

VA Forms Update

Welcome

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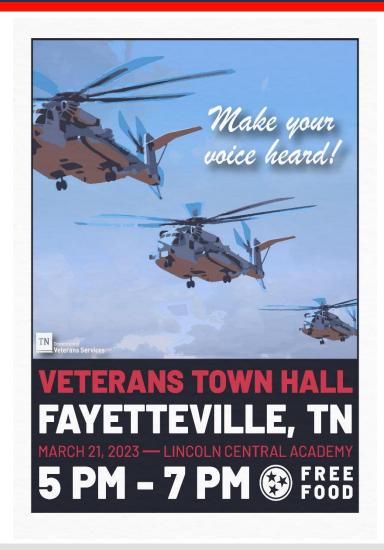
- 2023 Spring Regional Conferences (In-Person)
 - Region 1 Thursday, April 13th
 - Region 2 Tuesday, April 11th
 - Region 3 Monday, April 17th
 - Region 4 Thursday, April 20th
- April 2023 New Service Officer Accreditation Course
 - April 24-28 Regional Training Institute, Smyrna
- May 2023 Lunch and Learn: TN State Parks and TN Dept. of Transportation Veteran Programs, May 10th, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm CT



TDVS Town Hall

Panelist:

- Commissioner Baker, TDVS
- A/C Murphy, TDVS Appeals
- A/C Wills, TDVS Benefits OPS
- Director Ducker, VA TVHS Director
- Charles L. Moore, Jr. VA Executive Director Nashville Regional Office
- Jeff Dent, Tennessee Work Force Development



Agenda

- PACT Act Updates
- New Forms
- Updated Forms
- Lessons Learned/Best Practices
- Open Discussion/Questions



PACT Act

The Honoring our Pact Act of 2022 or PACT Act is being hailed as the largest expansion of care and benefits in VA history.

Here's how it expands care and benefits:

- Expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War, and post-9/11 eras.
- Adds more than 20 new presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures.
- Adds more presumptive-exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation.
- Requires VA to provide a toxic exposure screening to every Veteran enrolled in VA health care.
- Honoring Our PACT Act Toolbox



PACT Act

Honoring Our PACT Act Toolbox

The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law helps provide generations of Veterans — and their survivors — with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve. VA has considered all the presumptive conditions established by the PACT Act presumptive on the date the bill became law — August 10, 2022. Veterans and their families are already asking you for advice on whether and how this legislation impacts them. Hope this page provides you a one stop shop for the PACT Act. Any recommendations to this page, please contact Ron Dvorsky - TDVS Training Director @ ronald.dvorsky@n.gov

- Public Law 117-168 (8/10/2022) Honoring our PACT Act of 2022
- The PACT Act and your VA benefits
- Improvements to Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. Since 2014, V&S Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry has been an important tool for recent Veterans and service members to record their airborne hazard exposures and related health conditions, with an optional examination with a health care provider to learn more. VA is making the registry more user-friendly and ensuring that Veterans have the option to have an in-person health exam.
- PACT Act-Weekly Report (02/04/2023): Since the PACT Act was signed, Veterans and their survivors have filed more than 1,008,484 total claims—an increase of more than 23.8% over the same period last year. And to date, VA has already received more than 294,920 PACT Act-related claims since August 10. This increase in receipts has resulted in a net increase of over 139,877 rating claims in VBA's total inventory during that same time period.
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- 249,726 PACT related claims pending
- 110,815 PACT related claims completed since August 10, 2022, to include claims completed before January 1, 2023, under existing regulatory guidance (example: asthma/sinusitis/rhinitis presumptives, direct grants)
- On December 12, 2022, VBA began granting benefits for terminally ill Veterans in cases where service connection for a PACT Act presumptive condition can be established. Since August 10, 2022, VA has completed 1,985 claims for terminally ill Veterans, 1,259 of which were granted.
- Since January 1, 2023, VA has completed 53,096 claims for all Veterans/Survivors, to include terminally ill Veterans, 45,137 of which were granted
- December 22, 2022 VA Guidance Processing Claims Involving Public Law 117-168 (PACT Act) Claims processors in ROs must apply this guidance when processing disability compensation claims and appeals for Veterans and survivors impacted by the PACT Act
- > PACT Act TDVS Fact Sheet
- > NVLSP PACT Act Resources
- > PACT Act VA Fact Sheet
- > Job Aids
- > TDVS Benefits Bulletins
- > Press Releases
- > Outreach



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Overview

The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) is an agency within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that is responsible for providing financial and other forms to assist veterans and their dependents when applying for VA disability benefits. It has been making continuous improvements to the claims processes to help veterans and their families receive the benefits to which they are entitled in a more timely and efficient manner.

As part of these improvement efforts, VBA is standardizing current VA forms and creating new forms. VA aims to make it easier for veterans to communicate their intentions or submit supporting statements by providing more specific forms for different types of requests. Specifically, VA has introduced five new forms and updated dozens of forms which we will discuss a few of those that we use often.



New Forms

Until now, VA Form 21-4138, Statement in Support of Claim was the only form veterans could use to submit a variety of statements or make certain requests. In order to address the gap in forms, VBA has created five new forms to be used in lieu of VA Form 21-4138. These new forms will be tailored to specific requests, and will make it easier for veterans to communicate with VA.

Additionally, the new forms will help VA to expedite the claims process. The creation of these forms will allow for greater use of computerized optical character recognition, or the automated processes by which VA computers read, organize, and store information provided by veterans. Updating forms so that they can be processed automatically allows VA to process claims more quickly, meaning veterans will get their benefits faster.



New Forms

- VA Form 20-10206 FOIA/Privacy Act Request
- VA Form 20-10207 Priority Processing Request
- VA Form 20-10208 Document Evidence Submission
- VA Form 21-10210 Lay/Witness Statement
- VA Form 28-10212 Chapter 31 Request for Assistance



VA Form 20-10206 – FOIA/Privacy Act Request

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| | 17. SELECT THE TYPE(S) O | F RECORDS YOU ARE REQUESTING, BELOW: | 1 | |
| CLAIMS FILE (C-FILE) | DD FORM 214 | HUMAN RESOURCE RECORDS | LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT RECORDS (If applicable, enter policy number in Section IV, Item 18, Remarks) | |
| SERVICE TREATMENT RECORDS / MILITARY TREATMENT RECORDS | LIFE INSURANCE RECORDS | ☐ HOME LOAN BENEFIT RECORDS | DISABILITY EXAMINATIONS (C & P | |
| ☐ VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT RECORDS | FIDUCIARY SERVICES RECORDS | MILITARY TO CIVILIAN TRANSITION (TAP) DOCUMENTS | EXAMS) (If applicable enter date of exam in Section IV, Item 18, Remarks) | |
| PENSION BENEFIT DOCUMENTS | ☐ EDUCATION BENEFIT RECORDS | FINANCIAL RECORDS | | |
| OTHER (Specify) | | | | |
| | SEC | TION IV: REMARKS | | |
| 18. REMARKS (If any) | | | | |
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VA Form 20-10206 – FOIA/Privacy Act Request

