

VA Service Connected Disability Claim

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VA Claim/File Number	This is a number assigned by the VA when any claim is filed (disability or education benefits)
Complete the attached disability form	This form is to list the disabilities being claimed for service connected disabilities. Also the dates and the name and address where you received medical care.
DD-214/Report of Separation must be the original or a certified copy from the Military or Clerk of a Circuit Court *Notarized copies are not acceptable*	Separation Documents give of us entry into active duty and dates of separation from active duty. If more than one enlistment, then all must be provided, unless the last document gives both the original date of entry and the late date of separation. Note: the "Honorable Discharge Certificate" is not acceptable (unless the reverse side gives the above-mentioned information)
Dependents Documents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Marriage Certificate for present spouse 2) Documents which ended all prior marriages for both Veteran and present spouse. If these documents are not available, list the information on the back of this form 3) Birth Certificate or adoption papers for all dependent children. * A dependent child is any child under the age of 18 or up to 23 if enrolled full time in school or college, or a child who becomes permanently disabled prior to age 18.
Social Security No.	For Veteran and all dependents
Death Certificate	For Veteran (for a widow/widower's claim)
Medical Evidence	Current diagnosis of claimed disability(s)
VA Insurance Policy Number	For Designation of Beneficiary – Policy Loan- Cash Surrender – or One Lump Sum Death Benefit.
Direct Deposit	Bring a voided check

VA “Death Indemnity Compensation” (DIC)
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	Social Security NO.	For Veteran and all dependents
	Death Certificate	For Veteran (long form with cause of death)
	Burial Benefits	Paid receipt for funeral expenses and burial plot of Veteran. The receipt must show the bill paid in full as follows: the total amount charged, the total amount paid, the date it was paid, and the name of the person who paid the bill.
	VA Insurance Policy Number	For Designation of Beneficiary – Policy Loan – Cash Surrender – or One-Lump-Sum Death Benefit
	Direct Deposit	Bring in a voided check or deposit form

Documents Required to File Veterans NSC Disability Claims

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Dependents Documents	1) Marriage Certificate: For all prior marriages for both Veteran and current spouse, provide information on reverse of this page for all other marriages and bring those documents which ended the other marriages(death or divorce) if available. 2) Birth certificates or adoption papers for all dependent children Dependent child is under age of 18 or up to 23 if enrolled in school or college, or any child who before the age of 18 becomes permanently disabled (Helpless Child) with supporting medical statement.
Social Security Numbers	For Veteran and all dependents
Death Certificate	For Veteran (for a widow/widower's claim)
Burial/Death Benefits	Paid receipt for funeral expenses and burial plot of Veteran. (receipt must show total expense, amount paid, date paid, and whose funds were used)
Social Security Benefits	Provide current benefit letter for Veteran and all dependents. This is the latest letter giving the monthly benefit amount you receive at this time. NOTE: VA will not accept a copy of a bank statement, a check, or a previous year's total SS earnings report. If you do not find the current benefit letter, call 1-800-772-1213 to request one.
Medical Evidence (FOR VETERAN ONLY)	For Veteran Only: Under the age of 65, provide diagnosis of Permanent & Total Disability. If over the age of 65 the VA assumes Veteran is disabled.
Aid and Attendance or Homebound Benefits Note: see attached info and/or form	NOTE: Nursing Home: statement must contain the date admitted, monthly charges, if patient is receiving skilled nursing care, and if patient has Medicaid. ACLF: statement must give the total monthly amount charged and indicate how much of this amount is for "medical" care.
Income Information Required: current statements for proof of income	Definition of Income: Employment of any dependents, income from insurance, retirements, pensions, annuities, interest from checking/savings, any bank accounts, workers compensation, IRA/Keogh Accts, stocks, bonds, mortgages, rental properties, etc. Include balance of any accounts. FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT: bring deposit form or voided check
Medical Expenses Note: Not for original NSC claim unless income exceeds allowed limit.	Veteran and dependents or Widow or Widow'er: Bring Pharmacy printout for prior year & to date this year. <i>Bring physicians statement of what drugs are on-going/maintenance drugs taken daily, not occasional prescriptions.</i> Definition of Medical Expenses: This is the total amount paid out of pocket, in which you were not reimbursed back thru Medicare or private health insurance. This includes doctor, hospital, dental, eyeglasses, health insurance payments (private and Medicare) nursing home charges, ACLF charges for medical care, prosthetics, and prescriptions.
VA Insurance Policy Number	For Designation of Beneficiary - Policy Loan - Cash Surrender - or Death Benefits

