

PMC VSR Advanced Core Course

Phase 5: Stages of a Claim

Part 1: Determine Eligibility

Lesson 5: Validate Power of Attorney (POA)

Trainee Guide

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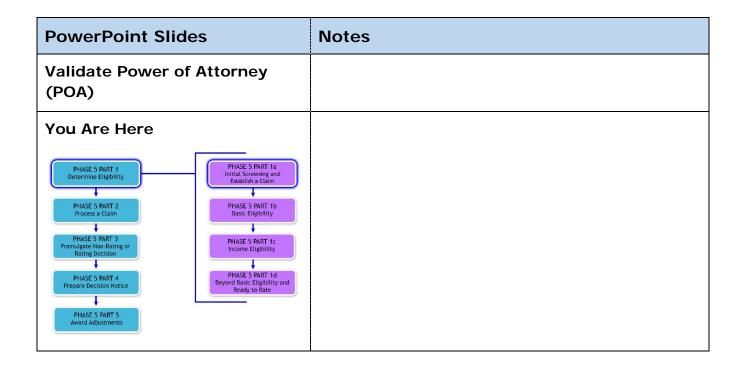
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Lesson Overview

Topic	Description
Time Estimate:	1 hour
Purpose of the Lesson:	This lesson is part of the entry-level curriculum, Core Course for PMC VSRs. The purpose of this lesson is to prepare you to recognize indicators of a POA and verify the POA.
Prerequisite Training Requirements:	Prior to taking the Validate Power of Attorney (POA) lesson, you must complete PMC VSR Core Course Phases 1–4, and Phase 5, Part 1, lessons 1–4. (Refer to the Master Course Map learning aid for a list of lessons.)
Target Audience:	This lesson is for entry level PMC VSRs.

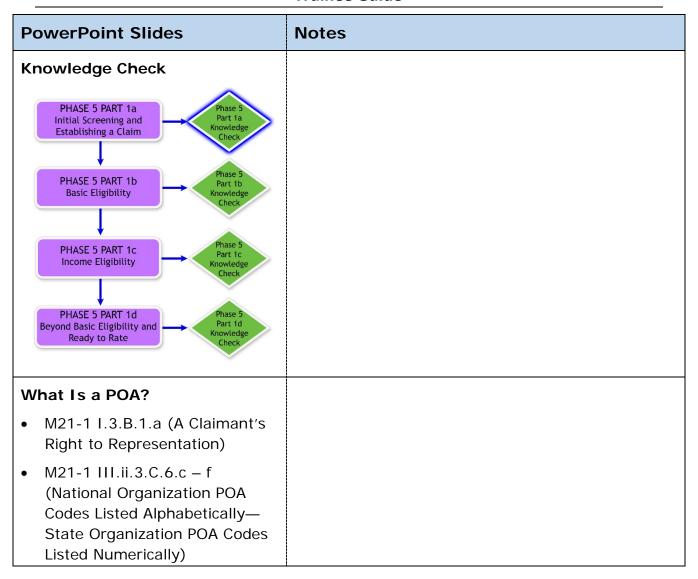
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Lesson	Master Course Map learning aid	
References:	VA Form 21-22 (Appointment of Veterans Service Organization as Claimant's Representative)	
	VA Form 21-22a (Appointment of Individual as Claimant's Representative)	
	M21-1 I.3.B.1.a. (A Claimant's Right to Representation)	
	M21-1 I.3.B.1.b (Notices That Must Be Provided to the Representative)	
	M21-1 I.3.A.2.a (Requirements to Represent Claimants)	
	M21-1 III.ii.3.C.5.a (Required System Updates for Changes in POA Appointments)	
	M21-1 III.ii.3.C.5.b (Updating the POA in SHARE and VBMS)	
	M21-1 III.ii.3.C.6.c-f (National Organization POA Codes Listed Alphabetically—State Organization POA Codes Listed Numerically)	
	38 CFR 3.103(a) (Procedural Due Process and Appellate Rights)	
	38 CFR 14.630 (Authorization for a Particular Claim)	
Knowledge Check:	Phase 5: Stages of a Claim, Part 1 (a): Initial Screening and Claim Establishment Knowledge Check	
Technical	Program Benefits and Eligibility (PMC VSR)	
Competencies:	Processing Claims (PMC VSR)	
	VBA Applications (PMC VSR)	
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	Determine POA action required	
	Determine to grant one-time representation	
	Modify SHARE with correct POA information	