| SECTION V: | WILLINGNESS TO PAY FEES |
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| photocopying them; (2) educational, non-commercial scientific institutions, and represent | gories: (1) commercial requesters may be charged fees for searching for records, reviewing the records, and tatives of the news media are charged for photocopying after the first 100 pages; (3) all other requesters beying after the first 100 pages and for time spent searching for records in excess of two hours. VA charges er than paper copies. |
| understanding of the operations or activities of the government and is not primarily in the I AM WILLING TO PAY THE APPLICABLE FEES UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$ | .00 |
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| A Form 20-10206, OCT 2020 | PAGE 3 |
| OCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 789-56-1234 | |
| SECTION VI: REQUES | TER CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE |
| I CERTIFY THAT I have completed this FOIA/PA request and declare it is true and correct | ct to the best of my knowledge and belief. |
| 20A. REQUESTER'S SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) | 20B. DATE SIGNED |
| Choose File No file chosen | Month Day Year |
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| requesters knowledge and belief. | nd certifies that the truth and completion of the information contained in this document is to the best of the horization to Disclose Personal Information to a Third Party is of record or completed and attached to this Power of Attorney, agent, or fiduciary. |
| 21A. THIRD-PARTY SIGNATURE | 21B. DATE SIGNED |
| Choose File No file chosen Month Day Year | |
| | 03/08/2023 |
| | RNEY (POA) CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE |
| (Valid only if Section II has been comple | eted and requester has authorized POA representation) |
| knowledge and belief. | nd certifies the truth and completion of the information contained in this document to the best of the requesters ment of Veterans Service Organization as Claimant's Representative or VA Form 21-22a, Appointment of |
| 22A. POA/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE) | 22B. DATE SIGNED |
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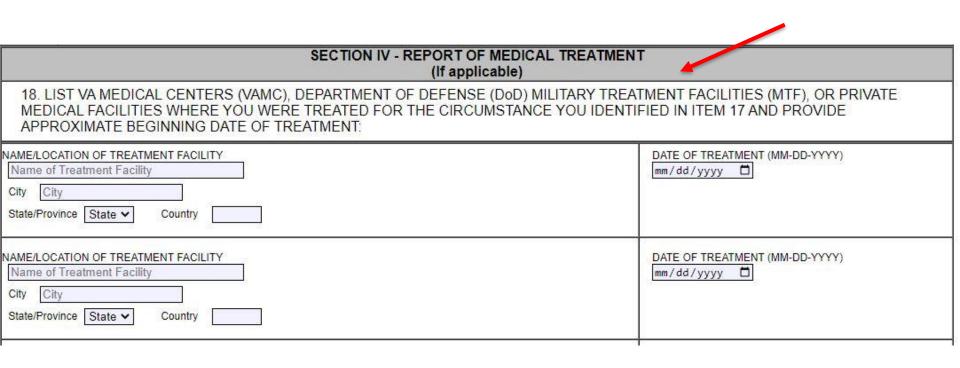


VA Form 20-10207 – Priority Processing Request

| (This | SECTION III - REASON(S) FOR REQUEST information is required in order to complete your request) | |
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| | 16. HOMELESS INFORMATION (Check all that apply) | |
| 16A. ARE YOU CURRENTLY HOMELESS? YES (If "YES," complete item 16B regarding your living situation) NO (If "NO," skip to item 16C) | 16B. CHECK THE BOX THAT APPLIES TO YOUR LIVING SITUATION UNIVING IN A HOMELESS SHELTER ANOTHER PERSON OTHER HOMELESS? Radio button. YES NOT CURRENTLY IN A SHELTERED ENVIRONMENT (e.g. living in a car or tent) STAYING WITH ENVIRONMENT (e.g. living in a car or tent) | |
| VA FORM 20-10207 OCT 2020 VETERAN'S SSN 789-56-1234 | PAGE 3 | |
| 16C. ARE YOU CURRENTLY AT RISK OF BECOMING HOME YES (If "YES," complete item 16D regarding your living NO (If "NO," skip situation) | to item 17) HOUSING WILL BE LOST IN 30 DAYS OR LESS (e.g. homeless shelter) OTHER (Specify) | |
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VA Form 20-10207 – Priority Processing Request





VA Form 20-10207 – Priority Processing Request

| SECTION V - CERTIFIC | ATION AND SIGNATURE |
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| I CERTIFY THAT I have completed this form and t is true and correct to the | ne best of my knowledge and belief. |
| 18A.SIGNATURE OF REQUESTER (Required) | 18B. DATE SIGNED (MM-DD-YYYY) |
| Choose File No file chosen | 03/08/2023 |
| SECTION VI - THIRD | PARTY SIGNATURE |
| (Only required if requester | nas an authorized third party) |
| I CERTIFY THAT the veteran/claimant has authorized me as the undersigned representation best of the veteran/claimant's knowledge. NOTE: A third-party signature will not be accepted unless a valid VA Form 21-0845, Authority and the control of the veteran control of the veter | ve and certifies that the information contained in this document is true and complete to the |
| request. A third-party may be a family member or other designated person who is not a Po | wer of Attorney, agent, or fiduciary. |
| 19A. THIRD-PARTY SIGNATURE (Required) | 19B. DATE SIGNED (MM-DD-YYYY) |
| Choose File No file chosen | 03/08/2023 |
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| I CERTIFY THAT the veteran/claimant has authorized me as the undersigned representation best of the veteran/claimant's knowledge. | ve and certifies that the information contained in this document is true and complete to the |
| NOTE: A POA's signature will not be accepted unless a valid VA Form 21-22, Appointment Appointment of Individual as Claimant's Representative, is of record or attached to this required. | |
| 20A. POWER OF ATTORNEY (POA) SIGNATURE (Required) | 20B. DATE SIGNED (MM-DD-YYYY) |
| Choose File No file chosen | 03/08/2023 |
| PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties (including fine and/or imprisonment) for willfully subm document you are not entitled to. | itting any statement or evidence of a material fact you know to be false, or for fraudulent receipt of an |



VA Form 20-10208 – Document Evidence Submission

| A FORM CT 2020 20-10208 | SUPERSEDES VA FORM 20-10208, APR 2020. PAGE 1 | |
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| OCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 789-56-1234 | | |
| | YOU ARE SUBMITTING TO SUPPORT YOUR ESTABLISHED CLAIM. | |
| NOTE: You may select one or more type(s), depend | fing on the type of documentation/evidence being provided with this form. | |
| ☐ BIRTH CERTIFICATE | ☐ DEATH CERTIFICATE | |
| ☐ DEPENDENCY INFORMATION | ☐ DIVORCE DECREE | |
| ☐ FINANCIAL INFORMATION | ☐ MARRIAGE CERTIFICAT | TE. |
| ☐ MEDICAL TREATMENT RECORDS | ☐ COURT PAPERS/DOCUM | MENTS |
| ☐ MILITARY PERSONNEL RECORDS | ☐ SERVICE TREATMENT F | RECORDS |
| ☐ LAY STATEMENT (Describe) | | |
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VA Form 20-10208 – Document Evidence Submission

| SECTION IV: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE | | | | |
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| I CERTIFY THAT I have filled this form out completely and that it is true and correct to the best of n | my knowledge and belief. | | | |
| 17A. VETERAN/CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) | 17B. DATE SIGNED (MM-DD-YYYY) | | | |
| Choose File No file chosen | 03/08/2023 | | | |
| SECTION V: THIRD-PARTY SIGNATURE (Valid only if requester has an authorized third-party) | | | | |
| I CERTIFY THAT the veteran/claimant has authorized me as the undersigned representative and veteran/claimant's knowledge. NOTE: A third-party signature will not be accepted unless a valid valtached to this request. A third-party may be a family member or other designated person who is | VA Form 21-0845, Authorization to Disclose Personal Information to a Third-Party, is of record or | | | |
| 18A. THIRD-PARTY SIGNATURE | 18B. DATE SIGNED (MM-DD-YYYY) | | | |
| Choose File No file chosen | 03/08/2023 | | | |
| SECTION VI: POWER OF ATTORNEY (POA) SIGNATURE (Valid only if requester has an authorized POA representation) | | | | |
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| 19A. POA/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE | 19B. DATE SIGNED (MM-DD-YYYYY) | | | |
| Choose File No file chosen | 03/08/2023 | | | |



VA Form 21-10210 – Lay/Witness Statement

SECTION III: STATEMENT

(Use this section to submit your statement, or a statement from someone else writing on your behalf)

NOTE: Please indicate the claimed issue that you are addressing. If you would like to submit an additional statement on your own behalf or if you have more than one witness writing on your behalf, use a separate form (VA Form 21-10210) for each statement.

