

Veteran's Pension Claims Checklist

To file a fully developed Veteran's Pension claim, you must provide the following:

- DD Form 214 or equivalent with proof of wartime service.
- The Veteran must have served at least 90 days of active duty, including one day during a wartime period. If the active duty occurred after September 7, 1980, the Veteran must have served at least 24 months or the full period of obligation (with some exceptions). The VA recognizes these periods of war time:
 - Mexican Border: May 9, 1916 through April 5, 1917
 - World War I: April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918
 - World War II: December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946
 - Korean War: June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955
 - Vietnam War: August 5, 1964 through May 7, 1975
(November 1, 1955 through August 5, 1964 for Veterans who served "in country")
 - Gulf War: August 2, 1990 through present
- If the Veteran is under the age of 65, not in receipt of SSDI, or not in a nursing home, also need:
 - Copies of recent medical records, signed by a physician, showing clinical description of permanent and totally disabled (P&T) status, diagnosis, and prognosis.
- If Veteran or spouse have previously been married, a complete history of previous marriages such as date of marriage, location of marriage (city and state), person they married, how marriage ended (death or divorce), date and location marriage ended (city and state).
- Proof of all current income and net-worth information, such as Social Security benefits, retirement income, dividends, and investments.
- List of all recurring yearly medical expenses such as insurance premiums and cost of in-home care or facility fees.
- Direct deposit information, account number, and bank routing number.

If you have dependents, the following additional information is also required:

- Copy of birth certificates or final decree of adoption for dependent children.
- Social Security numbers of dependents.

If claiming aid and attendance or housebound benefits, the following additional information

is required:

- A completed VA Form 21-2680, Examination for Housebound Status of Permanent Need for Regular Aid and Attendance. www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-2680-ARE
- If claimant is in a nursing home, provide VA Form 21-0779, Requesting for Nursing Home Information in Connection with Claim for Aid and Attendance.
www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-0779-ARE

Our office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except for Federal holidays. When required, in-person meetings are by appointment only, at all three of our locations.

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