



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Benefits Administration

Disability Benefits Questionnaire

Overview

Veterans can download and use Disability Benefit Questionnaires (DBQs) in the disability evaluation process. DBQs can help speed up the processing of compensation and pension claims.

Using a DBQ, Veterans and Service members can complete an exam for the disability claims process with their own health care providers. This provides more control over the claims process. DBQs allow private health care providers to gather the information VA needs for evaluating Veterans' claims. However, if a private provider charges a fee, the Veteran is responsible for paying.

More than 70 DBQs are available. They use check boxes and standardized language. The average DBQ length is seven pages. Visit the DBQ website at https://www.benefits.va.gov/COMPENSATION/dbq_disabilityexams.asp for more information.

How to Find and Submit a DBQ

Follow these four steps:

1. Access the form you need online at https://www.benefits.va.gov/COMPENSATION/dbq_disabilityexams.asp.
2. Give the form to your health care provider to complete.
3. Save a copy for your records.
4. Submit the form to VA.

VBA Transformation

DBQs are part of the Transformation Plan implemented by VBA. The goals of the plan are:

- Eliminate disability claims backlog.
- Increase access to services and benefits.
- End Veteran homelessness.

VBA aims to increase efficiency, while further engaging Veterans, Service members, survivors and their families.

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VBA advocates for Veterans, Service members and their families. Their mission is to honor military service by delivering benefits and services. This includes assisting in readjustment, enhancing lives and gaining trust.

VBA is responsible for:

- Compensation and pension programs
- Education programs
- Home loan guaranty programs
- Life insurance programs
- Vocational rehabilitation and employment programs