Pension and fiduciary service

PMC VSR Advanced Core Course  
Phase 6: Practical Application and Exercise

Eligibility Requirements for DIC

Appendix C

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Practice Exercise for Determining DIC Eligibility

**Directions:** Determine what DIC requirements each scenario meets and provide a rationale.

**Scenario 1:** Death was service-connected for health condition/illness. Cause of death was on the death certificate.

Answer 1:

**Scenario 2:** Death certificate of Veteran, who had been rated 100% total disabled for 9 years immediately preceding death, showed cause of death was service-connected and records also showed Veteran had been married continuously to spouse who was the spouse on the record.

Answer 2:

**Scenario 3:** Mrs. Wilma included a statement on application that stated cause of death was lack of proper skill during the heart surgery performed on her husband at the VA hospital.

Answer 3:

**Scenario 4:** Death certificate lists ischemic heart disease and service records show service in Vietnam during Vietnam War.

Answer 4:

**Scenario 5:** Claim for a Veteran who had been rated for IU for 12 years immediately preceding death.

Answer 5: