**Decision Ready Claims:**

4 Steps to a Faster VA Claim Decision

The **Decision Ready Claim (DRC) Program** is the fastest way to get your VA claim processed. When you work with an accredited Veterans Service Organization (VSO) and follow these four simple steps, you can receive a claim decision from VA in 30 days or less. Currently, VA is accepting DRC compensation claims for direct service connection, presumptive service connection, secondary service connection, increased disability, Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), and Pre-Discharge, with some exclusions.

1. **EVIDENCE GATHERING**
   - **Appoint an Accredited VSO**
     You must work with a VSO to file a claim through the DRC Program. Your VSO will help determine if the DRC Program is right for you. To find a VSO near you, go to [www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/vso-search](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/vso-search).

2. **GATHER ALL YOUR INFORMATION**
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     Gather all relevant records and evidence to support your claim, including federal and medical records and completed Disability Benefit Questionnaires (DBQs).

3. **ATTEND YOUR VA CLAIM EXAM**
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     Your VSO can request a claim exam for you, if needed, before you submit your application. To learn about what to expect during your exam, go to [www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/claimexam.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/claimexam.asp).

4. **SUBMIT YOUR DECISION READY CLAIM**
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     Your VSO will help you submit your DRC electronically to VA.

**Get Ready**
In 30 days or less, you will have a claim decision from VA.

To learn more about the DRC Program, go to [www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/drc.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/drc.asp)