

APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF WIDOW(ER)'S DISABILITY

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Section 1 General Instructions

Before you complete this application, be sure to read Part ¹~~XI~~ 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 12 of this application.

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

Print ^{legibly}~~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. ^{Remarks,}

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: ²⁰¹⁸

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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	EMPLOYEE'S NAME →		
	2	EMPLOYEE'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER →		
	3	EMPLOYEE'S RAILROAD RETIREMENT CLAIM NUMBER →		
Applicant Identification	4	APPLICANT'S NAME →		
	5	a	APPLICANT'S STREET ADDRESS →	
		b	CITY AND STATE / PROVINCE →	
		c	ZIP CODE →	
		d	COUNTR Y →	
	6	a	DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER →	
b		ALTERNATE TELEPHONE NUMBER →		

Section 3 Information About Your Medical Condition

Medical Condition	7	Describe the medical condition(s) causing you to file. Enter the exact diagnosis if known and any secondary condition. See Attached Item 7							
When Condition Began	8	Enter the date ^{the} this condition has the adversely adversely affect your ability to work. _____ →	Month	Day	Year				
How Condition Affects Work	9	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Have you worked worked since the date in Item 8? _____ →	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Go to Item 10 <input type="checkbox"/> No → Go to Item 12						
	10	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Has Did your condition cause caused you to change: Your job duties? _____ → Your hours of work? _____ → Your attendance? _____ → Anything else about your work? _____ →	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> If "Yes" to any item, go to Item 11</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> If "No" to all items, go to Item 12</td> </tr> </table>			Yes	No	<input type="checkbox"/> If "Yes" to any item, go to Item 11	<input type="checkbox"/> If "No" to all items, go to Item 12
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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 CHANGES	Dates DATES	Why Your Condition Made Changes Necessary CONDITION					
When Unable to Work	12	Enter the date you could no longer work because of your condition(s). _____ →	Month	Day	Year				
	13	Describe how your condition condition(s) prevents you and keeps you and keeps you from working.							
Current Work Status	14a	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: My condition prevents me from working now See Attached new Items 14a and 14b. _____ →	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Go to Section 14 Item 14b <input type="checkbox"/> No → Go to Item 15 Section 4						
	15	Enter the date you became able to work again. _____ → Current Item 15 is being deleted.							

Section 4 Information About Your Medical Care

Medical Care or Examination	15a 15a	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Have you received medical care or been examined for my received my your condition since the date in Item 8? _____ →	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Treatment or Testing	16 16	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Have you been treated or tested (inpatient or outpatient) at a hospital, institution or clinic, including a Department of Veterans Affairs or other government facility? _____ →	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Go to Item 18 17 <input type="checkbox"/> No → Go to Item 19 18		

Treatment or Testing (Continued)

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Enter information about each hospital, institution, or clinic where you have received treatment or care since the date in Item 8.

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Name of Facility		Address and ZIP Code Address of Facility (Street Address, City, State/Province, and ZIP Code)	
Attending Physician's Name		Area Code	
Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/>			
Patient Number			
Dates Treated or Tested	Describe Type of Treatment or Testing		

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Doctor Treatment

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Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:
Has your personal physician or other doctor treated you since the date in Item 8? Yes No

Yes → Go to Item ~~18~~ 19
 No → Go to Item ~~19~~ 20

Doctor Treatment (Continued)	XX 19	Enter information about each personal physician or other doctor who has treated you.			
a Name of Physician		Address and ZIP Code Address of Facility (Street Address, City, State/Province, and ZIP Code)			
Patient Number		Area Code	Telephone Number		
Dates Treated or Examined	Describe Type of Treatment or Testing				
b Name of Physician		Address and ZIP Code Address of Facility (Street Address, City, State/Province, and ZIP Code)			
Patient Number		Area Code	Telephone Number		
Dates Treated or Examined	Describe Type of Treatment or Testing				
c We are adding new Item 19c to provide room for a third Physician, if needed. Also, addition makes Item 19 consistent with Item 18, which provides for three Attending Physicians.					
Activity Restriction	XX 20	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Has a medical doctor restricted ^{your} daily activities since the date in Item 8?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Go to Item XX 21 <input type="checkbox"/> No → Go to Item XX 24	
XX Enter the name of the medical doctor who imposed the restriction.		See proposed text for Item 21 below.			
21 Enter the name of the medical doctor who imposed the restriction. Also enter the medical doctor's address if it has not been previously entered in Items 17 or 19.					
Name of Medical Doctor		Address of Medical Doctor (Street Address, City, State/Province and ZIP Code)			
XX 22 Enter the date the restriction began.			MONTH	YEAR	
XX Describe the restriction. Removed Current Item 25. Added the text to proposed Item 23.					

