

**Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Prosthetic and Sensory Aids**

Agency Information Collection Activity:

Application for Annual Clothing Allowance – VA Form 10-8678

OMB Control No. 2900-0198

VA received one comment in response to the Application for the Annual Clothing Allowance 60-Day Federal Register Notice (VA-2026-VACO-0001-0027, FR Doc No: 2026-02202) on February 3, 2026.

VA-2026-VACO-0001-0029– We appreciate the commentor’s concerns-suggestions, and Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service (PSAS) responds as follows:

- The commenter expresses concerns that eligibility for this benefit is not consistently cross-referenced with service-connected conditions, prescribed medications, or issued appliances. The commenter suggests affirmatively notifying these veterans of the clothing allowance, including adding standardized language to the VBA rating decision notification letter advising the veteran of potential eligibility for this benefit.
 - o VA acknowledges the commenter’s concerns and suggestions, and we will take them under advisement. However, there is no direct impact on revising the clothing allowance application. The commenter’s feedback is related to the eligibility and entitlement criteria, which do not impact VA’s goal to reduce the collection burden for this application.
- The commenter raises equity concerns of disparity in adjudicating the clothing allowance benefit for women and men. The commenter suggests more consistency in applying the standard of “clothing damage,” as well as internal agency training to address male and female specific medical conditions that impact clothing damage.
 - o VA does not acknowledge that there is a disparity in applying the clothing allowance benefit for female and male veterans. However, VA will review adjudication training and procedures to reaffirm consistent approval of the clothing allowance benefit for all eligible veterans.
- The commenter also suggests that veterans should be able to apply for the clothing allowance through VA.gov, My HealtheVet, and the VA mobile app, with automated annual reminders prior to the filing deadline.
 - o VA takes these suggestions under advisement. VA is planning a future electronic/digital version of the form through va.gov and will look into further integrated technologies to make it easier for eligible veterans to apply for the clothing allowance benefit.

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PSAS appreciates the opportunity to review and respond to these comments. As noted above, while we take the commenter's suggestions under advisement, PSAS will make no changes to the clothing allowance application form at this time.

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