

VA DISABILITY CLAIM PROCESS

Each U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs disability claim application is different and may vary in processing time frame at the VA. For an up-to-date estimate, [check here](#).

CLAIM RECEIVED

Veteran submits the disability benefits application to the VA. The VA will deliver a confirmation electronically (VA.gov or eBenefits) or via the U.S. Postal Service (USPS).

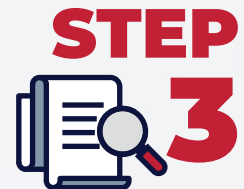


INITIAL REVIEW

The VA will review the application and determine if additional medical or other evidence is needed.

EVIDENCE GATHERING (CONDITIONAL)

If additional evidence is needed, the Veteran will receive notification. Action may be needed from the Veteran, including attending any Compensation & Pension exams.



EVIDENCE REVIEW

All evidence will be reviewed by the VA. If all necessary evidence was supplied at the time of filing, it will be reviewed here.

DECISION

After the VA reviews all evidence, a decision will be reached and verified.



NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

The VA verifies its decision and sends the rating decision notification via USPS. The notification is also available for immediate viewing on eBenefits and VA.gov.