

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Disability Compensation

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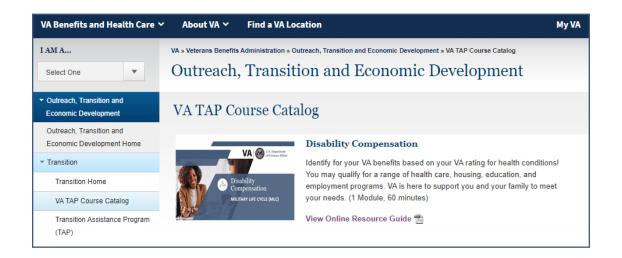


The VA Disability Compensation module introduces the VA disability compensation (pay) benefit. This Online Resource Guide (ORG) provides web links to important resources related to the course. The VA.gov website offers current resources, tools and contact information for all VA benefits and services.

VA TAP ONLINE COURSES

The VA TAP Course Catalog is a comprehensive resource that includes information about all VA TAP course offerings, direct links to on-demand web-based trainings and downloadable resource materials.

To access these courses, navigate to the <u>VA TAP Course Catalog</u>. You may also scan the QR code at the top of this page. Then, select from the list of courses available in the VA TAP Curriculum.





Links

KEY VA RESOURCES

The VA.gov website offers current resources, tools and contact information for all VA benefits and services that may be available to Service members, Veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors.



VAGOV

- <u>COVID-19 Information</u>
 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- VA benefits hotline: 1-800-827-1000
 - Hearing impaired: 1-800-829-4833
 - Technical Issues: 1-800-983-0937
- <u>VA Regional Offices</u>
 - VA Office Locations

VA DISABILITY COMPENSATION

- VA Disability Compensation
- Video, "Paul applied for VA disability compensation before he left the military."
- Video, "For Greg, VA disability compensation makes life easier."
- Video, "With VA disability compensation Maranda can focus on healing and advancing her career."
- <u>Video, "VA has understood that I needed things that I didn't even realize I needed."</u>
- Eligibility for VA disability benefits
 - How to apply for a discharge upgrade
 - About VA DIC for spouses, dependents and parents

SERVICE CONNECTION

- Video: "Compensation 101: What is Service Connection?"
- PACT Act
 - PACT ACT Frequently Asked Questions
 - 2022 PACT ACT: Understanding Health Care Eligibility and Benefits
- <u>Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs)</u>

DISABILITY RATINGS AND COMPENSATION RATES

• Video: "Compensation 101: How did I get this rating?"



- About VA disability ratings
- <u>Veterans disability compensation rates</u>

HOW TO APPLY

How to file a VA disability claim



- Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD) Claims (from 90 to 180 days until separation)
 - <u>Filing overseas</u>
- Fully Developed Claims (FDC) (from 89 days to 1 day until separation)
- Separation Health Assessment (SHA)
- Standard Claims (claims not eligible for the BDD or FDC programs)
- <u>Claim effective dates</u>

DISABILITY PROCESS CLAIMS SELF-SERVICE TOOL VA.GOV

- Videos: "The New 526 Disability Form on VA.gov"
 - <u>"Getting Started: Section 1 of the Digital 526 Disability Compensation Tool at VA.gov"</u>
 - <u>"Add Contentions: Section 2 of the Digital 526 Disability"</u>
 - <u>"Add Evidence: Section 3 of the Digital 526 Disability Compensation Tool"</u>
 - <u>"Getting Started: Sections 4 and 5 of the Digital 526 Disability Compensation Tool"</u>
- <u>Self-Service Disability Compensation Claims Tool at VA.gov</u>

DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND OTHER PAYMENTS

- DOD Wounded, Ill, and/or Injured Compensation and Benefits Handbook
- Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP)
- Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)
- Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) (VA.gov)
- <u>Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) and Concurrent Retirement Disability Pay (CRDP)</u>

Links

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Getting started with State Veteran Benefits and Services? guide
- <u>VA Welcome Kit</u>
 - Long-term care
 - VA automobile allowance and adaptive equipment
 - VA clothing allowance
 - Fiduciary program
 - <u>VA health care</u>
 - <u>COMPACT Act</u>
 - Housing grants
 - VA life insurance
 - Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)