CURRENT

APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF WIDOW(ER)'S DISABILITY

MONTH	DAY	YEA	2 0	FFICE NUMBI	ER
APPROVED					
APPLICATION I	JUMPED		DATE CODE		
REFLICATION	NOWIDEN		MONTH	DAY	YEAR

Section 1 General Instructions

Before you complete this application, be sure to read Part I of booklet RB-17b, Widow(er)'s Disability Benefits, which explains information you will need to answer many of the questions in this application.

Please read "Important Notices" on page 11 of this application.

Print all answers in ink or use a typewriter. If you need more space than is provided to answer a question, use Section 9 for this purpose. If you do not know the answer to a question, print "unknown" in the space provided for the answer.

When entering dates, always use numbers. Also, be sure there is one number in each box. For example, you would enter December 13, 1998. as:

Month Day Year 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 8

Some items in this application will not apply to you so you will not need to answer them. Based on your answer to a question, you may be told to skip to another item number, or even another section. Follow the instructions that tell you to "Go to" another item. These are designed to save you time and help you move through the application form quickly filling in only necessary information. If no "Go to" instructions are given, answer the next item in order. Do not skip any items unless directed to do so.

If you are completing this application on behalf of someone else, you must answer each question as it applies to the applicant.

Section 2 Identifying Information

Check the information entered by the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) for Items 1 through 6 for accuracy.

- ➤ If the information is correct, **go to Section 3.**
- ➤ If the information is not correct, cross out the incorrect information and enter the correct information above it.
- ➤ If the information is missing, fill it in.

Employee Identification	1	ΕM	MPLOYEE'S NAME →
	2	ΕM	MPLOYEE'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER →
	3	ΕM	IPLOYEE'S RAILROAD RETIREMENT CLAIM NUMBER →
Applicant Identification	4	AF	PPLICANT'S NAME
	5	а	STREET ADDRESS ———
		b	CITY AND STATE
		С	ZIP CODE ————
		d	COUNTY —
	6	DA	AYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER

Sectio	n 3	Information About Your Medical	Conditio	n						
Medical Condition	7	Describe the medical condition(s) causing condition.	you to file. I	Enter the e	exact dia	gnosis il	known	and an	y secondary	
When Condition Began	8	Enter the date this condition began to adveyour ability to work.	ersely affect		->	Month	Day	Year		
How Condition Affects Work	9	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I have worked since the date in Item 8. —	rked since the date in Item 8.					o to Iter		
	10	Did your condition cause you to change: Your job duties? Your hours of work? Your attendance? Anything else about your work? If "Yes" to any item, go to Item 11						🕇 al	"No" to I items, go Item 12	
	11	Explain what the changes in your work circumstances were, the dates they occurred, and why your condition made these changes necessary. Changes in Work Circumstances Dates Why Your Condition Made Changes Necessary								
		Changes in Work Circumstances	Dates	Why Y	our Con	dition M	ade Ch	anges N	lecessary	
						Month	Day	Very		
When Unable to Work	12	Enter the date you could no longer work because of your condition.								
	13	Describe how your condition affects you ar	nd keeps yo	u from wo	rking.					
Current Work Status	14	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: My condition prevents me from working <i>no</i>	w. ———		_	′es — lo —		o to Sec o to Iter		
	15	Enter the date you became able to work ag	gain. ———			Month	Day	Year		
Sectio	n 4	Information About Your Medical	Care							
Medical Care or Examination	16	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I have received medical care or been example condition since the date in Item 8.			_	/es — lo —		o to Iter o to Sec		
Treatment or Testing	17	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I have been treated or tested (inpatient of hospital, institution or clinic, including Veterans Affairs or other government facility	a Departm	ent of	<u> </u>	/es — No —		o to Iter o to Iter		

Treatment or Testing	18	Enter information about each hospital, institution, or clinic where you have received treatment or care since the date in Item 8.										
(Continued)		а	Name of Facility	Address and ZIP Code								
			Attending Physician's Name									
			Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Inpatient Outpatient									
			Patient Number	Area Code Telephone Number								
			Dates Treated or Tested Describe Type of	of Treatment or Testing								
		<u></u>	Name of English	Address and ZID Code								
		b	Name of Facility	Address and ZIP Code								
			Attending Physician's Name									
			Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Inpatient Outpatient									
			Patient Number	Area Code Telephone Number								
			Dates Treated or Tested Describe Type of	Treatment or Testing								
		С	Name of Facility	Address and ZIP Code								
			Attending Physician's Name									
			Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Inpatient Outpatient	_								
			Patient Number	Area Code Telephone Number								
			Dates Treated or Tested Describe Type of	Treatment or Testing								
Doctor Treatment	19	M	nter an "X" in the appropriate box: y personal physician or other doctor treated me see date in Item 8	☐ Yes → Go to Item 20 ☐ No → Go to Item 21								

