

VA Review Options And Deadlines

Independent educational reference for ordinary modernized disability-compensation decisions. Last checked October 25, 2026.
Read the dated notice and the instructions for the issue.

Route	Ordinary Window	Evidence And Limits
Supplemental Claim	Within one year for continuous pursuit; generally possible later with effective-date risk.	Generally new and relevant evidence, or a qualifying change in law. VA can help obtain identified evidence.
Higher-Level Review	One year after an initial or Supplemental Claim decision.	Closed record. No new evidence. Cannot repeat the same HLR decision or review a Board decision.
Board Appeal	One year after an initial, Supplemental Claim, or HLR decision.	Select Direct Review, Evidence Submission, or Hearing. Their evidence windows differ. Contested claims have different rules, usually a 60-day Board window.
Court Notice Of Appeal	120 days after notice of a final Board decision.	File with the Court, not VA. Reconsideration, tolling, closures and late-filing rules need individual review.
Complete Claim After Intent To File	One year after the intent to file.	An intent to file does not extend HLR, Board or Court deadlines.

Intent To File And Supplemental Claims. Under VA's manual, a qualifying intent to file received within one year of the decision notice may preserve continuous pursuit if a qualifying complete Supplemental Claim follows within one year of that intent, even after the decision year. This does not extend Higher-Level Review, Board, or Court deadlines. [VA Manual X.ii.2.A.2.b-c](#).

Confirm the deadline printed in your notice. If they differ, your notice controls. If a notice or calculator appears inconsistent with law, obtain accredited help promptly. This chart does not decide exceptions.

Calendar Checks

Time-computation rules exclude the starting day and generally move a final weekend or legal holiday to the next eligible day. Confirm exceptional closures and filing methods. Do not treat mail presumptions as automatic extra time. Keep proof of timely filing.

Official Sources And Free Help

[VA.gov/decision-reviews/](https://va.gov/decision-reviews/)

[38 CFR 3.2500](#); [38 CFR 3.110](#); [38 CFR 20.110](#); [CAVC Rule 4](#) and [Rule 26](#).

VeteranClaimsGuide.com/tools/va-deadline-calculator/

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