17. STATEMENT (Note: Describe what you yourself know or have observed about the facts or circumstances relevant to this claim before VA)

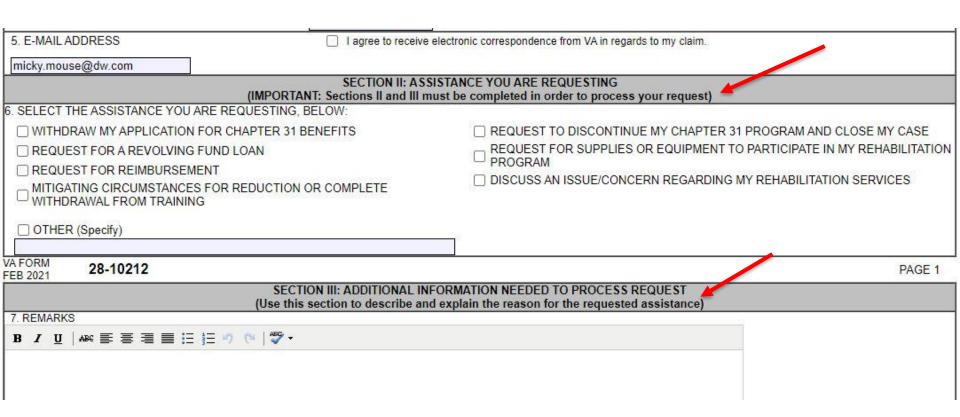


VA Form 21-10210 – Lay/Witness Statement

| | TNESS CONTACT INFORMATION t in Section III is from someone else writing on your behalf) |
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| 18. WITNESS NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last) First MI Last | |
| 19. RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN (Check all that apply) SERVED WITH CLAIMANT FAMILY/FRIEND OF CLAIMANT OTHER (Specify) | COWORKER/SUPERVISOR OF CLAIMANT |
| 20. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code) Enter International Phone Number (If applicable) | MAIL ADDRESS |
| SECTION V: CERTIFICA | ATION OF STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE |
| I CERTIFY THAT I have completed this statement and that its information is true and corre | ct to the best of my knowledge and belief. |
| 22A. VETERAN/CLAIMANT/WITNESS SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) | 22B. DATE SIGNED |
| Choose File No file chosen | Month Day Year 03/08/2023 |
| PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties which include fine or imprisonment, or both, fraudulent receipt of any document to which you are not entitled. | , for the willful submission of any statement or evidence of a material fact knowing it to be false, or for |
| Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (i.e., civil or criminal law enforcement, congressional co- litigation in which the United States is a party or has an interest, the administration of VA p | rce other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of Federal ommunications, epidemiological or research studies, the collection of money owed to the United States, programs and delivery of VA benefits, verification of identity and status, and personnel administration) as Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records-VA, published in the Federal Register. Your obligation |
| information. We estimate that you will need an average of 10 minutes to review the instruction unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to response | already pending or already established with VA. Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this ctions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of ond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located in 1.800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form |



VA Form 28-10212 – Chapter 31 Request for Assistance





VA Form 28-10212 – Chapter 31 Request for Assistance

SECTION IV: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE I CERTIFY THAT I have filled this form out completely and that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. 8A.SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT (REQUIRED) (Note: During COVID-19 ink and electronic signatures are accepted) Choose File No file chosen SECTION IV: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE 8B. DATE SIGNED (MM-DD-YYYY) Month Day Year 03/08/2023

PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties (including fine and/or imprisonment) for willfully submitting any statement or evidence of a material fact you know to be false, or for fraudulent receipt of any document you are not entitled to.

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 Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (i.e., civil or criminal law enforcement, congressional communications, epidemiological or research studies, the collection of money owed 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 personnel administration) as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22/28, Compensation, Pension, Education, Veteran Readiness and Employment Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is voluntary.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: This form is used to submit a request for assistance by a Chapter 31 claimant. Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 10 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor 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. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. If desired, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.

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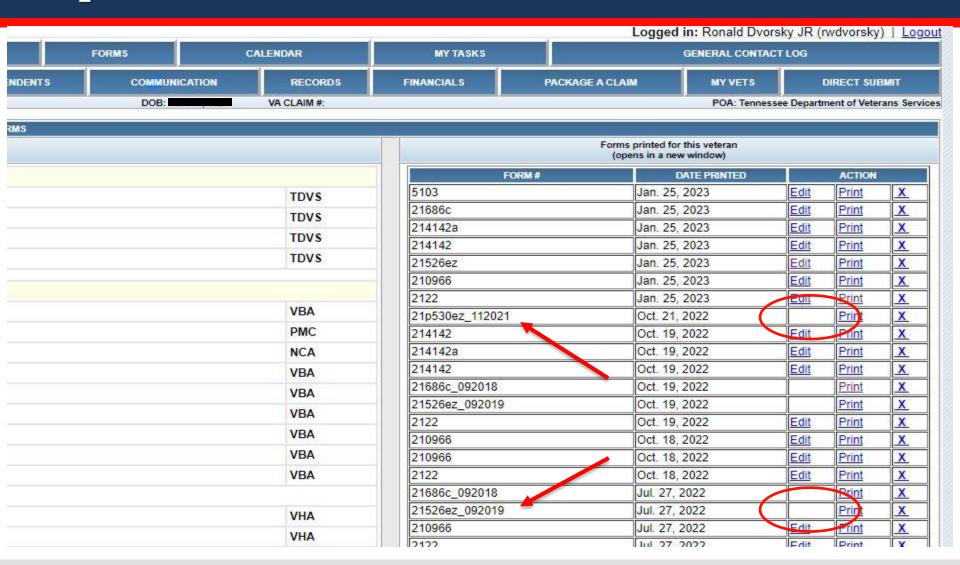
Updated Forms

- VA Form 21-526 EZ Application for Disability Compensation and Related
 Compensation Benefits (Updated November 2022)
- VA Form 21P-534EZ Application for DIC, Survivors Pension, and/or Accrued Benefits (Updated July 2022)
- VA Form 21P-527EZ Application for Veterans Pension (Updated February 2023)
- 10-10EZ Instructions and Enrollment Application for Health Benefits (Updated February 2023)

Disclaimer-There are many more forms that were updated with slight changes. We will address those that affect a veteran or claimant. Some of the changes that the VA makes to their forms are delayed in VeteraSpec. The VA M21-1 Adjudication Procedures Manual has not caught up to these changes.



