

Documents checklist

Provide the following to your Veterans Benefits Specialist to assist them in filing a VA Claim.



Just so you know ...

The following documents are not required to file a formal claim but will expedite the process.

For ALL appointments: (if available)

- ☐ Military discharge documents (DD-214, WD AGO 53-55 [WWII], etc.)
- ☐ Marriage certificate, if applicable
- ☐ Dates of all previous marriages/divorces for yourself and your spouse, if applicable
- ☐ Birth certificates for all dependent children, if applicable
- ☐ Previous VA letters, if available
- ☐ Bank name, routing number, and account number for direct deposit, if not already receiving VA benefits

If applying for compensation (disability):

- ☐ Service treatment records, if available.
- ☐ All National Guard/Reserve treatment records, if available.
- ☐ Current VA Healthcare problem list (diagnosis history) showing a diagnosis for the condition(s) claiming, if treatment is received at VHA
- ☐ Current non-VA providers diagnosis records showing claimed condition(s)
- ☐ Any additional medical records showing continuity of treatment since military service

If applying for non-service connected pension/survivors pension:

- ☐ Medical records showing total and permanent disability(s) **if under age 65**
- ☐ Proof of income -- i.e., Social Security Award Letter, retirement letter, any current income
- ☐ Proof of net worth -- i.e., bank account statements, IRAs, trusts, property other than home, etc.
- ☐ Proof of medical expenses -- i.e., Medicare, private insurance, prescription receipts, in-home/facility care expenses
- ☐ Copy of Veteran's death certificate

If applying for accrued benefits/dependency and indemnity compensation:

- ☐ Previous award letters from VA for Veteran (if available)
- ☐ Marriage certificate
- ☐ Death certificate

If applying for burial benefits:

- ☐ Copy of Veteran's death certificate
- ☐ Funeral/transportation bill
- ☐ Itemized contract/receipt showing paid-in-full from funeral home and/or cemetery with claimant's name on receipt