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What You	Trainee guide
Need:	Master Course Map learning aid
	Access to VBA Intranet
	Access to CPKM
	Access to the SHARE to see the PIF Inquiry and BIRLS search screen
	Access to VBMS



PowerPoint Slides	Notes
Initial Screening	
Complete or Incomplete Applications for Benefits	
Fully Developed Claims	
 Flash, Expedited (Priority), Previous, Dual or Reopened/New Claims 	
Date of Claim	
Validate POA	
End Product Codes	
Introduction to Old Law and Section 306 Pension Programs	
Icebreaker Activity (1 of 2)	
Instructions:	
 Read the scenario on the next slide. 	
 Use the OGC Accreditation Search Page to determine attorney POA code from M21-1 I.3.A.2.a. (Requirements to Represent Claimants). 	
o Write down your answer.	
Time allowed: 5–7 minutes	

PowerPoint Slides	Notes
Icebreaker Activity (2 of 2)	
Scenario:	
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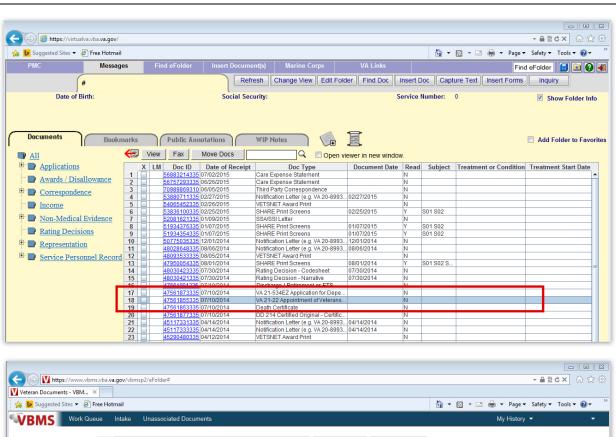


