

<b>CLAIMANT APPEAL UNDER THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACT OR RAILROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT</b>			
<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> Read the "Important Notice" on the next page and the accompanying Form HA-2 before completing this form.</p>	RRB Claim Number		
<p><b>RETURN the completed form to:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Hearings and Appeals                  Railroad Retirement Board                  844 North Rush Street                  Chicago, Illinois 60611-1275</p>	Print Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)		
	Print Address (Number, Street/Apt. No., Po Box)		
	City	State	ZIP Code
	Telephone Number (     )		
<p><b>Complete either Item A or B</b> ➤</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A. I hereby appeal the reconsideration decision reported in a letter dated _____. <input type="checkbox"/> B. I hereby appeal the Hearings Officer's decision reported in a letter dated _____. 		
<p>This appeal is based on what I believe to be mistakes of fact or errors of law. Details of these mistakes are as follows.</p>			
<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)</p>			
<input type="checkbox"/> I have no additional evidence. <input type="checkbox"/> I intend to submit additional evidence as follows: _____			
<p>I certify that the information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I know that if I have made a false or fraudulent statement on this form or with any of the supporting evidence submitted, I am committing a crime which is punishable under Federal law by fine or imprisonment or both.</p>			
<b>IF CLAIMANT IS REPRESENTED</b>	Signature of Claimant		
Name of Representative	Date Signed		
Address			
Telephone No. (     )	<p><i>If this appeal is filed by a person other than the claimant, state below the relationship to the claimant.                  (For example, Executor, Administrator, Guardian, etc.)</i></p> <p>_____</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Attorney			

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### **Collection and Use of Information from Your Appeal Form**

Under section 7(b)~~(6)~~<sup>7(b)(3) or just 7(b)</sup> of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 and section ~~5(b)~~<sup>5(c)</sup> of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is authorized to ask you for the information on this form. You are not required to provide us with this information, however, if you do not do so, we cannot process your appeal. ✓✓

Although the information ~~which~~ we request is almost never used for any purpose other than the processing of your appeal, the RRB does have the authority to release some or all of the following information to the indicated individuals, organizations, and/or agencies without your approval:

- 1) Information may be release<sup>d</sup> to an attorney, the Office of the President, a Congressional office, a labor union, or to the Department of State's embassy or consular offices if they allege to be representing you at your request. ✓
- 2) Information may be released to other people who are receiving benefits based on the same railroad retirement account as you are, if the information affects their payments from the RRB.
- 3) Information may be released to a person who will receive benefits on your behalf, if the RRB decides that some medical condition keeps you from receiving your own benefits. ✓
- 4) Information (including medical records) may be released to people or organizations who are working for the RRB.
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A complete list of the persons, organizations or agencies to which the information you gave us may be released is published in the Federal Register. The current list is available in any office of the RRB, if you wish to see it.

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