Office of Administrative Review

Processing Legacy Appeal Grants and Remands under PACT ACT



Purpose

This Job Aid provides general instructions, information, and references for effectuating legacy appeal Board of Veterans Appeals (Board) grants and remands processing under Public Law (PL) 117-168, Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022, or PACT Act.



Audience

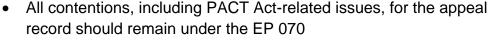
All claims processors responsible for processing legacy appeal Board grants and remands.

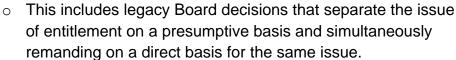
References

- PL 117-168 (PACT Act)
- 38 C.F.R. §3.2600, Legacy review of benefit claims decisions
- M21-5, Chapter 6, Section A, Veterans Appeals Control and Locator System (VACOLS)
- M21-5 Chapter 7, Legacy Appeal Procedures
- PACT Act Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), Topic 7



Check and add, if needed, the **PACT** special issue to any PACT Act-related contention.





 All remanded issues in Veterans Appeals Control and Locator System (VACOLS) that are not granted must be decided concurrently so that recertification to the Board may occur.









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Important Reminders



- Affix the **PACT** special issue on any PACT Act related contention.
- Follow the guidance for use of Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record (ILER) found in the <u>ILER Guidance</u>.
- Review claims for non-presumptive disabilities to determine whether an explicit or implicit Toxic Exposure Risk Activity (TERA) claim applies.

Other Resources



- PACT Act Information Page
- PACT Act Pension and Fiduciary Service Information Page
- PACT Act Implementation Training Resources
- OAR Job Aid: PACT Act Resource Guide

