



DISABILITY COMPENSATION

DISABILITY BENEFIT QUESTIONNAIRES

OVERVIEW

Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQs) are downloadable forms for Veterans to use in the disability evaluation process. DBQs can help speed the processing of compensation and pension claims.

DBQs allow Veterans and Servicemembers to have more control over the disability claims process by giving them the option of completing an examination with their own healthcare providers instead of at a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facility.

DBQs enable private health care providers to capture important information needed by VA to accurately evaluate and promptly decide Veterans' claims for benefits.

More than 70 DBQs are available that use check boxes and standardized language to streamline the process. DBQs average about seven pages in length. Veterans are responsible for any fees their private providers may charge for completing a DBQ.

Visit the DBQ Website at <http://benefits.va.gov/disabilityexams> for more information.

How to Find and Submit a DBQ

The DBQ process involves four steps:

- 1) Access the form online at <http://benefits.va.gov/disabilityexams> and download it;
- 2) Have your healthcare provider complete the form;
- 3) Save a copy for your records; and
- 4) Submit the form to VA.



Disabilities determined by VA to be related to your military service can lead to monthly non-taxable compensation, enrollment in the VA health care system, a 10-point hiring preference for federal employment and other important benefits. Ask your VA representative or Veterans Service Organization representative about Disability Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Caregiver Program, Career Services, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance and/or Dependents and Survivors' Benefits.



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VBA TRANSFORMATION

DBQs are an important example of the initiatives the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) is implementing under its Transformation Plan. The goals of VBA's Transformation are:

- eliminate the backlog in disability claims;
- increase access to services and benefits; and
- end Veteran homelessness

VBA is committed to providing world-class service by transforming the way it does business. People, process, and technology changes will help VBA reach its goal of increasing efficiency and engaging Veterans, Servicemembers, their families, and survivors – when, where, and how they desire.

VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

VBA serves as a leading advocate for Veterans, Servicemembers, and their families. VBA's mission is to deliver with excellence benefits and services that honor their military service, assist them in their readjustment, enhance their lives, and engender their full trust.

VBA is responsible for:

- compensation and pension programs for Veterans and their survivors;
- education programs for Veterans, Servicemembers, and certain Veterans' dependents and survivors;
- home loan guaranty programs for Veterans, certain spouses, and Servicemembers;
- life insurance programs for Servicemembers, their families, and Veterans; and
- vocational rehabilitation and employment programs for Veterans and Servicemembers with service-connected disabilities who need help preparing for, finding, and keeping suitable jobs.