**Training Level II Assessment**

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| **Lesson Title** | **Legacy Appeals: DRO Review Process** |
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| **Topic 1** | **DRO Duties, Jurisdiction and Authority** | | | |
| **Objective ID** |  | | | |
| **Question #** | **Question and Distractors** | **Correct Feedback** | **Incorrect Feedback** | **Slide** |
| 1 | Select all that apply. DRO duties include:   1. Establishing end products for notices of disagreement 2. **Holding informal conferences** **(correct)** 3. **Issuing statements of the case (SOCs)** **(correct)** 4. **Contacting appellants and representatives** **(correct)** | Correct. | Incorrect. Please review slide 7. | 7 |
| 2 | Select all that apply. When a DRO issues a favorable decision on an appealed issue, the DRO assumes jurisdiction over and decides any downstream issues, including:   * 1. **disability evaluation (correct)**   2. supplemental claims   3. **effective date (correct)**   4. **any inferred or ancillary issues encompassed by that favorable decision (correct)** | Correct. | Incorrect. Please review slide 8. | 8 |
| 3 | The DRO does not have jurisdiction over:   1. downstream issues 2. *de novo* review 3. pension issues 4. **loan guaranty (correct)** | Correct. | Incorrect. Please review slide 9. | 9 |
| 4 | True or False? A DRO can bargain with an appellant to withdraw a claim or take action in exchange for the grant of a benefit.   1. True 2. **False (correct)** | Correct. | Incorrect. Please review slide 10. | 10 |
| **Topic 2** | ***De Novo* Review and Conferences** | | | |
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| 5 | The *de novo* review is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ review of the appealed issue.   1. higher-level 2. supplemental 3. **new and complete (correct)** 4. new and concise | Correct. | Incorrect. Please review slide 12. | 12 |
| 6 | True or False? During *de novo* review, the reviewer may also reverse or revise the decision, even if disadvantageous to the claimant.   1. **True (correct)** 2. False | Correct. | Incorrect. Please review slide 12. | 12 |
| 7 | Select all that apply. An appellant has the right to *de novo* review if the notice of disagreement (NOD) is filed timely, and they request review:   1. **At the time of NOD submission (correct)** 2. Within one year of a statement of the case (SOC) 3. Within 30 days of the date VA sends notice of right to *de novo* review 4. **Within 60 days of the date VA sends notice of right to *de novo* review (correct)** | Correct. | Incorrect. Please review slide 14. | 14 |
| 8 | One purpose of an informal conference is to   1. Explain why the appellant should withdraw the appeal 2. **Clarify the issues the appellant wishes to appeal (correct)** 3. Obtain the appellant’s statements under oath 4. Certify the appeal to the Board of Veterans’ Appeals | Correct. | Incorrect. Please review slide 16. | 16 |
| **Topic 3** | **DRO Decisions** | | | |
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| 9 | If the issue is the evaluation of an existing service-connected disability, a full grant occurs when   1. The evaluation is increased 2. Special monthly compensation is granted 3. **The maximum benefit allowed by law is granted (correct)** 4. Individual unemployability is granted | Correct. | Incorrect. Please review slide 21. | 21 |
| 10 | For any issues that cannot be fully granted or denied, the DRO should initiate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   1. **Development action (correct)** 2. Due process 3. Informal conference procedures 4. A higher-level review | Correct. | Incorrect. Please review slide 22. | 22 |