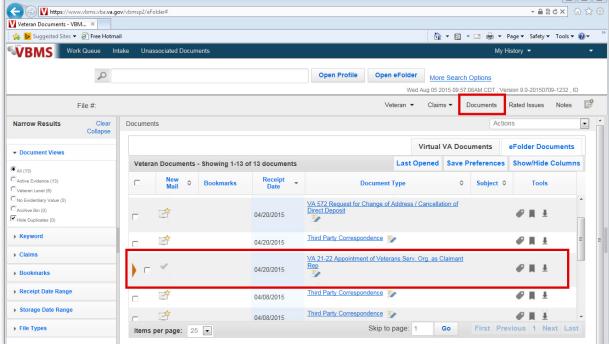
PowerPoint Slides	Notes
Types of POAs	
Accredited	
 Service Organization Representative 	
o Claims Agent	
o Attorney	
Non-licensed	
o Any individual	
o M21-1 I.3.A.2.a (Requirements to Represent Claimants)	
 38 CFR 14.630 (Authorization for a particular claim) 	
VA Forms for POA (1 of 2)	
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OMB Control No. 2900-0321 Respondent Burden: 5 minutes APPOINTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION Department of Veterans Affairs AS CLAIMANT'S REPRESENTATIVE NOTE - If you would prefer to have an individual assist you with your claim, you may use VA Form 21-22a, "Appointment of Individual as Claimant's Representative." VA Forms are available at www.ya.gov/vaforms. IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ THE PRIVACY ACT AND RESPONDENT BURDEN ON REVERSE BEFORE COMPLETING THE FORM. 1. LAST-FIRST-MIDDLE NAME OF VETERAN 3A. NAME OF SERVICE ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (See list on review side before selecting organization) 38. NAME AND JOB TITLE OF OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANIZATION NAMED IN ITEM 3A (This is an appointment of the entire 3C. E-MAIL ADDRESS OF THE ORGANIZATION NAMED IN ITEM 3A INSTRUCTIONS - TYPE OR PRINT ALL ENTRIES 4. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (OR SERVICE NUMBER, IF NO SSN) 5. INSURANCE NUMBER(S) (Include letter profit) 6. NAME OF CLAIMANT (I) other than veteran) 7. RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN 9. CLAIMANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Include Area Code) 8. ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT (No. and street or rural route, city or P.O., State and ZIP Code) A. DAYTIME B. EVENING 10. E-MAIL ADDRESS (If applicable) 11. DATE OF THIS APPOINTMENT 12. AUTHORIZATION FOR REPRESENTATIVE'S ACCESS TO RECORDS PROTECTED BY SECTION 7332, TITLE 38, U.S.C. By checking the box below I authorize VA to disclose to the service organization named on this appointment form any records that may be in my file relating to treatment for drug abuse, alcoholism or alcohol abuse, infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), or sickle cell anemia. I authorize the VA facility having custody of my VA claimant records to disclose to the service organization named in Item 3A all treatment records relating to drug abuse, alcoholism or alcohol abuse, infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), or sickle cell anemia. Redisclosure of these records by my service organization representative, other than to VA or the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, is not authorized without my further written consent. This authorization will remain in effect until the earlier of the following events: (1) I revoke this authorization by filing a written revocation with VA; or (2) I revoke the appointment of the service organization named above, either by explicit revocation or the appointment of another representative. INFECTION WITH THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV)
SICKLE CELL ANEMIA 13. LIMITATION OF CONSENT - I authorize disclosure of records related to treatment for all conditions listed in Item 12 except DRUG ABUSE 14. AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE CLAIMANT'S ADDRESS - By checking the box below, I authorize the organization named in Item 3A to act on my behalf I authorize any official representative of the organization named in Item 3A to act on my behalf to change my address in my VA records. This authorization does not extend to any other organization without my further written consent. This authorization will remain in effect until the earlier of the following events: (1) I file a written revocation with VA; or (2) I appoint another representative, or (3) I have been determined unable to manage my financial affairs and the individual or organization named in Item 3A is not my appointed fiduciary. I, the claimant named in Items 1 or 6, hereby appoint the service organization named in Item 3A as my representative to prepare, present and prosecute my claim(s) for any and all benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) based on the service of the veteran named in Item 1. I authorize VA to release any and all of my records, to include disclosure of my Federal tax information (other than as provided in Items 12 and 13), to my appointed service organization. I understand that my appointed representative will not charge any fee or compensation for service rendered pursuant to this appointment. I understand that the service organization I have appointed as my representative may revoke this appointment at any time, subject to 38 CFR 20.608. Additionally, in some cases a veteran's income is developed because a match with the Internal Revenue Service necessitated income verification. In such cases, the assignment of the service organization as the veteran's representative is valid for only five years from the date the claimant signs this form for purposes restricted to the verification match. Signed and accepted subject to the foregoing conditions. THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY DOES NOT REQUIRE EXECUTION BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC 15. SIGNATURE OF VETERAN OR CLAIMANT (Do Not Print) 16. DATE SIGNED 17. SIGNATURE OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE NAMED IN ITEM 3B (Do Not Print) 18. DATE SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGED COPY OF VA FORM 21-22 SENT TO: DATE SENT REVOKED (Reason and date) (Dote) EDU FILE VR&E FILE USE INSURANCE FILE LG FILE ONLY NOTE: As long as this appointment is in effect, the organization named herein will be recognized as the sole representative for preparation, presentation and prosecution of your claim before the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with your claim or any portion thereof. SUPERSEDES VA FORM 21-22, JUN 2014, WHICH WILL NOT BE USED. VA FORM 21-22

