

**LOCATING HISTORICAL RATING SCHEDULES
TRAINEE HANDOUT**

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PURPOSE

The Veterans Affairs Schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD) is in the process of being updated to reflect advances in medicine and labor market changes. As decision makers, it is important to know where to locate the historical rating schedule as you evaluate disabilities that may have been affected by the changes in the rating schedule.

This Job Aid was created to remind decision makers on the various methods available to locate the historical rating schedule.

REFERENCES

38 CFR 3.951, Preservation of disability ratings

M21-1, Part III, Subpart iv, 8.C – Protected Ratings

VAOPGCREC 03-00, Apr 10, 2000, Retroactive Applicability of Revised Rating Schedule
Criteria to Increased Rating Claims

OPTION 1: ECFR ACCESSED THROUGH KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT PORTAL

Step 1: Navigate to the [Knowledge Management Portal](#).

Step 2: Under “Browse Topics” select 38 CFRs → Part 4 → Subpart B: §4.40 – §4.150

Step 3: Select appropriate body system and reference (if applicable):

The screenshot shows the VA Intranet Knowledge Management Portal. The header includes the VA logo and navigation links like 'Home', 'My Favorites', 'Suggestions', 'Logout', and '508 Help'. The main content area is titled 'Compensation.Pension (CPKM) Portal' and features a 'Browse Topics' button. Below this, there are search bars for 'Search Knowledge Base' and 'Search within this topic'. The main content displays a list of 15 topics under the heading '38 CFRs > Part 4 > Subpart B: §4.40 - §4.150 Disability Ratings'. The topics are listed in three columns:

01) §4.40 - §4.73 The Musculoskeletal System	02) §4.75 - §4.84 The Organs of Special Sense	03) §4.85 - §4.87a Impairment of Auditory Acuity
04) §4.88 - §4.89 Infectious Diseases, Immune Disorders and Nut...	05) §4.96 - §4.97 The Respiratory System	06) §4.100 - §4.104 The Cardiovascular System
07) §4.110 - §4.114 The Digestive System	08) §4.115 - §4.115b The Genitourinary System	09) §4.116 Gynecological Conditions and Disorders of the Breas
10) §4.117 The Hemic and Lymphatic Systems	11) §4.118 The Skin	12) §4.119 The Endocrine System
13) §4.120 - §4.124a Neurological Conditions and Convulsive Dis...	14) §4.125 - §4.130 Mental Disorders	15) §4.149 - §4.150 Dental and Oral Conditions

Step 4: Scroll to the bottom, under attachments, select “Historical 4.XXX.pdf” (i.e. 4.117)

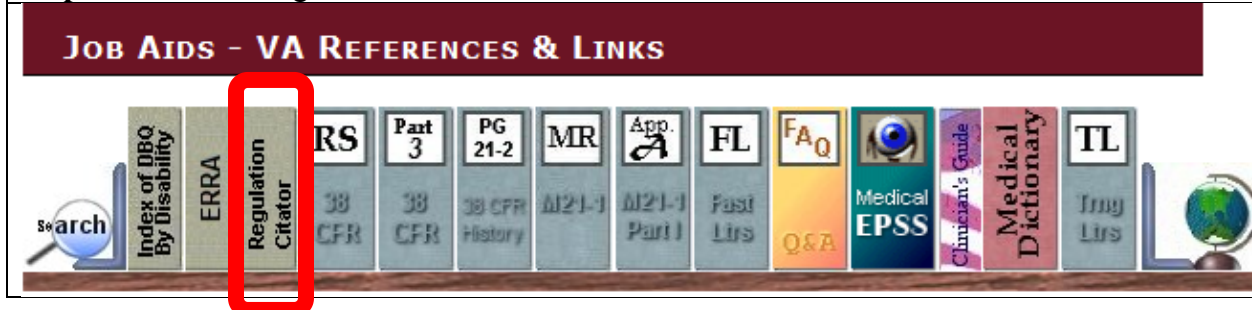
The screenshot shows the article page for '01) §4.117 Schedule of ratings—hemic and lymphatic systems'. The article ID is 554400000019118. Below the article title, there is a 'Topics' section with a breadcrumb trail: '38 CFRs > Part 4 > Subpart B: §4.40 - §4.150 Disability Ratings > 10) §4.117 The Hemic and Lymphatic Systems'. A blue link is provided: 'Link to eCFR - §4.117 Schedule of ratings—hemic and lymphatic systems'. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Was this article useful?' section with 'Yes' and 'No' buttons. Below this, the 'Attachments' section is highlighted with a red box, and a yellow arrow points to the attachment 'Historical 4.117.pdf'.