Activity Restriction (Cont)	<p>23 23 List and describe the condition(s) and how your daily activities were restricted by the condition(s).</p>					
Medication	<p>24 24 Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Are you currently taking prescribed medication(s)?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes ▶ Go to Item 25b 25 <input type="checkbox"/> No ▶ Go to Section 5 </p>					
	<p>25 25 Enter from the prescription labels the following information for all medications prescribed for you: Name or type of medication, dosage, and frequency. (For example, Penicillin, 1.5 gram tablet, 3 times a day.)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 45%;">Name/Type</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Dosage (Grams, Number of Pills, Etc.)</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Frequency</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="height: 100px;"> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name/Type	Dosage (Grams, Number of Pills, Etc.)	Frequency		
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Section 5 Information About Your Education And Training

Schooling	<p>26 Enter the highest grade of school you completed. ▶</p>						
	<p>27a 27a Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Are you currently attending school (including online)?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes ▶ Go to Item 27b <input type="checkbox"/> No ▶ Go to Item 28 </p>						
	<p>b Enter the date you began attending. ▶ _____ to Present</p>						
	<p>c Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Indicate what type of school you are attending or enter the services you receive. Use "Other" to indicate any other type of school not listed.</p> <p>Skip Item 28 and go to Item 29b.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Technical <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational <input type="checkbox"/> Services: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ </p>						
	<p>28 Enter the date that you last attended school. ▶</p> <table border="1" style="float: right; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Month</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Day</th> <th style="width: 50%;">Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"> </td> <td style="text-align: center;"> </td> <td style="text-align: center;"> </td> </tr> </table>	Month	Day	Year			
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	<p>29a 29a Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Have you attended technical school, or received specialized/vocational training or services?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes ▶ Go to Item 29b <input type="checkbox"/> No ▶ Go to Item 30 </p>						
	<p>b Describe the type of technical school you are attending or have attended, or training or services you are receiving or have received. If you have completed training, enter the period of time you attended or received the training.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Type</th> <th style="width: 25%;">From</th> <th style="width: 25%;">To</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="height: 50px;"> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Type	From	To			
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	<p>30 Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Have or will you receive a degree, certificate, or license for any training you received?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes ▶ Go to Item 31 <input type="checkbox"/> No ▶ Go to Section 6 </p>						
	<p>31 Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Is the degree, certificate, or license you received currently valid?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p>						
	<p>32 Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Have you used any of this training in your work?</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes ▶ Go to Item 33 <input type="checkbox"/> No ▶ Go to Section 6 </p>						

Section 6

Information About Your Daily Activities

Activities

33 Check the one box after each activity listed below that best describes your ability to do that activity.

- EASY - I can easily do the activity.
- DIFFICULT - I can do the activity with difficulty.
- HARD - I can only do the activity with assistance.
- NOT AT ALL - I cannot do the activity with assistance.
- N.A. - Not applicable

Activity	Easy	Difficult	Hard	Not At All	N.A.		Explain each "DIFFICULT," "HARD," and "NOT AT ALL" answer
Sitting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	▶	
Standing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	▶	
Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	▶	
Eating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	▶	
Bathing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	▶	
Dressing (Tying Shoes, Combing Hair, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	▶	
Other Bodily Needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	▶	
Indoor Chores (Meal Preparation, Laundry, Cleaning, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	▶	
Outdoor Chores (Shopping, Yardwork, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	▶	
Driving a Motor Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	▶	
Using Public Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	▶	
Conducting Personal Business (Talking to and Dealing with Other People)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	▶	
Reading English (For example, newspapers and magazines)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	▶	
Writing English (For example, notes and letters)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	▶	

35 Describe your daily activities during a normal day (i.e., a typical day from the time you get up until you go to bed).
34

36a Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:
35a Do you perform any volunteer work? Yes ▶ Go to Item **36b** **35b**
(Volunteer work is any work performed without pay.) No ▶ Go to Item **37** **36**

b Describe the volunteer work that you perform and enter the number of average hours you participate per week.

Volunteer Work	Average Hours Per Week

c Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:
Does your condition(s) restrict your ability to perform volunteer work? Yes ▶ Go to Item **36d** **35d**
 No ▶ Go to Item **37** **36**

d Describe the changes.