OMB Control No. 2900-0321 Respondent Burden: 5 Minute Expiration Date: 08/31/2018 1. VA FILE NO(S) (Include prefix) Department of Veterans Affairs APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL AS CLAIMANT'S REPRESENTATIVE Note - If you would prefer to have a service organization assist you with your claim, you may use VA Form 21-22, "Appointment of Veterans Service Organization As Claimant's Representative." PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of PRIVACY ACT NOTICEs VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source offer than what has been authorized under the privacy act of 1974 or 1 mile 58, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (i.e., civil or criminal law enforcement, congressional continualizations, epidemiological or research suddies, the collection of maney owned to the United States, litigation in which the United States is a party or has an interest, the administration of VA programs and delivery of VA benefits, verification of identity and status, and personn administration) as identified in the VA system of records, SSVA21/22/28, Compensation, Persion, Education, and Vocational Reliabilitation and Employment Records-VA, published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is voluntary. However, fulture to respond the requested the requested the requested produce the recognition of your representative and include indication of disclosable records. Except for information protected by 38 U.S.C. 7332, your representative is not prohibited from redisclosing records. The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies. RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to recognize the individuals appointed by chainsants to act on their behalf in the proporation, presentation, and prosecution of claims for VA benefits (38 U.S.C. 5902, 5903, and 5904) and for those individuals to accept appointment. We will also use the information to verify consent for disclosure of VA records to the appointed representative (38 U.S.C. 5701(b) and 7332) Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that claimants and individuals appointed for purposes of representation will each need an average of 5 minutes to review the instructions, first the information, and complete this form, VA carnot conduct or spensor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. A Valid OMB control number can be located on the OMB nternet Page at www.reginfo.gov/public/sls-PRAMain, If desired, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form. 2. NAME OF CLAIMANT (Veteran, guardian, beneficiary, dependent, or next of kin) 3. ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT (No. and street or rural route, city or P.O., State and ZIP 4. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME OF VETERAN 5. SERVICE NUMBERS ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE MARINE CORPS COAST GUARD OTHER (Specify 7A, NAME OF INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED AS CLAIMANT'S REPRESENTATIVE 78. INDIVIDUAL IS (check appropriate bax) ATTORNEY AGENT INDIVIDUAL PROVIDING REPRESENTATION UNDER SERVICE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE (Specify organization below) required in Items 7C and 7D) 'INDIVIDUALS PROVIDING REPRESENTATION UNDER SECTION 14.630 (Skip to Item 8, if the box for "Individual Providing Representation Under Section 14.630" was not checked in Item 7B) The appointment of the individual named in Item 7A (the representative) authorizes the individual to represent the claimant named in Item 2 for a particular claim pursuant to the provisions of 38 CFR 14.630. By our signatures below, we, the representative and the claimant, attest that no compensation will be charged or paid for the individual named in Item 7A. 7C. SIGNATURE OF REPRESENTATIVE NAMED IN ITEM 7A 7D. SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT NAMED IN ITEM 2. 8. ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL APPOINTED AS CLAIMANT'S REPRESENTATIVE (No. and street or rural route, city or P.O., State, and ZIP code) (Continued on Reverse) VA FORM AUG 2015 21-22a SUPERSEDES VA FORM 21-22a, JUN 2009, WHICH WILL NOT BE USED.

PowerPoint Slides	Notes
VA Forms for POA (2 of 2)	
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Ensure the form is complete and signed by the claimant and POA.	
Check for authorization to access the protected record (38 CFR 7332).	
Check for authorization to change the claimant's address.	
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Group Activity—Practice Exercise		-	
•	In	structions:	
	0	Divide into groups of two or three.	
	0	Each group will receive claim information.	
		■ Group 1: Claim 1	
		■ Group 2: Claim 2	
		■ Group 3: Claim 3	
	0	Determine whether the POA information on the VA Form 21-22 or 21-22a matches the record in SHARE.	
	0	Use the OGC Accreditation website to confirm individual and/or organization accreditation.	
• Time allowed: 10–12 minutes		me allowed: 10-12 minutes	

Practice Exercise Worksheet

- 1. Does the form have POA information?
- 2. Is the POA VA accredited? If so, what is the accreditation number?
- 3. Did the information on the VA Form match that of the electronic record in SHARE?

PowerPoint Slides	Notes
Example of POA Not Matching	
Scenario:	
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The PMC VSR working the claim noticed that the POA information in SHARE was Kim Vanderpool.	
Update POA Information in SHARE	
When a claimant appoints a new representative or revokes a current representative, update SHARE.	
Use the steps in M21-1 III.ii.3.C.5.b (Updating the POA in SHARE and VBMS).	

PowerPoint Slides	Notes
Group Activity—Practice Exercise	
Instructions:	
o Divide into three groups.	
 Each group will receive a claim information. 	
■ Group 1: Claim 4	
■ Group 2: Claim 5	
■ Group 3: Claim 6	
 Use the OGC Accreditation website to confirm individual and/or organization accreditation. 	
o Update SHARE, if needed by following steps located in M21-1 III.ii.3.C.5.a—b (Required System Updates for Changes in POA Appointments—Updating the POA in SHARE and VBMS).	
Time allowed: 10–15 minutes	
Lesson Summary	
What is a POA?	
How do you determine if POA action is required?	
How do you determine if one- time representation can be granted?	
How do you modify POA information in VBA applications if the VA form and VBA applications do not match?	

PowerPoint Slides	Notes
Questions	
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What's Next?	
Phase 5: Stages of a Claim, Part 1: Determine Eligibility, Lesson 6: End Product (EP) Codes	