Doctor Treatment	20	En	ter information about each personal physician or	other doctor	who	has tre	eated	you						
(Continued)		а	Name of Physician	Address and ZIP Code										
		Patient Number		Area Code)	Te	elepho	one N	Numbe	er				
			Dates Treated or Examined Describe Type of	Treatment o	or Tes	ting								
		b	Name of Physician	Address and ZIP Code										
			Patient Number	Area Code)	Te	elepho	one N	Numbe	er				
			Dates Treated or Examined Describe Type of	Treatment o	or Tes	ting								
Activity Restriction	21	Α	ter an "X" in the appropriate box: medical doctor restricted my daily tivities since the date in Item 8.	~	[[Yes No	_	>			em 2 em 2			
	22		ter the name of the medical doctor to imposed the restriction.											
	23		ter the date the restriction began.						>	-	MON	TH	YE	AR
	24	De	scribe the restriction.											

Activity Restriction (Continued)	25	Enter the address of the medical doctor in Item 22, if it has not previously been printed in Items 18 or 20.						
Medication	26	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Medication has been prescribed for m	e	Yes	→	Go to Item 27 Go to Section 5		
	27	Enter the name or type of medication Enter information for all medications p	and the dosage from the prescription label. rescribed for you.					
		NAME/TYPE:	DOSAGE:(grams, number	of pills,etc.)	FREQU	ENCY:		
Sectio	n 5	Information About Your Edu	cation and Training		i			
Schooling	28	Enter the highest grade of school you and the last year you attended school						
	29	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I attended technical school.	Yes	→	Go to Item 30 Go to Item 33			
	30	Describe the type of technical school you attended.						
	31	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I received a certification or license from the technical school I attended.	☐ Yes	→	Go to Item 32 Go to Item 33			
	32	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: The certification or license I received currently in effect.	l is	☐ Yes ☐ No	→	Go to Item 33 Go to Item 33		
	33	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I have received specialized training.	→	☐ Yes	→	Go to Item 34 Go to Section 6		
	34	Enter the type of specialized training y	ou received and the perio	od of time you	ı receive	d it.		
		TYPE		DATES				
	35	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Have you used any of this training in y	/our work? ──➤	Yes	→	Go to Item 36 Go to Section 6		
	36	Describe when and how you use(d) th	is training in your work.					

Sectio	n 6	Information About You	r Daily	Activit	ies		
Activities	37	After each activity listed below, • EASY — I can easily do • HARD — I can do the a • NOT AT ALL — I canno	the act	ivity. vith difficu	ulty or w	ith help.	ribes your ability to do that activity.
		ACTIVITY	EASY	HARD	NOT AT ALL	EXPL	_ANATION — Explain each "HARD" answer.
		Sitting				~	
		Standing				→	
		Walking				~	
		Eating				-	
		Bathing				-	
		Dressing (Tying Shoes, Combing Hair, Etc.)				→	
	•	Other Bodily Needs				~	
		Indoor Chores (Meal Preparation, Laundry, Cleaning, Etc.)				->	
		Outdoor Chores (Shopping, Yardwork, Etc.)				-	
		Driving a Motor Vehicle				→	
		Using Public Transportation				-	
		Conducting Personal Business (Talking to and Dealing with Other People)				→	
		Reading English (For example, newspapers and magazines)				-	
		Writing English (For example, notes and letters)				-	
	38	Enter any additional information	that de	scribes y	our dail	y activition	es.
Sectio	n 7	Information About You	r Work	and E	arning	S	
Work Activities	39	Enter an "X" in the appropriate that Have you ever been employed or self-employed? Note: If you answered also complete and ret	d "Yes" &				☐ Yes → Go to Note and Item 40 ☐ No → Go to Section 8 filing for a disability annuity, cational Report
		aiso complete and let	um to th	is inid i	Jilli G-	201, VU	Jacional Nepolic