Documents required when filing **Widow's NSC Pension**

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	Documents to Bring	Explanation of documents
	<p align="center">Veterans DD-214 or Separation Must be the original or a certified copy</p>	<p>Separation documents give date of entry into active duty and date of separation from active duty. If more than one enlistment, then all documents must be provided. Note: the 'Honorable Discharge' certificate is not acceptable, unless the reverse side gives the above mentioned information. Note: Must have 90 days or more of active duty time and at least one day must have been during a war time period.</p>
	<p align="center">Dependents Documents</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Marriage Certificate 2) Birth Certificate(s) or adoption papers for all dependent children under the age of 18 or up to 23 if enrolled in school or college, or any child who before the age of 18 becomes/became permanently disabled(helpless child) with supporting medical statement. 3) Divorce Decrees/Death Certificates for all prior marriages for both Veteran and spouse, if available.
	<p align="center">Social Security Numbers</p>	<p align="center">For Veteran and Spouse and all Dependents</p>
	<p align="center">Death Certificate</p>	<p align="center">For Veteran – provide Long Form Death Certificate showing the cause of death.</p>
	<p align="center">Burial/Death Benefits</p>	<p align="center">PAID receipt for funeral expenses and burial plot for Veteran.</p>
	<p align="center">Social Security Benefits</p>	<p>Provide Current benefits letter for Veteran and Spouse, this letter shows the current monthly benefit amount.</p>
	<p align="center">Aid & Attendance or House bound Benefits</p>	<p>Fill out appropriate paperwork when filing for this benefit. NOTE: Nursing home statement or ACLF Statement</p>
	<p align="center">Income Information</p>	<p>Definition of income: Employment of any dependent, from insurance retirements, pensions annuities, interest from checking/savings, any bank accounts, workers compensation acts ,stock, bonds, mortgages, rental properties , etc. Include balance of all accounts.</p>
	<p align="center">Medical Expenses</p>	<p>Bring pharmacy printout for the month in which you are filing your claim. <u>Bring physicians statement of what drugs are on-going/maintenance drugs taken daily, not occasional prescriptions.</u></p>
	<p align="center">Direct Deposit</p>	<p>Bring blank check, so direct deposit can be setup when awarded VA benefits. (write VOID across blank check)</p>

NSC PENSION

VA Department of Veterans Affairs Disability Pension

What is a VA Disability Pension?

Disability Pension is a benefit paid to wartime veterans with limited income who are no longer able to work.

Who is eligible?

You may be eligible if:

- you were discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, **AND**
- you served 90 days or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a war, **AND**
- you have disabilities that keep you from working full time, **OR** are over age 65, **AND**
- your countable family income is below a yearly limit set by law and net worth less than \$155,356.

FAMILY INCOME LIMITS (EFFECTIVE 1 DEC 2023)	
If you are a ...	Your yearly income must be less than...
Veteran with no dependents	\$16,551
Veteran with a spouse or a child	\$21,674
(Veterans with additional children, add \$2,743 to the limit for EACH child)	
Housebound veteran with no dependents	\$20,226
Housebound veteran with one dependent	\$25,348
Veteran who needs aid and attendance and has no dependents	\$27,609
Veteran who needs aid and attendance and has one dependent	\$32,729
NOTE: Some income is not counted toward the yearly limit (for example, welfare benefits and Supplemental Security Income)	

How much does VA pay?

VA pays you the difference between your countable family income and the yearly income limit which describes your situation (see chart above). This difference is generally paid in 12 equal monthly payments rounded down to the nearest dollar. Call the toll-free number below or contact your County Veterans Service Officer for details.

How can I apply?

You can apply by filling out VA Form 21-527EZ, Veteran's Application for Compensation or Pension. If available, attach copies of current medical evidence (doctor and hospital reports).

WIDOWS PENSION

VA Department of Veterans Affairs Death Pension

What is a VA Death Pension?

Death Pension is a benefit paid to eligible dependants of deceased wartime veterans.

Who is eligible?

You may be eligible if:

- the deceased veteran was discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, **AND**
- he/she served 90 days or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a war, **AND**
- you are the surviving spouse or unmarried child of the deceased veteran, **AND**
- your countable family income is below a yearly limit set by law and net worth less than \$155,356

INCOME LIMITS (EFFECTIVE 1 DEC 2023)	
If you are a ...	Your yearly income must be less than...
Surviving spouse with no dependent children	\$11,102
Surviving spouse with one dependent child (Add \$2313 to the limit for EACH additional child)	\$14,529
Housebound surviving spouse with no dependents	\$13,568
Housebound surviving spouse with one dependent	\$16,989
Surviving spouse who needs aid and attendance and has no dependents	\$17,743
Surviving spouse who needs aid and attendance and has one dependent	\$21,166
Surviving child (no eligible parent)	\$2,831
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