



DISABILITY RATING AND WHAT IT MEANS

RATINGS BY PERCENTAGE

0%

You can qualify for certain ancillary benefits, such as health care, but you will not receive monthly compensation.

10%

You must receive a disability rating of 10-percent or higher to be eligible for a monthly benefit check from the VA.

30%

At a 30 percent or higher rating, Veterans are eligible for additional benefits for dependents living in their household.

100%

A 100-percent rating usually corresponds with a total disability or a condition that VA deems extremely limiting.

The VA updates its schedule of benefits each year, the current VA Disability Compensation Amounts are based on rating. So, while your rating does matter in the eyes of the VA, keep in mind that conditions rated at 0% which are service-connected will be eligible for compensation if the condition worsens.

You will not have to show that the condition was caused by service because the VA has already determined that it is and simply thinks your current symptoms do not warrant monthly compensation.

KEEP IN MIND

If you have two separate service-connected medical conditions, be advised that the VA does not add your ratings together to determine your total rating. Instead, they use their own formula to combine multiple disability ratings.

Depending on your conditions' combined rating and your ability to sustain employment, you may be eligible for Total Disability Based on Individual Unemployability (TDIU). TDIU allows Veterans to be compensated at the 100-percent rate in cases where their service-connected disabilities impact their ability to work. However, several factors need to occur in order for a Veteran to qualify for TDIU.



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