

## Applying for Benefits to the Department of Veterans Affairs



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The items below are listed for your convenience in applying for benefits to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Any claim that is filed to the VA needs to have the following documentation ***if that applies to you.***

- DD 214
- Marriage Certificate
- Social Security Numbers for **all** dependents
- Birth Certificates for **all** children with current address and address of the person caring for them
- Divorce papers for **all** previous marriages for both vet and spouse
- List of all employers for past five years (name, address and phone number)
- Any private diagnosis or treatment records that you have or can get from your doctor or facility that treated you
- List all addresses and phone numbers of private Doctors and Hospitals that have treated you for your claimed disability
- List of **all** VA Medical Facilities where you have been treated with the approximate dates of treatment

These are the most important documents that you can bring. It now takes an average of 10 to 12 months for a decision to be made on a claim. Having the above information that applies to you can speed up the process. We will still file your claim but additional benefits for your dependents will be delayed without the above listed documents.

Thank you for your help,  
The VSC Staff