

# Navigating the Competency Screen in VBMS-R

In order to manage a decision regarding competency in VBMS-R, the issue management tab is selected and Other is selected under the category chevron

The screenshot shows the 'Issue Management' tab selected in the top navigation bar. The 'Category' dropdown menu is open, showing a list of options: Other, Select, Compensation, Dental, Evaluation, Free Text, Individual Unemployability, Live Pension, Other, and SMC. The 'Other' option is highlighted. Below the dropdown, there is a 'Contentions' field and a 'Subject' dropdown menu. The 'Subject' dropdown is currently set to 'Select'. There are buttons for 'Establish Issue', 'Clear Selected', and 'Add to Subject >'. Below these fields, there are sections for 'Available Evidence' and 'Selected Evidence'. The 'Available Evidence' section contains text: 'Service Treatment Records, received January 21, 2018; VA Form 21-526EZ Veteran's Fully Developed Claim; DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge; VA contract examination, Arkham Examinations.'

Once Other is selected as the category, a list of subjects will appear. Select competency as the subject

The screenshot shows the 'Issue Management' tab selected. The 'Category' dropdown is set to 'Other'. The 'Subject' dropdown menu is open, showing a list of options: Select, Select, Ancillary Decisions, Competency, Special Monthly Pension, and Special Provision Determinations. The 'Competency' option is highlighted. Below the dropdown, there is a 'Contentions' field and a 'Subject' dropdown menu. The 'Subject' dropdown is currently set to 'Competency'. There are buttons for 'Clear Selected' and 'Add to Subject >'. Below these fields, there are sections for 'Issue List', 'Available Evidence', and 'Selected Evidence'. The 'Issue List' section contains a checked item: 'Service connection for acquired mental health'. The 'Available Evidence' section contains text: 'Service Treatment Records, received January 21, 2018; VA Form 21-526EZ Veteran's Fully Developed Claim; DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge; VA contract examination, Arkham Examinations.'

Competency will now appear on the issue list

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Veteran Name: ALEX PIETR KOJACK SSN: 766-43-3000 Date of Birth: 06/16/1927 Claim Number: 68053000

Profile Master Record Intro/Evidence **Issue Management** Document Conflicts Summary

\* Category: Select Contentions: [Empty] Subject: Select

Establish Issue

Clear Selected Add to Subject >

Issues:

Issue List: Other - Competency

Available Evidence: Service Treatment Records, received January 21, 2018; VA Form 21-526EZ Veteran's Fully Developed Claim; DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge; VA contract examination, Arkham Examinations, etc.

Selected Evidence: [Empty]

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Now select Enter Decision at the bottom of the screen

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Veteran Name: ALEX PIETR KOJACK SSN: 766-43-3000 Date of Birth: 06/16/1927 Claim Number: 68053000

Facts: [Empty]

Evaluation Builder Results:

Select	Diagnostic Code	Evaluation Percent
<input type="checkbox"/>	8017	100
<input type="checkbox"/>	5260-5010	10
<input type="checkbox"/>	7319	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	7319	10
<input type="checkbox"/>	8520	10

Delete Evaluation Builder Result(s) Save Issue View Enter Decision

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You can now make a finding of competent, incompetent or proposed incompetency

The screenshot shows the 'Issue Management' tab in the VA VBMS-R system. At the top, the veteran's information is displayed: ALEX PIETR KOJACK, SSN: 766-43-3000, Date of Birth: 06/16/1927, Claim Number: 66053000. Below this, there are several tabs: Profile, Master Record, Intro/Evidence, Issue Management (selected), Document, Conflicts, and Summary. Under the 'Issue Management' tab, there are radio buttons for 'Individual Unemployability', 'Permanent and Total', 'Special Monthly Pension', 'Competency' (selected), 'Special Provision Determination', and 'Ancillary'. A table with columns 'Select', 'Decision', 'From Date', 'To Date', 'Rating Date', and 'Supplementary Decision' is shown, with an empty row and buttons for 'Add', 'Edit', and 'Delete'. Below the table is a form to add a decision. It includes a dropdown menu for 'Decision' with options: Select, Competent, Deferred Competency, Incompetent, and Proposed Incompetency. There are also fields for 'From Date' and 'To Date' with calendar icons, and a 'Service' dropdown menu. Buttons for 'OK' and 'Cancel' are present.

You can also access the veteran's competency information by using the Master Record tab in VBMS-R. Then select the Other Decisions tab. To edit the Veteran's competency status, use the pen and paper icon on the bottom right of the screen.

The screenshot shows the 'Master Record' tab in the VA VBMS-R system. At the top, the veteran's information is displayed: ALEX PIETR KOJACK, SSN: 766-43-3000, Date of Birth: 06/16/1927, Claim Number: 66053000. Below this, there are several tabs: Profile, Master Record (selected), Intro/Evidence, Issue Management, Document, Conflicts, and Summary. Under the 'Master Record' tab, there are several sub-tabs: Disability Decisions, Other Decisions (selected), SMC Decisions, Combined Evaluation, and Dental Decisions. An 'Add Decision' button is visible. Below the sub-tabs is a table with columns: Decision, From Date, To Date, Rating, Supplementary Decision, Service, and Actions. The table has a header row and one data row with 'Competency' and 'Competent'. The 'Actions' column for the 'Competent' row contains a pen and paper icon. A search bar is located above the table.

Note that a decision will not be generated by editing the Master Record. In order to generate a competency-related decision, competency must be established as an issue under the Issue Management Tab