Expired Forms





| | | SEC | TION IV: EXPOSUE | RE INFORMATION | | | | |
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| 5A. | ARE YOU CLAIMING ANY CONDITIONS RELATED To presumptive service connection. (You can also refer to (https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/index.asp) YES (If "Yes," complete Items 15B, 15C, 15D and | O TOXIC EXPOSURES the following websites following | PNOTE: See Page or more information | 4 of the Instructions | www.va.gov/PA | CT) and PUBLIC F | | |
| 5B. | DID YOU SERVE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING GULF Iraq; Kuwait; Saudi Arabia; the neutral zone between Ir Jordan; Djibouti; Uzbekistan; the Gulf of Aden; the Gulf | aq and Saudi Arabia; Ba f of Oman; the Persian G | hrain; Qatar; the Un | ; and the Red Sea. | Oman; Yemen, | Lebanon; Somalia | ; Afghanistan; Israel; Egyp | t; Turkey; Syria; |
| | WHEN DID YOU SERVE IN THESE LOCATIONS? (I Note: Please provide an approximate time frame (mo | | Month | Year Y | Month | Year V | | |
| 50. | DID YOU SERVE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING HERI Republic of Vietnam to include the 12 nautical mile terr American Samoa; or in the territorial waters thereof; Jo C-123 aircraft known to have been used to spray an heat Please list other location | itorial waters; Thailand a hnston Atoll or a ship the | it any United States at called at Johnston rvice in the Air Force | Atoll; Korean demi | litarized zone; a | | | |
| | | | FROM: | | TO: | | | |
| | WHEN DID YOU SERVE IN THESE LOCATIONS? (I Note: Please provide an approximate time frame (mo | | Month | Year Y | Month | Year Y | | |
| 5D. | . HAVE YOU BEEN EXPOSED TO ANY OF THE FOLLO | MUSTARD GAS | | | 100 | RADIATION | | |
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| | OTHER (Specify) | | | | | | | |
| | WHEN WERE YOU EXPOSED? (MM-YYYY) Note: Please provide an approximate time frame (mo | onth and year). | FROM: Month | ∨ Year ∨ | TO: Month | ∨ Year ∨ | | |
| 15E | . IF YOU WERE EXPOSED MULTIPLE TIMES, PLEASE | PROVIDE ALL ADDITI | ONAL DATES AND | LOCATIONS OF PO | OTENTIAL EXP | OSURE | | |



Presumptive Service Connection

To support a claim for presumptive service connection the evidence must show:

- You served in a recognized location that qualifies you for the presumption of exposure; AND/OR
- You have a current disability that qualifies you for the presumption of service connection. This may be shown by medical evidence or by lay
 evidence of persistent and recurrent symptoms of disability that are visible or observable.

Under certain circumstances, VA may presume that certain current diseases were caused by service, even if there is no specific evidence proving this in your particular claim. Service connection is presumed for certain diseases for the following veterans:

- · Former prisoners of war;
- · Veterans who have certain chronic or tropical diseases that become evident within a specific period of time after discharge from service;
- · Veterans who were exposed to ionizing radiation, mustard gas, or Lewisite while in service;
- Veterans who were exposed to certain herbicides, such as by service in/on:
 - Vietnam or qualifying offshore waters, from January 9, 1962, through May 7, 1975;
- a unit determined by VA or the Department of Defense to have operated in the Korean DMZ, from September 1, 1967, through August 31, 1971;
- individuals who performed service in the Air Force or Air Force Reserve and regularly and repeatedly operated, maintained, or served onboard C-123 aircraft known to have used to spray an herbicide agent during the Vietnam era;
- Thailand at any United States or Royal Thai base, from January 9, 1962, through June 30, 1976;
- Laos, from December 1, 1965, through September 30, 1969;
- Cambodia at Mimot or Krek, Kampong Cham Province, from April 16, 1969, through April 30, 1969;
- Guam or American Samoa, or in the territorial waters thereof, from January 9, 1962, through July 31, 1980;
- Johnston Atoll or on a ship that called at Johnston Atoll, from January 1, 1972, through September 30, 1977.
- Veterans who served at Camp Lejeune for no less than 30 days (consecutive or nonconsecutive) between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987; or
- Veterans who served in the Gulf War:
 - On or after August 2, 1990, and served in:
 - Bahrain; Iraq; the neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia; Kuwait; Oman; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Somalia; United Arab
 Emirates; the Gulf of Aden; the Gulf of Oman; the Persian Gulf; the Arabian Sea; the Red Sea; Afghanistan; Israel; Egypt;
 Turkey; Syria; or Jordan; OR
 - On or after September 11, 2001, and served in:
 - Afghanistan; Djibouti; Egypt; Jordan; Lebanon; Syria; Yemen; or Uzbekistan.

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osure to Military onal Hazards

VIII.iii.9.A Veterans may have been exposed to a variety .1.a. Exp of environmental and occupational hazards during their military service. Exposure events **Environm** can be claimed either based on service in a ental and specific location, as discussed in M21-1, Part VIII, Subpart iii, 9.A.1.b, or based on **Occupati** occupational duties and responsibilities.

> *Important*: When the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) does not recognize presumption of exposure or a presumption of service connection (SC) for specific disabilities due to claimed environmental and occupational hazards, the claim must be processed under direct SC provisions, or other theory(ies) of SC raised by the Veteran or evidence of record.

References: For more information on direct SC, see

- 38 CFR 3.303, and
- M21-1 Part V, Subpart ii, 2.A
- •presumptive SC, see M21-1, Part V, Subpart ii, 2.B, and
- •other exposure-based claims, see M21-1, Part VIII, Subpart iii, 1-8.



| SECTION VI: | SERVICE INFORMATION |
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| 18A. DID YOU SERVE UNDER ANOTHER NAME? | 18B. PLEASE LIST THE OTHER NAME(S) YOU SERVED UNDER |
| YES (If "Yes," complete Item 18B) NO (If "No," skip to Item 19A) | |
| 19A. BRANCH OFSERVICE | 19B. COMPONENT |
| You must check one. | You must check one. |
| ☐ ARMY ☐ NAVY ☐ MARINE CORPS | |
| ☐ AIR FORCE ☐ COAST GUARD ☐ SPACE FORCE | ☐ ACTIVE ☐ RESERVES ☐ NATIONAL GUARD |
| □NOAA □USPHS □ | |
| 20A. MOST RESENT ACTIVE SERVICE DATES Required. Mosth Day Year ENTRY DATE: Month Day Year EXIT DATE: Month Day Year | 20B. PLACE OF LAST OR ANTICIPATED SEPARATION Required. |
| 20C. DID YOU SERVE IN A COMBAT ZONE SINCE 9-11-2001? 20D. ADDITIONAL PERIODS OF SERVICE (Indicate enlistment and discharge date(s), if applicable) | FROM: Month V Day Year TO: Month V Day Year Year Year Year Year Year |
| 21A. ARE YOU CURRENTLY SERVING OR HAVE YOU EVER SERVED IN THE RESERVES OR NATIONAL GUARD? fou must check one. YES (If "Yes," complete Items 21B through 21F) NO (If "No," skip to Item 22A) | 21B. COMPONENT REQUIRED if 21A is "YES". NATIONAL GUARD RESERVES 21C. OBLIGATION TERM OF SERVICE REQUIRED if 21A is "YES". Month Day Year FROM: Month Day Year To: Month Day Year Year |
| 21D. CURRENT OR LAST ASSIGNED NAME AND ADDRESS OF UNIT: REQUIRED if 21A is "YES". Unit Name Address City State ZIP | 21E. CURRENT OR ASSIGNED PHONE NUMBER OF UNIT (Include Area Code) REQUIRED if 21A is "YES". () YES NO |
| 22A. ARE YOU CURRENTLY ACTIVATED ON FEDERAL ORDERS 22B. DATE OF ACTIVATION WITHIN THE NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVES? Month Day | Year REQUIRED if 22A is "YES". |





SECTION XIII: CLAIM INFORMATION (ADDENDUM)

(Please submit this page with the completed application if you have additional disabilities to add to your claim. If more space is needed, please make additional copies of this page to submit with your application.)

LIST THE CURRENT DISABILITY(IES) OR SYMPTOMS THAT YOU CLAIM ARE RELATED TO YOUR MILITARY SERVICE AND/OR SERVICE-

CONNECTED DISABILITY (If applicable, identify whether a disability is due to a service-connected disability; confinement as a prisoner of war; exposure to Agent Orange, asbestos, mustard gas, ionizing radiation, or Gulf War environmental hazards; or a disability for which compensation is payable under 38 U.S.C. 1151)

NOTE: List your claimed conditions below. See the following three examples on guidance on how to complete Section XIII.

| | EXAMPLES OF DISABILITY(IES) | EXAMPLES OF EXPOSURE TYPE | EXAMPLES OF HOW THE DISABILITY(IES) RELATE TO SERVICE | EXAMPLES OF DATES |
|---|-----------------------------|---|---|--|
| Example 1. HEARING LOSS | | NOISE | HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR IN SERVICE | JULY 1968 |
| Exan | ple 2. DIABETES | AGENT ORANGE | SERVICE IN VIETNAM WAR | DECEMBER 1972 |
| Example 3. LEFT KNEE, SECONDARY TO RIGHT KNEE | | | INJURED LEFT KNEE WHEN BRACE ON RIGHT KNEE FAILED | 6/11/2008 |
| | CURRENT DISABILITY(IES) | IF DUE TO EXPOSURE, EVENT, OR INJURY, PLEASE SPECIFY (e.g., Agent Orange, radiation, burn pits) | EXPLAIN HOW THE DISABILITY(IES) RELATES TO THE IN-SERVICE EVENT/EXPOSURE/INJURY | APPROXIMATE DATE DISABILITY(IES) BEGAN OR WORSENED |
| 1. | | | | |
| 2. | | | | |
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| | ACCRUED BENEFITS | |
| | he Privacy Act and Respondent Burden on page 18. Use this for | m to |
| submit a claim for DIC, Survivors Pension, and/or Ac | crued Benefits. For additional information or questions contact us | |
| | free at 1-800-827-1000 (TTY: 711). VA forms are available at pleted form to: Department of Veterans Affairs, Pension Intak | |
| Center, P.O. Box 5365, Janesville, WI 53547-5365. | pieted form to. Department of Veterans Affairs, Pension mak | = |
| | : VETERAN'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION (MUST C | OMPLETE) |
| expedite processing of the form. | nformation in on the computer or by hand. If completed by hand, print | the information requested in ink, neatly, and legibly to |
| 1A. VETERAN'S NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last) | | |
| 1B. VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER | 1C. VETERAN'S DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) | 1D. HAS THE VETERAN, SURVIVING SPOUSE, CHILD, OR PARENT EVER FILED A CLAIM |
| | mm/dd/yyyy 🗂 | WITH VA? |
| | | ☐ YES ☐ NO (If "YES," provide the file number in Item 1E) |
| 1E. VA FILE NUMBER (If known) | 1F. DID THE VETERAN DIE WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY? | 1G. VETERAN'S SERVICE NUMBER |
| ALL VETERANIO DATE OF PEATILO (MAVERDAGO) | YES NO | |
| 1H. VETERAN'S DATE OF DEATH? (MM/DD/YYYY) mm/dd/yyyy | | |
| | : CLAIMANT'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION (MUST C | OMPLETE) |
| 2A. YOUR NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last) | | |
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| 2B. WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE VETERAN? (C SURVIVING SPOUSE CHILD 18-23 IN 9 | \$0.000 det / \$0.70 | ☐ HELPLESS ADULT CHILD |
| 2C. YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER | 2D. YOUR DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) | 2E. ARE YOU A VETERAN? |
| 20. TOOK GOODAE GEGOKITT NOMBER | mm/dd/yyyy | YES NO |
| 2F. MAILING ADDRESS (Number and street or rural route, P.C | | |
| No. & | | |
| Street | | |
| Apt./Unit Number City | | |
| State/Province State Country | ZIP Code/Postal Code | |
| 2G. YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code) | Enter International Phone Number (If applicable) | |
| 2I. WHAT ARE YOU CLAIMING? (Check all that apply) | | |
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| SECTION III: VETERAN'S SERVICE INFORMATION (Continued) | | | | |
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| 3B. DATE VETERAN ENTERED ACTIVE DUTY (MM/DD/YYYY) 3C. | DATE VETERAN RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | |
| 3D. BRANCH OF SERVICE ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE MARINE CORPS COAST GUARD SPACE FORCE NOAA SPHS | 3E. PLACE OF LAST SEPARATION | | | |
| 3F. WAS THE VETERAN ACTIVATED TO FEDERAL/ACTIVE DUTY UNDER AUTHORIT TITLE 10, U.S.C. (National Guard) YES NO (If "NO," skip to Item 3J) | Y OF 3G. DATE OF ACTIVATION (MM/DD/YYYY) mm/dd/yyyy □ | | | |
| 3H. WHAT IS THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE VETERAN'S RESERVE/NATIONAL GUARD UNIT? 3I. WHAT IS THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE RESERVE/NATIONAL GUARD UNIT? (Include Area Code) | | | | |
| YES NO (If "NO," skip to Section IV) START: mm/c END: mm/c | | | | |



| | | PENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC) o Section VIII you are NOT claiming DIC) |
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| 7A. WHAT | ENEFIT ARE YOU CLAIMING? (Check one) | 5 Section Final you are not claiming Droy |
| ☐ DIC | DIC under 38 U.S.C. 1151 (Note: DIC under 38 U.S.C. 1151 is a rare benefit. Please refer to Instructions page 5 for guidance on 38 U.S.C 1151) | DIC due to claimant election of a re-evaluation of a previously denied claim based on expanded eligibility under PL 117-168 (PACT Act) (Note: Please refer to Instructions page 6 for guidance on PACT Act) |
| | | RAN RECEIVED TREATMENT PERTAINING TO YOUR CLAIM AND PROVIDE TREATMENT DATES: |
| | NAME AND LOCATION OF VA MEDICAL | CENTER DATE(S) OF TREATMENT (MM/DD/YYYY) |
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EVIDENCE TABLES (Continued)

DIC Re-evaluation Based on PL 117-168 (PACT Act)

Public Law 117-168 (PACT ACT) was signed into law on August 10, 2022. This resulted in a substantial expansion of a veteran's military service that qualifies for presumptive toxic exposure and new presumptive conditions linked to that exposure. The law allows prior claimants for DIC to request a re-evaluation based on the expanded eligibility within the PACT Act. More information about the PACT Act can be found at https://www.va.gov/resources/tbe-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/.

In order to support your claim for DIC re-evaluation based on PL 117-168 (PACT Act) the evidence must show.

- A claim was submitted and denied prior to August 10, 2022, the date the PACT Act went into effect; AND
- The claimant has elected re-evaluation of the previously denied claim.

Supplemental DIC:

In order to reopen a claim previously denied by VA, we need:

- . The prescribed supplemental claim form, VA Form 20-0995, Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim; AND
- New and relevant evidence. New and relevant evidence must raise a reasonable possibility of substantiating your claim.
 The evidence cannot simply be repetitive or cumulative of the evidence we had when we previously decided your claim. VA will make reasonable efforts to help you obtain currently existing evidence. However, we cannot provide a medical examination or obtain a medical opinion until your claim is successfully reopened.
 - . To qualify as new, the evidence must currently exist and be submitted to VA for the first time
 - In order to be considered relevant, the additional existing evidence must pertain to the reason your claim was previously denied

| WORKSHEET FOR A RESIDENTIAL CARE, ADULT DAYCARE, OR A SIMILAR FACILITY |
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| NOTE: This worksheet is to be completed by an administrator or licensed medical professional from a residential care, adult daycare, or similar facility. To count this medical provider as an expense, hey must be claimed on your application for benefits or VA Form 21P-8416, Medical Expense Report. In addition, VA Form 21-2680, Examination for Housebound Status or Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance may be needed to count these expenses. |
| WHO ARE YOU COMPLETING THIS WORKSHEET FOR? (Name of Care Recipient, either the Claimant or Dependent) |
| WHO IS COMPLETING THIS WORKSHEET? (Name of Provider, either an Administrator or Licensed Medical Professional) |
| WHAT ROLE OR POSITION DO YOU PERFORM AT THE FACILITY? |
| WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE FACILITY? (As shown on facility license or official website) |
| WHAT IS THE FACILITY TELEPHONE NUMBER? International Phone Number (If applicable) |
| WHAT IS THE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE? |
| No. & Address Address |
| Apt./Unit Number Apt # City City |
| State/Province State 	✓ Country Country ZIP Code/Postal Code ZIP |
| WHAT IS THE FACILITY'S WEBSITE ADDRESS? |
| PLEASE SELECT EACH ACTIVITY OF DAILY LIVING (ADL) THAT THE FACILITY IS PROVIDING TO THE CARE RECIPIENT. A. EATING B. BATHING/SHOWERING C. TRANSFERRING IN OR OUT OF BED OR CHAIR |
| □ D. DRESSING □ E. USING THE TOILET □ F. AMBULATING WITHIN HOME OR LIVING AREA |
| FOR EACH STATEMENT, PLEASE CHECK THE BOX IF THE STATEMENT IS TRUE FOR THE FACILITY. THE STATE OR COUNTRY REQUIRES THIS FACILITY TO BE LICENSED |
| ☐ THE FACILITY IS LICENSED |
| ☐ THE FACILITY IS RESIDENTIAL |
| ☐ THE FACILITY IS STAFFED 24 HOURS |
| DOES THE FACILITY'S STAFF PROVIDE THE CARE RECIPIENT WITH HEALTH CARE OR CUSTODIAL CARE OR BOTH. (Custodial Care is regular assistance with two or more ADLs (Question 8), or supervision because an individual with a physical, mental, developmental, or cognitive disorder requires care or assistance on a regular basis to protect the individual from hazards or dangerous incidents to their daily environment.) (YES NO, Care is being provided by a third-party provider. NO, Care is not being provided to this claimant. |
| care is provided by a third-party provider, please ensure the claimant has each in-home provider complete an In-Home Attendant Worksheet. |
| 1. PLEASE PROVIDE THE DATE OF ADMISSION FOR THE CARE RECIPIENT STAYING AT THE FACILITY. (MM/DD/YYYY) mm/dd/yyyy |
| 3. PLEASE PROVIDE THE MONTHLY CHARGES THE CARE RECIPIENT STAYING AT THE FACILITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING. |

FACILITY CERTIFICATION

CERTIFY that the information stated within this WORKSHEET FOR A RESIDENTIAL CARE, ADULT DAYCARE, OR SIMILAR FACILITY is accurate and reflects the current environment of the company of th



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| WORKSHEET FOR IN-HOME ATTENDANT EXPENSES | | | | | | | |
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| . WHO IS COMPLETING THIS WORKSHEET? (In-Home Care Attendant or Agency Administrator, | Provider) | | | | | | |
| IS THE IN-HOME CARE PROVIDED BY A LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL? (A licensed health care provider refers to a person licensed to furnish health services by the State country in which the services are provided.) YES NO | 4. DO YOU WORK FOR AN AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION? YES NO (If "NO," skip to question 7) | | | | | | |
| WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION? | 6. WHAT IS THE AGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER? | | | | | | |
| . WHAT IS YOUR MAILING ADDRESS OR THAT OF YOUR AGENCY'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFIC | E? | | | | | | |
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| □ D. LAUNDERING □ E. USING TELEPHONE □ | F. MANAGING FINANCES | | | | | | |
| ☐ G. HOUSEKEEPING ☐ H. HANDLING MEDICATIONS | | | | | | | |
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| PLEASE PROVIDE THE DATE CARE BEGAN FOR THE CARE RECIPIENT. (MM/DD/YYYY) | ON WHAT DATE DO YOU EXPECT THIS CARE TO END? (MM/DD/YYYY) (Select "Indefinite" if the care you provide is not temporary.) | | | | | | |
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| PLEASE PROVIDE THE HOURLY CHARGES THE CARE RECIPIENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING. | PLEASE PROVIDE THE TOTAL HOURS PER MONTH THAT YOU PROVIDE CARE TO THE CARE RECIPIENT. | | | | | | |
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| I CERTIFY that the information stated within this WORKSHEET FOR IN-HOME ATTENDANT EXPE listed in questions eight and nine (8-9) above. | | | | | | | |
| 5. SIGNATURE OF PROVIDER (From question 2) | 16. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | | | | |
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| | FOR VETERANS PENSION | |
| | SECTION I: VETERAN'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMA | TION |
| 1A. VETERAN'S NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last) Mickey Mouse | | |
| B. VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 789-56-1234 | 1C. VETERAN'S DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY). | 1D. HAVE YOU EVER FILED A CLAIM WITH VA? PYES NO (If NO, skip question 1E.) |
| E. VA FILE NUMBER (If applicable) | | |
| | SECTION II: VETERAN'S CONTACT INFORMATIO | on . |
| A. MAILING ADDRESS | | |
| No. & Street 105 Town Square | | |
| Apt./Unit Number Apt 2 City Disney | Land | |
| State/Province FL V Country US | ZIP Code/Postal Code 32837 | |
| 407) 939-5277 Enter International Phone N C. VETERAN'S E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional) nicky.mouse@dw.com | unitibel (il applicable) | |
| S | ECTION III: VETERAN'S SERVICE INFORMATION (MUST (| COMPLETE) |
| A. PLEASE LIST THE OTHER NAME(S) YOU SERVED UN | | |
| B. DATE INITIALLY ENTERED ACTIVE DUTY (MM/DD/YYYY) 08/02/1993 | 3C. FINAL RELEASE DATE FROM ACTIVE DUTY (MM/DD/YYYY) 08 30 / 2003 | 3D. YOUR SERVICE NUMBER |
| BE. BRANCH OF SERVICE ARMY NAVY R FORCE COAST GUARD MARINE CORPS | 3F. PLACE OF YOUR LAST SEPARATION Orlando, FL | |
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| G. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A PRISONER OF WAR? | 3H. DATES CONFINEMENT STARTED (MM/DD/YYYY) | 3I. DATES CONFINEMENT ENDED (MM/DD/YYYY) |
| ☐ YES ☐ NO (If NO, skip to question 4A) | mm/dd/yyyy 🗀 | mm/dd/yyyy 🗂 |
| | SECTION IV: PENSION INFORMATION | |



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| 7. WHAT IS THE FACILITY'S WEBSITE ADDRESS? | |
| B. PLEASE SELECT EACH ACTIVITY OF DAILY LIVING (ADL) THAT THE FACILITY IS PROV | VIDING TO THE CARE RECIPIENT. |
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| 9. FOR EACH STATEMENT, PLEASE CHECK THE BOX IF THE STATEMENT IS TRUE FOR THE STATE OR COUNTRY REQUIRES THIS FACILITY TO BE LICENSED | THE FACILITY. |
| ☐ THE FACILITY IS LICENSED | |
| ☐ THE FACILITY IS RESIDENTIAL | |
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| 10. DOES THE FACILITY'S STAFF PROVIDE THE CARE RECIPIENT WITH HEALTH CARE (Custodial Care is regular assistance with two or more ADLs (Question 8), or supervision assistance on a regular basis to protect the individual from hazards or dangerous incident | because an individual with a physical, mental, developmental, or cognitive disorder requires care or |
| YES NO, Care is being provided by a third-party provider. | NO, Care is not being provided to this claimant. |
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| 11. PLEASE PROVIDE THE DATE OF ADMISSION FOR THE CARE RECIPIENT STAYING AT THE FACILITY. (MM/DD/YYYY) | 12. ON WHAT DATE DO YOU EXPECT THIS CARE TO END? (MM/DD/YYYY) (Select "Indefinite" if the care you provide is not temporary.) |
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| 13. PLEASE PROVIDE THE MONTHLY CHARGES THE CARE RECIPIENT STAYING AT THE | FACILITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING. |
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| 5. SIGNATURE OF PROVIDER (From question 2) 16. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY) | | | | | |
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| TYPE OF BENEFIT(S) APPLYING FOR: ENROLLMENT - VA Medical Benefits Package (Veteran meets and agrees to the REGISTRATION (Complete Sections I, II, and III) - VA Health Services (Veteran meets and agrees to the REGISTRATION (Complete Sections I, II, and III) - VA Health Services (Veteran meets and agrees to the REGISTRATION (Complete Sections I, II, and III) - VA Health Services (Veteran meets and agrees to the REGISTRATION (Complete Sections I, III, and IIII) - VA Health Services (Veteran meets and agrees to the REGISTRATION (Complete Sections I, III, and IIII) - VA Health Services (Veteran meets and agrees to the REGISTRATION (Complete Sections I, III, and IIII) - VA Health Services (Veteran meets and agrees to the REGISTRATION (Complete Sections I, III, and IIII) - VA Health Services (Veteran meets and agrees III) | | |
| 1A. VETERAN'S NAME (Last, First, Middle Name) | 1B. PREFERRED NAME | 2. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME |
| 3A. BIRTH SEX 3B. SELF-IDENTIFIED GENDER IDENTITY MALE MAN WOMAN TRANSGENDER MAN FEMALE NON-BINARY PREFER NOT TO ANSWER | TRANSGENDER WOMAN A GENDER NOT LISTED HERE | 4. ARE YOU SPANISH, HISPANIC, OR LATINOT YES NO |
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| APPLICATION FOR HEALTH Continued | BENEFITS | VETERAN'S NAME (Last, First, Middle) | | | SOCIAL SECURIT | SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER | | | |
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| | SECTION II - N | ILITAR | Y SE | RVICE INFO | ORMATION | | | | |
| 1A. LAST BRANCH OF SERVICE 1B. LAST EI | NTRY DATE (mm/dd/y | אניניני (עניני | C. FUTU | JRE DISCHAR | GE DATE (mm/de | d/yyyy) 1D | LAST DISCHARGE DATE | (mm/dd/y | (ענעני |
| 1E. DISCHARGE TYPE | | - | | | | 1F. MILITAR | RY SERVICE NUMBER | | |
| 2. MILITARY HISTORY (Check yes or no) | | YES | NO | 8 | | | | YES | NO |
| A. ARE YOU A PURPLE HEART AWARD RECIPIEN | T? | | | F. DO YOU HAVE A VA SERVICE-CONNECTED RATING? | | | | | |
| B. ARE YOU A FORMER PRISONER OF WAR? | | | | G. DID YOU SERVE IN AN AGENT ORANGE LOCATION BETWEEN JANUARY 9, 1962 AND JULY 31, 1980? | | | | | |
| C. DID YOU SERVE IN A COMBAT THEATER OF O 11/11/1998? | PERATIONS AFTER | | | H. DID YOU SERVE IN AN IONIZING RADIATION LOCATION AND PARTICIPATE IN ANY NUCLEAR TESTING, TREATMENTS, OR CLEAN UP? | | | | | |
| D. WERE YOU DISCHARGED OR RETIRED FROM DISABILITY INCURRED IN THE LINE OF DUTY? | | | | I. DID YOU RECEIVE NOSE AND THROAT RADIUM TREATMENTS WHILE IN THE MILITARY? | | | | | |
| E. DID YOU SERVE IN SW ASIA DURING THE GUL AUGUST 2, 1990 AND NOVEMBER 11, 1998? | F WAR BETWEEN | | | J. DID YOU SERVE ON ACTIVE DUTY AT LEAST 30 DAYS AT CAMP LEJEUNE FROM AUGUST 1, 1953 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1987? | | | | | |
| SECTION III - IN: | SURANCE INFOR | RMATIC | ON (Us | se a separate | sheet for addi | itional info | ormation) | 1 1 | |
| 1. ENTER YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY | NAME, ADDRESS A | ND TELEI | PHONE | NUMBER (inc | lude coverage ti | hrough spou | se or other person) | | |
| 2. NAME OF POLICY HOLDER | | 3. POLICY NUM | | MBER 4. GR | | 4. GROUP CODE | 4. GROUP CODE | | |
| ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID? (Federal health insurance for low income adults, | | NROLLED IN MEDICARE NSURANCE PART A? | | 6B. EFFEC (mm/da | | 6C. MEDICARE N | 6C. MEDICARE NUMBER: | | |
| SECTION IV - DE | PENDENT INFO | RMATI | ON (U | se a separate | e sheet for ada | litional de _l | pendents) | | |



| SECTION IV - DEPENDENT INFORMATION | ON (Use a separate sheet for additional dependents) | | | |
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| 1. SPOUSE'S NAME (Last, First, Middle Name) | 2. CHILD'S NAME (Last, First, Middle Name) | | | |
| 1A. SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER | 2A. CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy) 2B. CHILD'S SOCIAL SECURITY NO | | | |
| 1B. SPOUSE'S DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy) | 2C. DATE CHILD BECAME YOUR DEPENDENT (mm/dd/yyyy) | | | |
| 1C. SPOUSE'S SELF-IDENTIFIED GENDER IDENTITY MAN WOMAN TRANSGENDER MAN TRANSGENDER WOMAN NON-BINARY | 2D. CHILD'S RELATIONSHIP TO YOU (Check one) SON DAUGHTER STEPSON STEPDAUGHTER | | | |
| PREFER NOT TO ANSWER A GENDER NOT LISTED HERE 1D. DATE OF MARRIAGE (mm/dd/yyyy) | 2E. WAS CHILD PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED BEFORE THE AGE OF 18? YES NO | | | |
| 1E. SPOUSE'S ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER (Street, City, State, ZIP if different from Veteran's) | 2F. IF CHILD IS BETWEEN 18 AND 23 YEARS OF AGE, DID CHILD ATTEND SCHOOL LAST CALENDAR YEAR? YES NO | | | |
| | 2G. EXPENSES PAID BY YOUR DEPENDENT CHILD FOR COLLEGE, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION OR TRAINING (e.g., tuition, books, materials) | | | |
| 3. IF YOUR SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD DID NOT LIVE WITH YOU LAST YEAR, DID YOU PROVIDE SUPPORT? | | | | |
| YES NO | | | | |



