

VA Disability Ratings

▶ There are many benefits available to veterans from both state and federal agencies. Many of these benefits are only available to veterans with service-connected disabilities. The Veterans Administration (VA) determines the level of disability using a rating system. Veterans are rated at 0% to 100% disabled depending on the severity of their disabilities.

▶ You must file a claim to receive a disability rating. You can file a claim for disability at any time. It is recommended that service members file within the first year of discharge so all reasonable medical conditions that occurred during service can be identified as service-connected. These medical conditions may be rated at **0%**, or may be considered a more serious disability and receive a higher rating. Either way, they are now **service-connected** and if you have problems later in life, VA will provide medical care and possibly increase the disability rating. Presumed - that it may worsen with age!

▶ We have had success with veterans separated from the military for over 50 years.

▶ As an example, even a **0%** disability rating for a mild hearing loss qualifies the children of a veteran for the California College Fee Waiver Program.

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