed primary disability is service-connected.
	Nexus	The claimed issue is secondary to a service-connected disability.
		The claimed issue is secondary to the primary nonservice-connected disability.
	Diagnosis	You have been diagnosed with a disability.
Aggravation (38 CFR 3.310)	Incurrence	The claimed primary disability is a service-connected disability.
	Nexus	The claimed issue has been permanently aggravated by a service-connected disability.
		The claimed issue has been permanently aggravated beyond natural progression by a service-connected disability.
	Diagnosis	You have been diagnosed with a disability.
Aggravation (38 CFR 3.310)	Incurrence	The claimed issue existed prior to military service.
		The claimed issue was treated during military service.
	Nexus	The claimed issue has been aggravated due to military service.
		The claimed issue has been permanently aggravated due to military service.
		The claimed issue has been permanently aggravated beyond natural progression due to military service.
	Diagnosis	You have been diagnosed with a disability.
Presumptive (All-Inclusive)	Incurrence	You were exposed to <insert free text> during military service.
		You have sufficient service to meet the minimum requirements for presumptive service connection.
		Your claimed issue became manifest to a degree of 10 percent or more following service.
		Evidence shows that you performed service in [free text (i.e. Camp Lejeune or Southwest Asia)]
	Nexus	The diagnosed disability is a condition that has been presumptively linked to exposure.
		The claimed disability is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to your military service.

	Diagnosis	You have been diagnosed with a disability.
1151 (38 CFR 3.361)	Incurrence	Additional disability arose during a period of hospital care, medical or surgical treatment, or examination.
		Additional disability arose during training or rehabilitation services or compensated work therapy.
	Nexus	You have additional disability due to hospital care, medical or surgical treatment, or examination.
		You have additional disability due to training or rehabilitation services or compensated work therapy program.
	Diagnosis	You have been diagnosed with a disability.
PTSD	Incurrence	A stressor is conceded based on <insert basis for stressor>.
Other	IU	Your service-connected disabilities meet the schedular criteria for entitlement to individual unemployability.
		You are not working.
		You are not working due to your disabilities.
	SMC	You have loss of use due to a disability.
		You have anatomical loss due to a disability.
		You require aid and attendance.
		You are housebound.
	P&T	Your service-connected disabilities are considered permanent.
		Your service-connected disabilities are considered totally disabling.
	Child's incapacity for self-support	The child is incapable of self-support due to mental or physical defect.
	Civil service preference	A disability is present and exhibits some extent of actual impairment.
	CH 17/health care eligibility	A disability is present.
		The disease or injury was incurred or aggravated during service.
	Dental treatment (38 CFR 3.381)	You are a former prisoner of war.
		You have a service-connected dental condition or disability.
		The dental condition is a result of service trauma.
		the Veteran is totally disabled due to a service-connected disability.
		A defective or missing tooth or disease of the teeth or periodontal tissues is shown.
		Service connection with a noncompensable evaluation has been established for treatable carious teeth, replaceable missing teeth, dental or alveolar abscesses, and/or periodontal disease.
		The dental condition which was noted at enlistment was treated during service.
		A dental condition was treated during the first 180 days of service.
		Dental calculus, adult periodontal disease, third molars, impacted or malposed teeth or other developmental defects were treated during service.

	Hospitalization (38 CFR 4.29)	You were hospitalized for 21 days or more.
		You were hospitalized at a VA or approved hospital.
		You were hospitalized for a service-connected disability.
	Convalescence (38 CFR 4.30)	You underwent surgical care.
		Surgery necessitated at least one month of convalescence.
		Surgery resulted in severe post-operative residuals.
		Treatment required immobilization by cast, without surgery, of one major joint or more.
	Auto/Adaptive Equipment (38 CFR 3.808)	A disability is present that meets the criteria for potential entitlement for an automobile or other conveyance and/or adaptive equipment.
		The disability claimed to result in impairment requiring an automobile or other conveyance and/or adaptive equipment is service-connected.
	Specially Adapted Housing (38 CFR 3.809)	A disability is present that meets the criteria for potential entitlement to specially adapted housing.
		The disability claimed to result in impairment requiring specially adapted housing is service-connected.
	Special Home Adaptation (38 CFR 3.809a)	A disability is present that meets the criteria for potential entitlement to special home adaptation.
	Special Home Adaptation (38 CFR 3.809a)	The disability claimed to result in impairment requiring special home adaptation is service-connected.
	Spina bifida (38 CFR 3.814/3.815)	The child has a covered birth defect.
		The child has been diagnosed with spina bifida.
		The Veteran served in Vietnam.
		The Veteran had covered service in Korea.
	Extra-schedular Evaluation Denial (38 CFR 3.321(b)(1))	The established schedular criteria are inadequate to describe the severity and symptoms of the disability.
		There are indications of an exceptional or unusual disability and/or symptoms.