

White Paper
Non-Substantive Changes: VA Form 20-0995 & 20-0996
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Issue

The Office of Administrative Review (OAR) owns VA Form 20-0995, *Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim*, and VA Form 20-0996, *Decision Review Request: Higher-Level Review*. OAR proposes non-substantive content changes to these forms, that require a review by the Office of Management & Budget.

Purpose

This white paper provides an explanation of the proposed non-substantive changes to the VA Form 20-0995 and VA Form 20-0996.

Discussion

VA Form 20-0995 will now include a website to provide the Veteran, or claimant, with information of the evidence needed to decide their pension, dependency and indemnity compensation or accrued benefit claim. The form now includes this website in Part IV of the instructions section and Part IV of the VA Form. This change does not increase the burden to the Veteran, or claimant.

Other non-substantive changes have been made to both the VA Form 20-0995 and VA Form 20-0996 to align with the Board of Veterans' Appeals VA Form 10182, *Notice of Disagreement*, to remove an opt-in box that advised Veterans, or claimants, they could opt into a decision review from a pending legacy appeal. OAR instead included explanatory wording both within the form and in the instructions to outline the opt-in process to the Veteran or claimant. These changes provide the Veteran with the same information but remove the need to check an opt-in box. The changes do not increase the burden to the Veteran, or claimant.

Recommended Action

Approve the updated forms to reflect the recommended non-substantive changes.

Signature

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