

# VA's Rapid Appeals Modernization Program (RAMP)

## What is RAMP?

RAMP allows Veterans to seek faster resolution of their disagreement with VA's decision on a disability compensation claim. Opting into RAMP means you can remove your appeal from the old, limited appeals process and enter the new, more efficient review process. In RAMP, you can choose between two new ways to have your disagreement reviewed: as a supplemental claim or via a higher-level review. VA will then provide you with a decision on your disagreement **in an average of 125 days**.





## VA Appeals Modernization

RAMP is part of VA's larger Appeals Modernization Program. On August 23, 2017, the President signed the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017 (Appeals Modernization Act) into law, creating a new process that allows VA to improve the delivery of benefits and services to Veterans and their families.

The Appeals Modernization Act establishes a new review process for VA claims that is timely, transparent and fair. Although the new Appeals Modernization Act process does not go into effect until February 2019, VA is giving eligible Veterans the opportunity to participate in two of the new review lanes early through RAMP.




## Are you eligible for RAMP?

Veterans who have a disability compensation appeal pending in one of the following legacy appeal stages are able to opt into RAMP:

-  Notice of Disagreement (NOD)
-  Form 9, Appeal to Board of Veterans' Appeals
-  Certified to the Board (sent to the Board but not yet formally placed on its docket)
-  Remand from the Board to VBA

## Opting into RAMP

Now, any Veteran with an eligible disability compensation appeal may choose to opt into RAMP. To find out if your disability compensation appeal is in an eligible stage you can go to [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov) and use the Appeals Status Tool. There are three ways you can opt into RAMP:

-  You may receive an invitation in the mail to opt into RAMP from VA.
-  You can visit VA's RAMP information page at: <http://benefits.va.gov/benefits/appeals-ramp.asp> and print out the RAMP form.
-  You can call VA at 1-800-827-1000 to have the forms mailed to you.

Once you have selected your RAMP review lane, sign and mail or fax the document back to VA.