Step 5: Open the PDF attachment

OPTION 2: REGULATION CITATOR ACCESSED THROUGH JOB AIDS

Step 1: Navigate to [Job Aids](#) from the [Compensation Service Intranet Home Page](#).

Step 2: Select the Regulation Citator book from the bookshelf:



Step 3: Type in the section of the rating schedule you are trying to locate (i.e. 4.117):

Step 4: Select and open the PDF of that regulation:

The screenshot shows the "Regulation Citator" search interface. The search box contains "4.117" (highlighted with a red box). The search results are sorted by Relevance. The first result is "38 CFR 4.117" (highlighted with a red box). Below the result, there is a list of historical updates for this regulation.

Update Date	Description
9/23/1919	The Schedule for Rating Disabilities, 1919 Edition, Pg 23, 48 added
9/22/1921	The Schedule for Rating Disabilities, 1921 Edition, Pg 28, 46 revised
3/4/1925	The Schedule for Rating Disabilities, 1925 Edition, Pg 64, 77 revised
6/9/1932	The Schedule for Rating Disabilities, 1925 Edition, Par 39 revised by
3/20/1933	The Schedule for Rating Disabilities, 1933 Edition revised ; Ref. DC
12/16/1937	The Schedule for Rating Disabilities, 1933 Edition revised by Ext 2

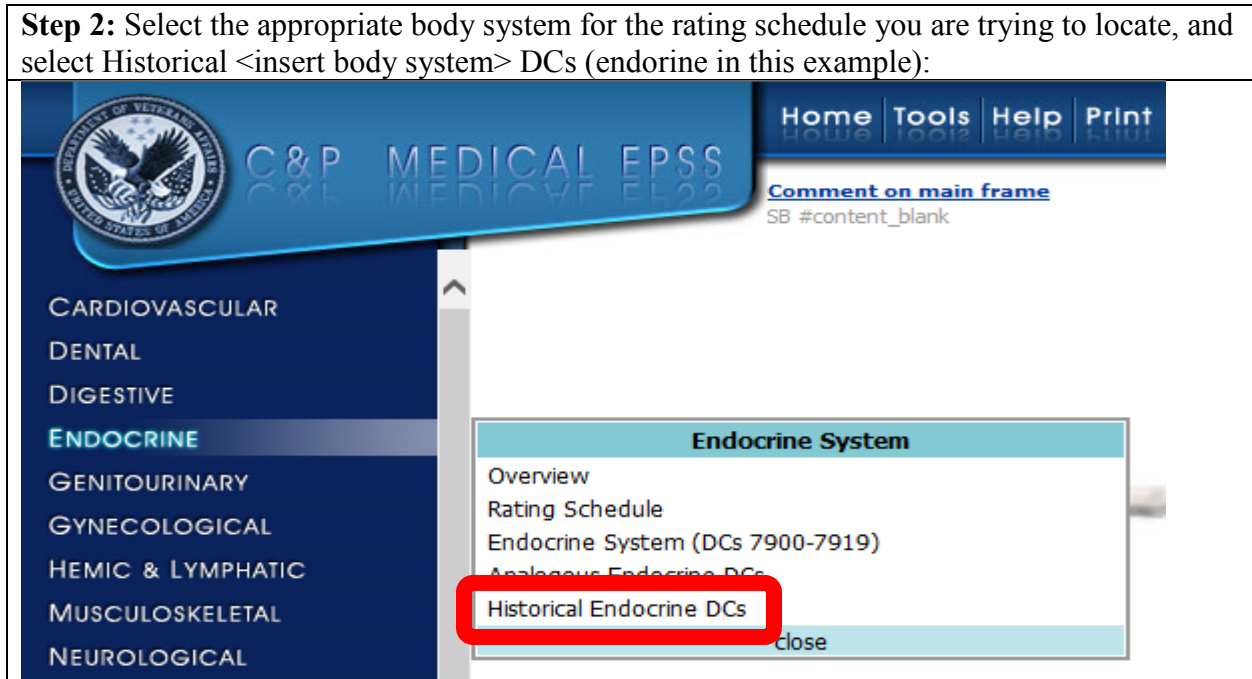
OPTION 3: MEDICAL EPSS

IMPORTANT: As the rating schedule is updated, Medical EPSS will be updated. Not all historical DCs are updated in this format. In those cases, please select a different method to locate the historical rating schedule.

