

FDC COMPENSATION CLAIM

Submission Aid

Follow the hyperlink to access the appropriate [VA Form 21-526EZ](#) which is required to submit a FDC Compensation Claim.

Before you submit your FDC Compensation claim make sure you include:

1. All relevant private medical treatment records, if any. Do NOT submit VA Form 21-4142 as this will result in immediate exclusion from expedited processing.
2. Identify any Federal facility, such as a VA Medical Center, that you have been treated at. Since this is a Federal facility do not worry about obtaining the records, VA will retrieve them for consideration.
3. Make sure you submit the appropriate form if your FDC claim includes any of the following Special Circumstances below:

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED DURING SUBMISSION Failure to provide this information may result in your claim being excluded from expedited processing	
If You Are...	Then...
a Guard or Reserve member	Submit any and all Service Treatment and Personnel Records in the custody of your Unit(s)
claiming Dependents	Include VA Form 21-686c , <i>Declaration of Status of Dependents</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and that child (dependent) is in school and between the ages of 18 and 23 	Must also include VA Form 21-674 , <i>Request for Approval of School Attendance (in addition to VA Form 21-686c)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and that child is seriously disabled (helpless) child 	You must ALSO include all, relevant, private medical treatment records pertaining to the child's pertinent disabilities
claiming PTSD	Include VA Form 21-0781 , <i>Statement in Support of Claim for Service Connection for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder</i>
claiming PTSD due to personal assault	Include VA Form 21-0781a , <i>Statement in Support of Claim for Service Connection for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Secondary to Personal Assault</i>

claiming Individual Unemployability (IU)	Include VA Form 21-8940 , <i>Veteran's Application for Increased Compensation Based on Unemployability</i> AND include VA Form 21-4192 , <i>Request for Employment Information in Connection with Claim for Disability Benefits</i>
claiming Specially Adapted Housing	Include VA Form 26-4555 , <i>Application in Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing or Special Home Adaptation Grant</i>
claiming Special Home Adaptation	Include VA Form 26-4555 , <i>Application in Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing or Special Home Adaptation Grant</i>
claiming Auto Allowance	Include VA Form 21-4502 , <i>Application for Automobile or Other Conveyance and Adaptive Equipment</i>
claiming additional benefits because you or your spouse require Aid and Attendance	Include VA Form 21-2680 , <i>Examination for Housebound Status or Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance</i>
claiming additional benefits because you or your spouse require Aid and Attendance based on nursing home attendance	Include VA Form 21-0779 , <i>Request for Nursing Home Information in Connection with Claim for Aid and Attendance</i>
are a current active duty Service Member	Submit ALL service treatment records for your current period of service

While not necessary for expedited processing in the FDC Program we encourage you to download the appropriate Disability Benefits Questionnaire (DBQ). DBQs allow Veterans private health care providers the opportunity to provide the medical information relevant to determining the disability rating evaluation. All DBQs are available at <http://benefits.va.gov/disabilityexams/>. Remember, however, the DBQ should only be submitted at the time of FDC submission. Submitting any evidence after your FDC has been filed will result in your claim being excluded from the program.

VA Forms are subject to modification and update. Follow the hyperlink to access all recent and updated [VA Forms](#).

Once you have ensured all relevant information necessary to substantiate the claim is of record, submit your FDC package to VA and **a decision will be rendered within 90 days!**

FDC PENSION CLAIM

Submission Aid

Follow the hyperlink to access the appropriate [VA Form 21-527EZ](#) which is required to submit a FDC Pension Claim.

Before you submit your FDC pension claim make sure you include:

1. All necessary income and net-worth information
2. All relevant private medical treatment records, if any. Do NOT submit VA Form 21-4142 as this will result in immediate exclusion from expedited processing.
3. Identify any Federal facility, such as a VA Medical Center, that you have been treated at. Since this is a Federal facility do not worry about obtaining the records, VA will retrieve them for consideration.
4. Make sure you submit the appropriate form if your FDC claim includes any of the following Special Circumstances below:

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED DURING SUBMISSION Failure to provide this information may result in your claim being excluded from expedited processing	
If You Are...	Then...
claiming Special Monthly Pension (aid and attendance or housebound) benefits	Include VA Form 21-2680 , <i>Examination for Housebound Status or Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance</i>
claiming Special Monthly Pension based on nursing home attendance	Include VA Form 21-0779 , <i>Request for Nursing Home Information in Connection with Claim for Aid and Attendance</i>
claiming a child in school between the ages of 18 and 23	Include VA Form 21-674 , <i>Request for Approval of School Attendance</i>
claiming benefits for a seriously disabled (helpless) child	You must ALSO include all, relevant, private medical treatment records pertaining to the child's pertinent disabilities

Once you have ensured all relevant information necessary to substantiate the claim is of record, submit your FDC package to VA and **a decision will be rendered within 90 days!**

FDC EXCLUSION REASONS

Once you have successfully submitted your FDC it is important the claim does not get excluded from the program. Below are the reasons a FDC will be excluded from expedited processing and processed in a traditional manner.

FDC EXCLUSION REASONS

- The Veteran indicates a desire NOT to have the claim processed in FDC
- The Veteran has a claim pending at the time of receipt of the EZ Form
- The Veteran has an appeal pending at the time of receipt of the EZ Form and the claims folder is no longer at the New Orleans Regional Office (*folders sent for VBMS scanning do not exclude FDC*)
- The claim requires a character of discharge determination
- The claim requires development for records in the custody of the Veteran's Guard / Reserve unit(s) or further evidence from a private medical provider
- The claim requires ANY development beyond
 - requesting records from the Federal government (other than Guard / Reserve units), or
 - Federal treatment records such as VAMC treatment records, or
 - VA examination/DBQ
- Veteran fails to report for an examination, unless it is solely the fault of VA (for example VA did not have the correct address of record)
- A supplemental claim, additional evidence, or a NOD on any claim is received from the Veteran **after** receipt of the FDC