37a Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:
36a Do you participate in social or recreational activities? Yes ▶ Go to Item **37b** **36b**
For example, clubs, traveling, exercise, indoor/outdoor sports, hobbies/crafts, etc. No ▶ Go to Section 7

b Describe the social or recreational activities that you participate in and enter the number of average hours you participate per week.

Activity	Average Hours Per Week

c Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:
Does your condition(s) restrict your participation in the activities listed above? Yes ▶ Go to Item **37d** **36d**
 No ▶ Go to Section 7

d Describe the changes.

See Attached Item 37 (previously Item 39)

Work for an Employer	40 38	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Have you worked for pay for an employer in the last 12 months. (Do not include any self-employment.) →	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Go to Item 41 39 <input type="checkbox"/> No → Go to Item 43 41																								
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Self-Employment	43 41	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Have you been self-employed in the last 12 months? →	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Go to Item 44 42 <input type="checkbox"/> No → Go to Item 46 44																								
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Work Next 12 Months	46 44	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Do you expect to work during the next 12 months? (Include self-employment, if any.) →	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Go to Item 47 45 <input type="checkbox"/> No → Go to Section 8																								
	47 45	Enter the name and address of the person or company for whom you expect to work. (If self-employed, enter "Self.") →																									
	48 46	Enter the date(s) you expect to work. (For example, "June and July," "Indefinitely Starting 9-96," etc.) →																									
	49 47	Enter the gross amount you expect to earn. (If you are self-employed, enter the net amount.) →																									

Section 8 General Information

Filing AA-17 or AA-18 50 48	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: XXXX Are you filing either Form AA-17 or Form AA-18 at this time? \longrightarrow	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes \longrightarrow Go to Item 56 54 <input type="checkbox"/> No \longrightarrow Go to Item 51 49								
Social Security Benefits 51 49	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: X Have you filed, or expect to file, for monthly social security disability benefits? \longrightarrow	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes \longrightarrow Go to Item 52 50 <input type="checkbox"/> No \longrightarrow Go to Item 53 51								
52 50	Enter the social security claim number under which you have filed or will file. \longrightarrow	<table border="1"> <tr> <td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td> </tr> </table>								
Public Service Pension 53 51	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: XXXX Are you receiving or expect to receive a pension or X 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.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes \longrightarrow Go to Item 54 52 <input type="checkbox"/> No \longrightarrow Go to Item 56 54								
54 52	XXXXXX Are you, or were you, an employee of the Federal Government? \longrightarrow	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes \longrightarrow Go to Note and Item 56 54 <input type="checkbox"/> No \longrightarrow Go to Item 55 53								
Note: If answered "Yes," also complete and return the RRB Form G-208, Public Service Pension Questionnaire, and verification of your pension.										
55 53	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: my On my last day of employment, was were you employed by a state or local government or the military service and social security (FICA) taxes were being deducted from my public service earnings? \longrightarrow	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes \longrightarrow Go to Item 56 54 <input type="checkbox"/> No \longrightarrow Go to Note and Item 56 54								
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Criminal Offense 56 54	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Within the past 12 months, XXXXXX were you imprisoned or given a sentence of confinement due to a conviction for a criminal offense? \longrightarrow	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes \longrightarrow Go to Item 57 55 <input type="checkbox"/> No \longrightarrow Go to Section 9								
57 55	Enter the date of the conviction. \longrightarrow	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Month</td><td>Day</td><td>Year</td><td rowspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td><td> </td><td> </td> </tr> </table>	Month	Day	Year					
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58 56	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Is your disability related to the commission of the criminal offense? \longrightarrow	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No								
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61 59	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Is your disability related to your confinement? \longrightarrow	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No								
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Section 10 Certification

Certification

65 Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:
 I will have a guardian or other representative sign this application on my behalf. _____ →

Yes → **Go to Note and Item 66**
 No → **Go to Item 66**

Note: If answered "Yes," your guardian or other representative must sign this application. That person must also complete and return **Form AA-5, Application for Substitution of Payee.**

66 I know that if I make a false or fraudulent statement in order to receive benefits from the RRB, or if I fail to disclose earnings or report employment of any kind to the RRB, I am committing a crime which is punishable under Federal law.

I have received the booklet **RB-17b, Widow(er)'s Disability Benefits**. I understand that I am responsible for reporting any events that would affect my annuity, as explained in that booklet.

I certify that the information I gave to the RRB on this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

I agree to immediately notify the RRB:

- If I perform work for any employer, railroad or nonrailroad, or perform any self-employment work;
- If my condition improves;
- If I am confined in a jail, prison, penal institution, or correctional facility due to a conviction for a criminal offense.
- If my address changes;
- If I remarry;
- If I file for social security benefits based on **any** 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 disability annuity and fail to report work and earnings promptly, I am committing a crime punishable by Federal law and may result in criminal prosecution and/or penalty deductions in my annuity payments.