Step 1: Navigate to [Medical EPSS](#) from the [Job Aids](#) Page:



Step 2: Select the appropriate body system for the rating schedule you are trying to locate, and select Historical <insert body system> DCs (endocrine in this example):



Step 3(a): Select the link, “Historical 4.XXX,” which will open the PDF for the historical schedule:

OR

Step 3(b): Select “eCFR 4.XXX” which will take you to the Knowledge Management Portal, then follow the steps in Option 1: Knowledge Management Portal, of this Job Aid:

The rating schedule for the endocrine system was updated on December 10, 2017. To view the historical rating schedule, please click the link below

- [Historical 4.119](#)
- Historical rating criteria can also be found in the Knowledge Management Portal: [eCFR 4.119](#)

OPTION 4: E-CFR ACCESSED THROUGH COMPENSATION SERVICE INTRANET

IMPORTANT: This method only searches back to January 1, 2015. If you are trying to locate a historical rating schedule prior to this date, please use Options 1-3 in this Job Aid.

Step 1: Navigate to [e-CFRs](#) through the [Compensation Service Intranet Home Page](#):

Step 2: Select 38 CFR, Part 4:

LINKS TO E-CFR

Links to the electronic Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) maintained by National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

Link	Description
38 CFR, Part 3	Adjudication
38 CFR, Part 4	Schedule for Rating Disabilities
38 CFR, Part 13	Fiduciary Activities
38 CFR, Part 14	Legal Services, General Counsel, and Miscellaneous Claims
38 CFR, Part 20	Board of Veterans' Appeals: Rules of Practice

Step 3: Select "Browse / Search Previous:"

[Home](#)
[gpo.gov](#)
[govinfo.gov](#)

[Browse / Search Previous](#)

e-CFR Navigation Aids
[Browse](#)
[Simple Search](#)

Advanced Search
— [Boolean](#)
— [Proximity](#)

Electronic Code

e-CFR data is current

[Title 38](#) → [Chapter I](#) → [Part 4](#)

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Title 38: Pensions, Bonuses, and \

PART 4—SCHEDULE FOR RATI

Step 4: Input the date of the rating schedule you are trying to locate and select “GO.” In this example, we are searching for the rating schedule that existed for hemic, *prior* to the rating schedule update that became effective on December 9, 2018.

Electronic Code of Federal Regulations

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Select date:
Month Day Year

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Step 5: Ensure you have the “You are now viewing previous e-CFR data message, then select the drop down for “Title 38 – Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans’ Relief” and select “GO:”

Electronic Code of Federal Regulations

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Select date:

Now viewing e-CFR data in effect on **October 1, 2018**

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Browse: Select a title from the list below, then press "Go".

Step 6: Select “0-17” under “Browse Parts,” as the rating schedule is located in Part 4:

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Select date:
 October ▼ 1 ▼ 2018 ▼ GO

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Title	Volume	Chapter	Browse Parts	Regulatory Entity
Title 38 Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans' Relief	1		0-17	DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
	2		18-199	
			II	200-299

Step 7: Select Part 4: 4.1-1.150: Schedule for Rating Disabilities:

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Select date:
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[Title 38 → Chapter I](#)

TITLE 38—Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans' Relief

CHAPTER I—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Part	Table of Contents	Headings
0	0.600 to 0.735-12	VALUES, STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT, AND RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES
1	1.9 to 1.1000	GENERAL PROVISIONS
2	2.1 to 2.8	DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY
3	3.1 to 3.2600	ADJUDICATION
4	4.1 to 4.150	SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES

Step 8: Select the appropriate body system for which you are trying to locate the historical rating schedule. In this example, it is 4.117 for hematologic and lymphatic systems, previously called hemic and lymphatic systems:

GYNECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS AND DISORDERS OF THE BREAST

§4.116 Schedule of ratings—gynecological conditions and disorders of the breast.

THE HEMIC AND LYMPHATIC SYSTEMS

§4.117 Schedule of ratings—hemic and lymphatic systems.

THE SKIN

§4.118 Schedule of ratings—skin.

THE ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

§4.119 Schedule of ratings—endocrine system.

Step 9: You are now viewing the e-CFR data that was in effect on October 1, 2018.
NOTE: Be sure to double check the date you are using to ensure the date you want is being shown.

You are now viewing previous e-CFR data

Select date:
 October | 1 | 2018 | GO

Now viewing e-CFR data in effect on October 1, 2018

[Title 38](#) → [Chapter I](#) → [Part 4](#) → [Subpart B](#) → [§4.117](#)

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Title 38: Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans' Relief
 PART 4—SCHEDULE FOR RATING DISABILITIES
 Subpart B—Disability Ratings

§4.117 Schedule of ratings—hemic and lymphatic systems.

	Rating
7700 Anemia, hypochromic-microcytic and megaloblastic, such as iron-deficiency and pernicious anemia: Hemoglobin 5gm/100ml or less, with findings such as high output congestive heart failure or dyspnea at rest	100