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 those with 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	\$1,059.09
Retroactive Benefits Received	\$25,418.16 (60% rating = \$1,059.09 x 24 mos.)
One-Time Allsup Fee	\$5,083.63 (20% x \$25,418.16)
Immediate Veteran Income	\$20,334.53 (\$25,418.16 - \$5,083.63)
Future Annual Benefits	\$12,709.08 (60% rating = \$1,059.09 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 **\$25,418.16**. The fee would be **\$5,083.63**. (60 percent rating = \$1,059.09 x 24 mos. = \$25,418.16).

Example: You are **currently rated 60 percent and awarded 100 percent** with a 36-month past due award. Your award would be approximately \$66,518.64. The fee would be \$13,303.73. (100 percent rating = \$2,906.83 - 60 percent rating of $$1,059.09 = $1,847.74 \times 36 \text{ mos.} = $66,518.64$).



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How the *Allsup Veterans Disability Appeal* Service Can Help You

If you're denied benefits or don't receive a fully favorable rating decision, Allsup's VA-accredited Claims Agents can help you file an appeal. We encourage you to take advantage of our free disability appeal review to determine if you're eligible or have reason to appeal.

We Specialize in Disability Benefits

Our staff members, many of whom are veterans themselves, understand the complexity of the VA system and your rights in the appeal process. We can save you stress and help you avoid mistakes that could delay or deny your claim and affect your financial situation.





Meet Brett Buchanan: An Allsup VA-accredited Claims Agent

Brett attended Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, 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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