

Office of Administrative Review

Training Reference Guide

Lesson Information

Lesson Title	Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Date of Receipt Procedures
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Lesson References

Statutes and Regulations

Applicable Public Law (P.L.), United States Code (U.S.C.), and Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) references.

- [Public Law 118-3, Joint resolution relating to a national emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020](#)
- 38 C.F.R. § 3.1(r), *Date of Receipt*
- 38 C.F.R. § 3.109(b), *Extension of Time Limit*
- 38 C.F.R. § 3.400(b)(2)(i), *Direct Service Connection*
- 38 C.F.R. § 3.400(c)(2), *Service-connected Death After Separation from Service*
- 38 C.F.R. § 3.401(b)(1), *Date of Claim*
- 38 C.F.R. § 3.2500(c), *Continuously Pursued Issues*
- 38 C.F.R. § 19.53, *Extension of Time for Filing Substantive Appeal and Response to Supplemental Statement of the Case*

VBA Procedural Guidance

Applicable M21-5, *Appeals and Reviews*, and M21-1, *Adjudication Procedures Manual*, references.

- [M21-1, Part II, Subpart i, Chapter 2, Section B, Topic 1, Recording the Date of Receipt of Incoming Documents](#)
- [M21-1, V.ii.4.A, Effective Dates](#)

Other Resources

Applicable VBA Policy Letters, Websites, User Guides and other resources.

- [Federal Register, Thursday, August 27, 2020 \(Vol. 85, No. 167, pages 53064 – 53065\)](#)
- [Policy Letter 20-02, Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Claims and Appeals Processing Guidance](#)
- [VBA Letter 20-22-06, Processing Claims Involving the Novel Coronavirus Infection \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Memorandum, Rescinding Policy Letter 20-02 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Claims and Appeals Processing Guidance](#)
- [Novel Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Operational Information Page](#)
- [VBMS User Guide](#)
- [USPS Tracking](#)