Work for an Employer Last 12 Months	40	I have		propriate box: for an employed any self-em	☐ Yes → Go to Item 41 ☐ No → Go to Item 43						
12 Months	41				n, for each month					with	
			JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	AP	PRIL	MAY	JUNE]	
			JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCT	OBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER		
	42	Enter	your earnings, b	efore any deduc	tion, for each mo	nth <i>last</i>	year.				
			JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	AP	PRIL	MAY	JUNE		
			JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	ОСТ	OBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER		
Self- Employment Last	43		an "X" in the app you been self-en		st 12 months?		_	Yes → Go t No → Go t	o Item 44 o Item 46		
12 Months	44				ou have already on the and each remains				rith the current mo	onth,	
			JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	AP	PRIL	MAY	JUNE		
			JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	ОСТ	OBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER]	
	45	Enter your <i>net</i> earnings, before any deduction, for each month <i>last year</i> .									
			JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	AP	PRIL	MAY	JUNE		
			JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	ОСТ	OBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER]	
Work Next 12 Months	46	Do yo	an "X" in the appute to work to self-employm	during the next	12 months?		_	Yes → Got No → Got			
	47	persor expec	the name and ac n or company for t to work. (If self- Self.")	whom you employed,							
	48	to wor and Ju	the date(s) you ek. (For example, aly," "Indefinitely etc.)	"June Starting							
	49	to earr	the gross amour n. (If you are self he net amount.)	-employed,							

Sectio	n 8	General Information	
Filing AA-17 or AA-18	50	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I am filing either <i>Form AA-17</i> or <i>Form AA-18</i> at this time.	☐ Yes → Go to Item 56 ☐ No → Go to Item 51
Social Security Benefits	51	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I have filed, or expect to file, for monthly social security disability benefits?	☐ Yes → Go to Item 52 ☐ No → Go to Item 53
	52	Enter the social security claim number under which you have filed or will file.	
Public Service Pension	53	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I am receiving or expect to receive a pension or I have received or expect to receive a lump-sum payment instead of a pension based on my earnings from an agency of the Federal, state, or local government. (Answer "NO" if your only government pension payments are social security, railroad retirement, veterans affairs, worker's compensation, or black lung benefits. Also answer "NO" if you received a lump-sum payment that was just your contributions to the pension fund plus interest.)	☐ Yes → Go to Item 54 ☐ No → Go to Item 56
	54	I am/was an employee of the Federal Government.	☐ Yes → Go to Note and Item 56 ☐ No → Go to Item 55
		Note: If answered "Yes," also complete and return to Service Pension Questionnaire, and verifications.	
	55	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: On my last day of employment, I was employed by a state or local government or the military service and social security (FICA) taxes were being deducted from my public service earnings.	☐ Yes → Go to Item 56 ☐ No → Go to Note and Item 56
		Note: If answered "No," also complete and return the Service Pension Questionnaire, and verific	
Criminal Offense	56	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Within the past 12 months, I have been imprisoned or given a sentence of confinement due to a conviction for a criminal offense.	☐ Yes → Go to Item 57 ☐ No → Go to Section 9
	57	Enter the date of the conviction.	Month Day Year
	58	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Is your disability related to the commission of the criminal offense?	☐ Yes ☐ No
	59	Enter the date of the sentence of confinement.	Month Day Year
	60	Enter the date that confinement began.	Month Day Year
	61	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Is your disability related to your confinement?	☐ Yes☐ No
	62	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Has the confinement ended?	☐ Yes → Go to Item 63 ☐ No → Go to Section 9
	63	Enter the date confinement ended. —	Month Day Year

Sectio	n 9	Remarks
Remarks	64	This section is to be used for the continuation of answers to other items. Be sure to include the item number at the beginning of the answer you wish to continue. You may also use this space to enter any additional information that you feel may be important to include.

