Pension and Fiduciary Service

PMC VSR Basic Core Course

Phase 4: Foundational Enrichment

Establish a Claim

Appendix A

December 2024

Practice Exercise Worksheet: Where to CEST?

For each scenario, determine whether the claim should be established in VBMS or in SHARE, and why.

1. A surviving spouse submits a claim for survivor’s pension benefits on February 26, 2019. The Veteran was receiving compensation rated at 20% prior to his death. Should this claim be established in VBMS or SHARE? Why?
2. A Veteran files a claim for non-service-connected pension benefits on March 3, 2019. He has never filed a claim for benefits prior to this claim. Should this claim be established in VBMS or SHARE? Why?
3. A guardian of the surviving child of a Veteran files a claim for DIC and survivors pension benefits on March 6, 2019. The Veteran had never filed a claim for compensation or pension benefits. Should the claim be established in VBMS or SHARE? Why?
4. We receive VA Form 21P-530EZ (Application for Burial Benefits) on January 1, 2019, and the claimant is the surviving spouse of the Veteran. The Veteran had never filed a claim prior to this.
5. A Veteran files a claim for Veterans Pension benefits on April 9, 2019. He currently has a compensation award of 10%. Should the claim be established in VBMS or SHARE? Why?