| APPLICATION FOR HEALTH BENEFITS Continued | VETERAN'S NAME (Last, First, Middle) | SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER |
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| SECTION | VI - FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE | No. |
| Disclosure allows VA to accurately determine whether certain Veterans of priority. Veterans are not required to disclose their financial information may be responsible for any applicable VA copayments, if they are enroll complete Section VII and VIII to have their priority for enrollment and unrelated to putitary experience. No, I do not wish to provide financial information in Sections VII the Assignment of Benefits section. Yes, I will provide my household financial information for last cale Benefits section. | . Veterans who choose not to disclose financial informed. Recent Combat Veterans (e.g., OEF/OIF/OND) financial eligibility for travel assistance, cost-free med prough VIII. If I am enrolled, I agree to pay applicable VA | nation may not be eligible for enrollment or may answer YES in Section VI and ications and/or medical care for services. A copayments. Sign and date the form in the |
| SECTION VII - PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR GROSS | ANNUAL INCOME OF VETERAN, SPOUS | E AND DEPENDENT CHILDRE |



Section VI - Financial Disclosure: ONLY NSC AND 0% NONCOMPENSABLE SC VETERANS MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR VA HEALTH CARE ENROLLMENT AND/OR CARE OR SERVICES.

Financial Disclosure Requirements Do Not Apply To:

- · a former Prisoner of War; or
- · those in receipt of a Purple Heart; or
- · a recently discharged Combat Veteran; or
- · those discharged for a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty; or
- those receiving VA SC disability compensation; or
- · those receiving VA pension; or
- · those in receipt of Medicaid benefits; or
- · those who served in an Agent Orange exposure location; or
- · those who served in SW Asia during the Gulf War between August 2, 1990 and November 11, 1998; or
- those who served at least 30 days at Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987.

You are not required to disclose your financial information; however, VA is not currently enrolling new applicants who decline to provide their financial information unless they have other qualifying eligibility factors. If a financial assessment is not used to determine your priority for enrollment you may choose not to disclose your information. However, if a financial assessment is used to determine your eligibility for cost-free medication, travel assistance or waiver of the travel deductible, and you do not disclose your financial information, you will not be eligible for these benefits.

Lessons Learned/Best Practices

FDC vs Standard Claim Process

Does the VA have to pick-up the phone?

Yes=Standard Claim Process (i.e. 21-4142/21-4142a) requires further development

No = Fully Developed Claim

Medical evidence when submitting a claim (three legged stool)

VA Form 21-4138

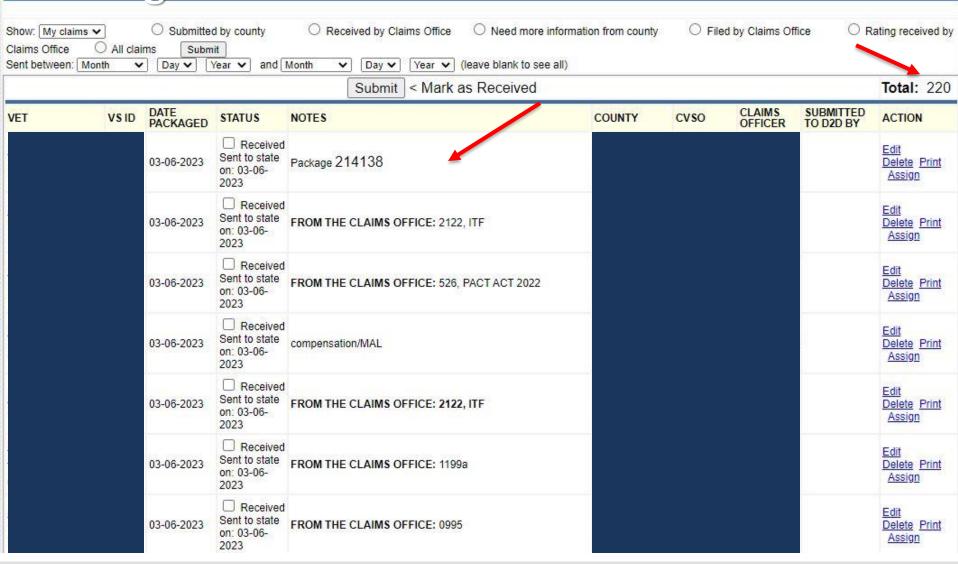
Vietnam vs Gulf War Veteran with regards to PACT Act (exposures)

Pre-August 10, 2022 PACT Act Decisions for Veterans Law Judges to Consider

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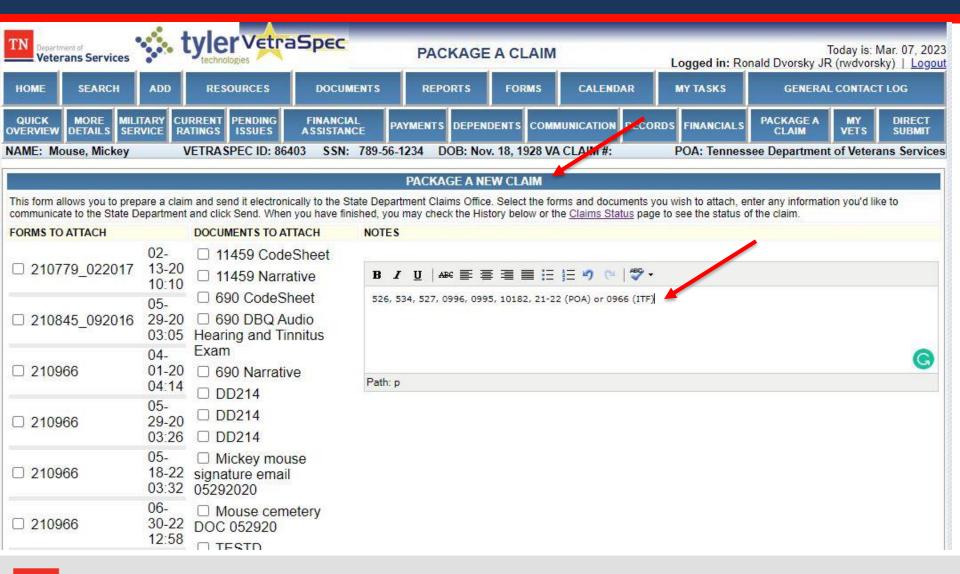


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ATTENTION: DO NOT SEND ANY ATTACHMENTS (COVERLETTERS, DD214...) WITH THE 21-22.

The **21-526ez** may have attachments such as other forms or uploaded documents. If sending a 21-22 and a 21-526ez send the 21-22 first. Wait until you see the final "Success" message, then go back into Package This Claim and send the 21-526ez and other forms/documents.

If sending a 21-686c, send that form with the 21-526ez. IT CAN NO LONGER BE SENT BY ITSELF OVER D2D.

D2D issues have been resolved. Resubmit any claims that failed.

Send to VA

REMINDER: You may only submit a 21-22, 21-0966 or 21-526EZ (and attached forms/documents) to A electronically.

This button is used to process the claim in the normal fashion --> Send

Open Discussion/Questions