Signature _____ →
 (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)

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Date _____ →

Month	Day	Year

67 If this certification is signed by mark ("X") in Item 66, two witnesses who know the person signing must sign below, giving their full addresses and daytime telephone numbers.

a Signature of Witness

Address (Number and Street)

City, State, and ZIP Code

Daytime Telephone Number _____ →

Area Code	Telephone Number

b Signature of Witness

Address (Number and Street)

City, State, and ZIP Code

Daytime Telephone Number _____ →

Area Code	Telephone Number

Section XX Certification

Certification	<p>63a Did you complete this application with the assistance of an attorney or non-family member (RRB staff excluded)? ▶</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes ▶ Go to Item 63b <input type="checkbox"/> No ▶ Go to Item 64																
	<p>b Enter the name and address of the attorney or non-family member who assisted with completing this application. ▶</p>																	
	<p>c Did you pay a fee to the attorney or non-family member who assisted with completing this application? ▶</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No																
	<p>64 Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Will you have a guardian or other representative sign this application on your behalf? ▶</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes ▶ Go to Note and Item 65 <input type="checkbox"/> No ▶ Go to Item 65																
<p>Note: If answered "Yes," the guardian or other representative of the applicant must sign this application. That person must also complete and return Form AA-5, Application for Substitution Of Payee.</p>																		
<p>65 I certify that the information I gave the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I know that if I make a false or fraudulent statement or withhold information in order to receive benefits from the RRB, I am committing a crime under Federal law which may be punishable by fines, imprisonment, or both. I have received and reviewed the booklets, RB-17b, Widow(er)'s Disability Benefits. I understand that I am responsible for reporting events that would affect my annuity as explained in the booklet.</p> <p>I agree to immediately notify the RRB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If I perform work for any employer, railroad or nonrailroad, or perform any self-employment work; • If my condition improves; • If I am confined in a jail, prison, penal institution, or correctional facility due to a conviction for a criminal offense; • If my address changes; • If I remarry; • If I file for social security benefits based on any 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 changes. <p>I know that if I am receiving a disability annuity and fail to report work and earnings promptly, I am committing a crime punishable by Federal law that may result in criminal prosecution and/or penalty deductions in my annuity payments.</p> <p>Signature (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name) ▶ </p> <p>Date ▶ <table border="1" style="display: inline-table; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr> <th colspan="2">Month</th> <th colspan="2">Day</th> <th colspan="4">Year</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table></p>			Month		Day		Year											
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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~~¹³ 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~~¹³, 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 an average of ~~40~~⁴⁵ to ~~50~~⁵⁵ 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~~^{Associate Information Officer for Policy and Compliance,} Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611-~~2092~~¹²⁷⁵.

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.

Receipt For Your Claim

EMPLOYEE'S NAME

APPLICANT'S NAME

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD CLAIM NUMBER

DATE CLAIM RECEIVED

Your application for railroad retirement disability benefits has been received and will be processed as quickly as possible. If you change your address, or if there is some other change that may affect your claim, you or your representative should report the change. The changes to be reported are listed below. Always give us your claim number when writing or calling about your claim. If you have any questions about your claim we will be glad to help you. If you need to personally visit one of our field offices, please call for an appointment. You will not be refused service if you do not have an appointment, but our staff can serve you better when an appointment is made. Most offices are open to the public from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM ~~Monday through Friday~~ **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Wednesday.**

Always Report These Changes To The RRB

- **Address** — If your address changes.
- **Work** — If I ~~perform~~ **perform** work for any employer, railroad or nonrailroad, or perform any self-employment work.
- **Remarriage** — If you remarry.
- **Condition** — If your condition improves.
- **Social Security** — If you file for benefits on **any** person's earnings.
- **Criminal Offense** — If you are confined in a jail, prison, penal institution, or correctional facility due to a conviction for a criminal offense.
- **Public Service Pension** — If you begin to receive a pension from an agency of the Federal, state, or local government or if your present payments change.

How To Report Changes

When a change occurs after you are entitled to disability benefits, you should report the change at once. You or your representative can make the reports by telephone, mail, or in person, whichever you prefer.

To report any of the above changes, contact:



 Telephone Number:

If for some reason you cannot contact that office, you should contact:

- ▶ U S RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD
844 N RUSH ST
CHICAGO IL 60611-~~2092~~ **1275**