



VA COMPENSATION

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WHAT IS VA COMPENSATION?

- **VA Compensation:** is a benefit paid to a veteran because of injuries, illnesses or diseases that happened while on active duty, or were made worse by active military service.

5 TYPES OF COMPENSATION CLAIMS

- **Direct**
- **Aggravated**
- **Presumptive**
- **Secondary**
- **38 USC 1151**

WHAT IS COMPENSATION?

- **Direct Service Connection-** Is any injury that was directly caused during Service. Example: Breaking a bone during PT, Combat injuries.
- **Aggravated Service Connection-** is any Injury that you had before entering service that was made worse while in the service. Example: Service Member injured his Knee in high School football and enters service and his knee goes out on a ruck march. It can be service connected.

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- **Presumptive**- are diseases that are known to be caused by specific exposures while in *Military Service*. Example: Would be Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange who are diagnosed with Prostate cancer.
- (You need to be diagnosed with a Presumptive disease, Being exposed to specific chemicals such as agent orange does not constitute a claim for compensation).

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- **Secondary**- Is a disease or injury that is directly attributed to a condition for which the Veteran is service connected.
- **Example 1**: Veteran service connected with heart condition and has high blood pressure. Therefore high blood pressure is secondary condition to the heart condition.
- **Example 2**: Veteran service Connected with shrapnel in left leg and his right knee goes out. (Right Knee is Service Connected because Veteran is putting more weight on right leg due to injury on left knee).



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- **38 USC 1151-** Veteran is injured by VA medical facility.
(It does happen)
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- **Why Should I File a claim? (There is guys worst off)**

1. If you were injured in service then you earned the compensation.
2. If Veterans don't use the VA Benefits, the Money will be put to other uses.
3. Supports Your local economy.
4. Benefits can be passed down to Dependents in some cases.

10% – 20% (No Dependents)

Percent age	Rate					
10%	\$165.92					
20%	\$327.99					

30% – 60% Without Children

Dependent Status	30%	40%	50%	60%		
Veteran Alone	\$508.05	\$731.86	\$1041.82	\$1319.65		
Veteran with Spouse Only	\$568.05	\$811.86	\$1141.82	\$1440.65		
Veteran with Spouse & One Parent	\$616.05	\$875.86	\$1222.82	\$1537.65		
Veteran with Spouse and Two Parents	\$664.05	\$939.86	\$1303.82	\$1634.65		
Veteran with One Parent	\$556.05	\$795.86	\$1122.82	\$1416.65		
Veteran with Two Parents	\$604.05	\$859.86	\$1203.82	\$1513.65		
Additional for A/A spouse (see footnote b)	\$56.00	\$74.00	\$93.00	\$111.00		

Dependent Status	70% – 100% Without Children						
	70%	80%	90%	100%			
Veteran Alone	\$1,663.06	\$1,933.15	\$2,172.39	\$3,621.95			
Veteran with Spouse Only	\$1,804.06	\$2,094.15	\$2,353.39	\$3,823.89			
Veteran with Spouse and One Parent	\$1,917.06	\$2,223.15	\$2,498.39	\$3,985.96			
Veteran with Spouse and Two Parents	\$2,030.06	\$2,353.15	\$2,643.39	\$4,148.03			
Veteran with One Parent	\$1,776.06	\$2,062.15	\$2,317.39	\$3,784.02			
Veteran with Two Parents	\$1,889.06	\$2,191.15	\$2,462.39	\$3,946.09			
Additional for A/A spouse (see footnote b)	\$130.00	\$148.00	\$167.00	\$185.21			

HOW TO FILE A CLAIM?

- **How do I file a claim for compensation-** Get a hold of your County Veterans Service Officer and set up an Appointment.
- **What should I bring to the County Veterans Service Officer-** Discharge paperwork (DD-214 or NGB-22), Military records, Private medical records pertaining to the claim, buddy statements, Direct deposit Info and any other paperwork you have pertaining to your claim

INCREASE

- **When should I file for an increase?** When a Service Connected condition becomes worse.
- **Contact County Veterans Service Officer ASAP and inform him you would like to put in for an increase.**
- VA is going to want evidence.

APPEAL

- What do I do if my claim is denied and I disagree with the VA's Decision?

(Contact your County Veterans Service Officer and tell them you want to appeal VA's Decision)

- Is there a time limit to appeal VA's Decisions? Yes, you have 1 year to file an appeal, but contact your County Veterans Service Officer **ASAP**

BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH COMP.

- Property tax Reduction- If you are 70%-100%
- 100% Comp. Spouses receive benefits- Champ VA and Possible Compensation after Veteran Passes away.
- 100% Comp Veterans can enter Military bases and use Commissary.
- 100 % comp Veterans, in Minnesota can receive free fishing and hunting Licenses
- The list goes on and on and on.....



QUESTIONS?

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