

You are receiving dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) as the surviving spouse of a veteran who died in service or from service-connected causes. Generally, a surviving spouse's entitlement to DIC ends with remarriage. If a surviving spouse remarries, entitlement may continue provided the marriage began after age 57 or has been terminated. You are responsible for reporting any change in your marital status.

We need to verify your marital status. Please answer the questions below.

If you do not return this letter with your answers to VA within 60 days of the date shown above, we will stop your DIC benefits. After answering the questions below, please return this letter in the enclosed envelope. Be sure to place it in the envelope so that the return address of the regional office shows through the envelope window.

You have the right at any time to submit additional information or to have a personal hearing to explain or clarify your statements. You also have the right to be represented at the hearing by a representative of your choice.

Sincerely yours,

Veterans Service Center Manager Enclosure

OMB Approved No. 2900-0495 Respondent Burden: 5 minutes

4B. DATE SIGNED

MARITAL STATUS QUESTIONNAIRE Department of Veterans Affairs PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION: Payment of death benefits cannot be made unless the information requested is furnished as required by existing law (38 U.S.C. 101(3)). Th responses you submit are considered confidential, (38 U.S.C. 5701). They may disclosed outside the Department of Veterans Affairs only if the disclosure is authorized by the Privacy Act, including the routine uses identified in the system of records, 58VA21/22, Compensation, Pension, Education and Rehabilitation Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law. information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies. RESPONDENT BURDEN: VA may not conduct or sponsor, and respondent is not required to respond to this collection of information unless it display a valid OMB Control Number. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. If you have comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, call 1-800-827-1000 for mailing information on where to send your comments. 1A. HAVE YOU REMARRIED SINCE THE DEATH OF THE VETERAN? 1B. DATE OF MARRIAGE YES NO (If "Yes," please provide the date in Item 1B and the name of your spouse in Item 1C) 1C. NAME OF SPOUSE 2A. HAS YOUR REMARRIAGE BEEN TERMINATED? YES NO (If "Yes." please provide the date in Item 2B and the reason for termination (i.e., death, divorce) in Item 2C) B. DATE OF TERMINATION 2C. REASON FOR TERMINATION 2B. DATE OF TERMINATION 3A. DAY TIME TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) 3B. EVENING TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)

VA FORM

4A. SIGNATURE

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