



DVA Veteran Compensation Assessments for Medical Providers

Quick Reference Guide:

What to include and what to avoid

The medical provider's role is to provide clear clinical evidence. DVA's role is to apply legislation and determine compensation outcomes.

Most DVA compensation assessments can be completed using information gathered through routine clinical practice and do not require medicolegal expertise, legal interpretation or military knowledge.

What to do ✓

- ✓ Complete the DVA form provided without reformatting
- ✓ Use information obtained through usual clinical practice
- ✓ Provide veteran-specific information (avoid generic templates)
- ✓ When requested, include a completed Provider Acknowledgement form

This should identify:

- Doctor-patient relationship
- Telehealth utilisation
- AI-assisted report preparation

Permanent Impairment Assessments

✓ Do accurately describe the veteran's impairment, including

- ✓ The usual of functioning, not the best or worst days
- ✓ All conditions causing impairment
- ✓ Whether the conditions are stable or improving
- ✓ Aligning treatment recommendations with the impairment described

Liability assessments-diagnosis

✓ Do provide a clear clinical diagnosis supported by:

- ✓ Symptoms and clinical history
- ✓ Physical examination findings
- ✓ Relevant investigation results
- ✓ Important negative findings that influenced diagnosis

Supporting clinical evidence

✓ Do provide copies (where relevant) of:

- ✓ Clinical notes
- ✓ Specialist correspondence
- ✓ Medical history
- ✓ Patient Health Summary
- ✓ Imaging reports
- ✓ Pathology results
- ✓ Histology reports
- ✓ Neurophysiological or other diagnostic testing



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What to avoid

Avoid legal or compensation commentary such as:

-  Interpreting DVA legislation or advising whether legislative requirements are met
-  Applying legal tests and case law precedents
-  Calculating impairment ratings or compensation outcomes
-  Identifying RMA Statements of Principles

Avoid unnecessary investigations

-  Imaging of asymptomatic body regions
-  Investigations outside the requested conditions
-  Investigations solely for compensation purposes

Avoid incidental findings and screening for new condition

Do NOT focus on:

-  Unrelated incidental findings
-  Clinically insignificant abnormalities
-  Looking for asymptomatic conditions

Avoid literature reviews or defence records analysis

There is no need to:

-  Conduct literature reviews
-  Summarise journal articles
-  Provide academic evidence reviews
-  Review entire Defence Service Medical Records