

Disability Compensation Claims Process Survey

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EMAIL SUBJECT LINE: VA Disability Compensation Claims Process Survey (5 minutes)

EMAIL PREHEADER: Tell us about your experience with the VA Disability Compensation Claims Process

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Your opinion matters.

Dear <First Name Last Name>,

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Thank you,

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The following questions ask about the disability claim that you most recently received a decision on.

This survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

All questions below are required.

[1] Please indicate how you filed your disability compensation claim:

Required

- ☐ Online
- ☐ By mail or fax
- ☐ In person
- ☐ Someone submitted on my behalf

[2] Please indicate the help you relied on the most throughout the disability compensation claims process:

Required

- ☐ No assistance
- ☐ VA Call Center Representative
- ☐ VA employee (in-person)
- ☐ National Veteran Service Organization Representative
- ☐ County Veteran Service Officer
- ☐ State Veteran Service Organization Representative

- Attorney or accredited agent
- Family member or friend

[3] Please indicate the VA informational resource you used the most throughout the disability compensation claims process:

Required

- VA website (e.g., VA.gov) or app
- VA printed media (I.e., benefits booklet, pamphlet, brochure or poster)
- Correspondence from VA regarding compensation claims (e.g., evidence gathering letter, emails)
- VA digital/social media (e.g., VA Facebook, YouTube)
- Other
- I did not use any VA resources

Logic: The answer selected for this question is inserted in Q4.

Pipe-in values:

- VA website or app
- VA printed media
- Correspondence from VA regarding compensation claims
- VA digital/social media

Logic: If the respondent selects "Other" pipe in "the VA informational resource indicated above"

[4] The [VA resource selected in Q3] helped me to know what to expect throughout the disability compensation claims process.

Required

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable (N/A)
1	2	3	4	5	☐

You selected [pipe]. Please tell us more about why you selected this response.

0/400

Pipe-in value is the respondent response from the question
Logic: if the respondent selects "N/A", Comment box does NOT appear

[5] The VA communicated what evidence was needed to support my disability compensation claim.

Required

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable (N/A)
1	2	3	4	5	☐

You selected [pipe]. Please tell us more about why you selected this response.

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[6] I believe the compensation medical exam process (e.g., scheduling, notice, travel) was easy.

Required

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Applicable (N/A)
1	2	3	4	5	☐

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[7] The online platform and/or letters gave me useful status updates throughout the disability compensation claims process.

Required

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[8] I received the results of my disability compensation claim in a reasonable amount of time.

Required

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[9] VA's notification letter thoroughly explained the reasons and bases for my disability compensation claims decision.

Required

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[10] I believe I got a fair rating decision for my disability compensation claim.

Required

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[11] I felt the evidence submitted in my disability compensation claim was fully reviewed and considered.

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[12] I understood that I had additional options if I disagreed with my disability compensation claim decision (e.g., decision review, appeal).

Required

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[13] I trust the VA to make fair and accurate decisions on disability compensation claims.

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