Frequently Asked Questions

What is VA disability compensation?

Disability compensation is a tax-free benefit paid to a Veteran because of a service-connected disability.

What is a service-connected disability?

A service-connected disability is a disability related to an injury or disease that developed during or was aggravated while on active duty or active duty for training. VA also pays disability compensation for disabilities resulting from injury, heart attack, or stroke that occurred during inactive duty training.

Who is eligible to receive disability compensation from VA?

You may be eligible for disability compensation if you have a service-connected disability and were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.



VA adopted five core values that define "who we are," our culture, and how we care for Veterans, their families, and other beneficiaries. The values are Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect, and Excellence (I-CARE).