

Line of Duty Investigations (LODs)

When you enter the Disability Evaluation System (DES), you should have received a LOD for each condition given a P3/P4 on their DA Form 3349 Physical Profile. If your goal is to be separated from the Army, you should identify any other condition that may be entitled to a P3/P4 and request the unit to prepare a LOD investigation. Reserve Component Soldiers are in a covered status during IDT including travel to and from the duty location, AT, ADT, and when performing funeral honors. 10 USC §§ 1204-1206. Your unit should complete the requested line of duty investigations by “the next Reserve drill.” DoDM 1332.18-V2, Enc 4, App 7, August 5, 2014. If your condition onset occurred when you were on active duty orders for more than 30 days, your condition is presumed to be in the line of duty unless rebutted by other evidence. Without a LOD, your condition may be found to be not IWETBP and not Permanently Service Aggravated (PSA) resulting in the injury not being compensable by the Army and possibly not by the Veteran Administration. When requesting a line-of-duty investigation from your unit, you should provide a sworn statement DA Form 2823 describing the onset of your injury along with a copy of relevant supporting documents such as medical records. If your condition occurred during an active duty period of more than 30 days, you have “up to 180 days after completion of qualified duty status to request consideration for an in-LOD determination absent special circumstances. Special circumstances are those in which the covered condition pre-dated the 180 day period, e.g., latent onset symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.” DoDI 1241.01, Enc 3, April 19, 2016.