Section	10	Certification									
Certification	65	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I will have a guardian or other repre- this application on my behalf.		sign		-	S → Go to → Go to		tem 66		
		Note: If answered this application. The Application for St.	at perso	n must a	lso comp						
	66	I know that if I make a false or fraud close earnings or report employment under Federal law.									
		I have received the booklet RB-17b reporting any events that would affe						ım respons	sible for		
		I certify that the information I gave to	o the RR	B on this	applica	tion is true to th	ne best of my kr	nowledge.			
		 I agree to immediately notify the RR If I perform work for any emp If my condition improves; If I am confined in a jail, prison If my address changes; If I remarry; 	oloyer, ra			-					
		If I file for social security benIf I begin to receive a pension	 If I file for social security benefits based on <i>any</i> person's earnings record; If I begin to receive a pension from an agency of the Federal, state, or local government or if my present payments change. 								
		I know that if I am receiving a disable crime punishable by Federal law an ity payments.									
		Signature									
		(First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)	Month	Day	Year				J		
		Date									
	67	If this certification is signed by mark below, giving their full addresses and	("X") in I d daytim	tem 66, t e telepho	wo witne	esses who know bers.	w the person si	gning must	t sign		
		a Signature of Witness									
		Address (Number and Street)									
		City, State, and ZIP Code									
						Area Code	Teleph	none Numbe	 ər		
		Daytime Telephone Number ——			-						
		b Signature of Witness									
		Address (Number and Street)									
		City, State, and ZIP Code									
						Area Code	Teleph	none Numbe	 ər		
		Daytime Telephone Number —			-						

Section 11 How To Return Your Application

Before you return your application, check to make sure that:

- **Every** question that applies to you has been answered.
- You have entered "unknown" in **any** answer space for which you were unable to answer a question.
- You have signed and dated the application.
- ➤ You have included **all** the needed proofs listed in the letter you received with this application.

When you received your application, you should also have received a pre-addressed return envelope. If you do not have this envelope, you can use any envelope as long as it is addressed to the RRB office shown on page 12 of this application. No matter which envelope you use, you must put the correct postage on the envelope. Be careful to provide enough postage, because your application and the accompanying forms may weigh more than a standard letter. The U.S. Postal Service will not deliver your application unless it has the correct postage.

Make one final check before you seal the envelope to ensure that the following are enclosed:

- ➤ NEEDED PROOFS
- ➤ THE APPLICATION FORM ITSELF
- ADDITIONAL FORMS YOU WERE ASKED TO COMPLETE

Note: Make no entries on page 12, which is the receipt for your claim. After the RRB receives your application, they will complete the blanks on the receipt and send it back to you. When it is returned to you, you will know that the RRB has received your application and has started the work needed to determine if you are entitled to benefits. If you do not receive the receipt within two weeks after you filed this application, please contact us so we can find out what is causing the delay.

Important Notices

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT AND PRIVACY ACT NOTICES

The information asked for in this form is needed to determine your entitlement to benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act. The RRB's authority for requesting this information is Section 7(b)(6) of the Railroad Retirement Act.

We estimate that this form takes and average of 40 to 50 minutes per response to complete, including the time for reviewing the instructions, getting the needed data, and reviewing the completed form. Federal agencies may not conduct or sponsor, and respondents are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB number. If you wish send comments regarding the accuracy of our estimate or any other aspect of this form, including suggestions for reducing the completion time, to Chief of Information Resources Management, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611-2092.

COMPUTER MATCHING AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT NOTICE

The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 requires the RRB to advise you that information you have provided may be used, without your consent, in automated matching programs. These matching programs are a computer comparison of RRB records with records kept by other Federal, state, or local governmental agencies. Information from these matching programs can be used to establish or verify a person's eligibility for federally funded or administered benefit programs and for repayment of payments or delinquent debts under these programs.

PLOYEE'S NAME			
PLICANT'S NAME	RAILROAD RE	TIREMENT BOARD CLAIM NUM	MBER DATE CLAIM RECEIVED
Your application for railroad retirement of you change your address, or if there is report the change. The changes to be reabout your claim. If you have any quest of our field offices, please call for an apour staff can serve you better when an amonday through Friday.	some other change that ma eported are listed below. Alv ons about your claim we will pointment. You will not be r	ay affect your claim, you or ways give us your claim nun Il be glad to help you. If you refused service if you do no	your representative should her when writing or calling need to personally visit one t have an appointment, but
ways Report These Changes T	o The RRB		
 Address — If your address chan Work — If I perform work for any Remarriage — If you remarry. 	employer, railroad or nonr	ailroad, or perform any sel	f-employment work.
Condition — If your condition im		orningo	
 Social Security — If you file for It Criminal Offense — If you are offer a criminal offense. 		•	nal facility due to a conviction
Public Service Pension — If you government or if your present pay		on from an agency of the F	ederal, state, or local
ow To Report Changes			
When a change occurs after you are crepresentative can make the reports be			
To report any of the above chan	ges, contact:		
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