

Allsup Veterans Disability Appeal Service® Fact Sheet

Having A Representative Like Allsup Makes A Difference

An increasing amount of veterans are hiring representatives to assist them through the complex veterans disability appeal process. Paid representatives have, on average, a higher approval rate and lower denial rate than free support groups and veterans who apply alone at the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) level.

In addition, receiving a higher disability rating means a larger benefit amount. Recent studies have shown that veterans who use a representative see their annual average benefits nearly double when compared to those who apply alone. Having a paid VA-accredited Claims Agent such as Allsup can significantly improve your chances for a successful appeal.

Allsup's VA-accredited Claims Agents Understand Your Rights In The Process

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will often grant service-connected disability benefits, but assign an inadequate rating or an incorrect effective date for the award. However, many veterans are unaware of the complex laws and regulations that govern these areas. We can help ensure you receive the maximum benefit.

We Do All The Work For You

We specialize in disability and know how the VA process works. Our VA-accredited Claims Agents understand how to develop a well-documented appeal that is likely to succeed. We collect and continuously update your medical information and other evidence, communicate with the VA on your behalf and will represent and prepare you for a hearing, if necessary.

Allsup's Fees

There is no cost unless we win your appeal or you receive higher benefits on appeal. Our fee, which is monitored by the VA's Office of General Counsel (OGC), is 20 percent of the past-due amount awarded. There may be additional expenses, such as fees charged to

us by your doctors for medical records. However, these additional expenses will be waived if Allsup also assists you for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits.

Allsup's fee is withheld by the VA from your retroactive benefit payment. This is the typical method used by the VA and VA-accredited Claims Agents. After a benefit is granted, the VA will send you 80 percent of the retroactive award amount.

Sample Veteran Income After Disability Compensation Benefit	
Veteran	Linda
Age	45
Award Received	24 months after effective filing date
Rating Decision	60%
Monthly Benefit	\$1,041.39
Retroactive Benefits Received	\$24,993.36 (60% rating = \$1,041.39 x 24 mos.)
One-Time Allsup Fee	\$4,998.67 (20% x \$24,993.36)
Immediate Veteran Income	\$19,994.69 (\$24,993.36 - \$4,998.67)
Future Annual Benefits	\$12,496.68 (60% rating = \$1,041.39 x 12 mos.)

Example (see box above): You are not **currently rated** and granted a **60 percent** rating with a 24-month past due award. Your award would be approximately **\$24,993.36**. The fee would be **\$4,998.67**. (60 percent rating = \$1,041.39 x 24 mos. = \$24,993.36).

Example: You are **currently rated 60 percent and awarded 100 percent** with a 36-month past due award. Your award would be approximately **\$65,406.60**. The fee would be **\$13,081.32**. (100 percent rating = \$2,858.24 – 60 percent rating of \$1,041.39 = \$1,816.85 x 36 mos. = \$65,406.60).



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Allsup Offers True Help® While Waiting For Benefits

The VA appeal process is long. On average, it takes approximately 1,730 days (that's over four years) for an appeal to reach the BVA. In addition, Regional Offices typically take more than a year to comply with a remand decision by the BVA.

Allsup can provide support during this difficult time period with other valuable services such as the Allsup *Disability Life Planning Service*® (DLPS). This personalized, fee-based service identifies support opportunities and financial assistance programs that can help you survive on a limited income and protect existing assets. For more information or to enroll, please visit dlps.allsup.com or call (888) 271-1173.



Meet Brett Buchanan: An Allsup VA-accredited Claims Agent

Brett attended Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., and participated in the Army ROTC program. Upon graduation, he was commissioned into the U.S. Army as a field artillery officer and stationed in Germany. He was deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom where he supervised the security of U.S. Department of Defense officials visiting Baghdad, Iraq, and earned a Bronze Star for combat operations.

After the Army, he attended St. Louis University School of Law. As a student, he worked part-time helping veterans with their claims before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. After graduation, he assisted veterans at both the VA Regional Office and Board of Veterans' Appeals. He became an Allsup VA-accredited Claims Agent in 2012 and now represents veterans nationwide. Brett is a member of the National Organization for Veterans' Advocates.

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