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# H1: **Get help from a VA accredited representative or VSO**

[meta description] Get help from a VA accredited representative, like an accredited attorney, claims agent, or Veterans Service Organization (VSO) representative.

Intro: An accredited attorney, claims agent, or Veterans Service Organization (VSO) representative can help you file a claim or request a decision review. Learn how to find and appoint one of these types of accredited representatives to help you.

## **[h2] Types of accredited representatives**

These individuals can provide you with responsible, qualified representation on your VA benefit claims:

* Accredited Veterans Service Organization (VSO) representatives
* Accredited attorneys
* Accredited claims agents

[Learn more about accredited representatives](https://www.va.gov/resources/va-accredited-representative-faqs)

## **[h2] Check if you already have an accredited representative**

We don’t automatically assign you an accredited representative, but you may have appointed one in the past.

If you appoint a new accredited representative, they will replace your current one.

### **[h3] Sign in to check if you have an accredited representative**

Sign in with your existing **Login.gov, ID.me, DS Logon,** or **My HealtheVet** account. If you don’t have any of these accounts, you can create a free **Login.gov** or **ID.me** account now.

[**Sign in or create an account**](https://www.va.gov/get-help-from-accredited-representative/?next=loginModal)

## **[H2] Find an accredited representative to appoint**

Use our search tool to find an accredited representative. Keep in mind that the services an accredited VSO representative provides on your VA benefit claims are always free. But an accredited attorney or claims agent can charge you fees for their services.

**[action link]** [**Find an accredited representative**](https://www.va.gov/get-help-from-accredited-representative/find-rep/)

### **[h3] Contact the accredited representative**

After you find the accredited representative you’d like to appoint, you should contact them to ask if they’re available to help you.

If you’d like to appoint an accredited VSO representative, you should also ask them which organization to name on your form.

## **[h2] Appoint an accredited representative**

Fill out one of the PDF forms listed here. The form you’ll need to fill out depends on the type of accredited representative you’re appointing.

You can appoint a new accredited representative, or you can replace your current one.

**Note:** Both you and the accredited representative will need to sign your form.

* **If you’re appointing an accredited VSO representative,** fill out an Appointment of Veterans Service Organization as Claimant’s Representative (VA Form 21-22).  
  [Get VA Form 21-22 to download](https://www.va.gov/find-forms/about-form-21-22)
* **If you’re appointing an accredited attorney or claims agent,** fill out an Appointment of Individual as Claimant’s Representative (VA Form 21-22a).  
  [Get VA Form 21-22a to download](https://www.va.gov/find-forms/about-form-21-22a)

You or the accredited representative can submit your form in any of these 3 ways.

### **[h3] Option 1: Upload your form through AccessVA**

Upload your form using the QuickSubmit tool through AccessVA. If it’s your first time signing in to this tool, you’ll need to register first. After you’ve registered, you can upload your form.

[Upload your form through AccessVA](https://eauth.va.gov/accessva/?cspSelectFor=quicksubmit)

### **[h3] Option 2: Submit your form by mail**

Send your form to the address that’s right for you.

#### **[accordion] To get help filing a disability compensation claim**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Evidence Intake Center  
PO Box 4444  
Janesville, WI 53547-4444

#### **[accordion] To get help applying for pension and survivor benefits**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Pension Intake Center  
PO Box 5365  
Janesville, WI 53547-5365

#### **[accordion] To get help requesting a Board Appeal**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Board of Veterans’ Appeals  
PO Box 27063  
Washington, DC 20038

#### **[accordion] To get help appointing a fiduciary**

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Fiduciary Intake  
PO Box 95211  
Lakeland, FL 33804-5211

### **[h3] Option 3: Submit your form in person**

Bring your form to a VA regional office near you.

[Find a VA regional office near you](https://www.va.gov/find-locations/)

## **[h2] How to contact us if you have questions**

You can call us at [800-698-2411, ext. 0](tel:8006982411,0) ([TTY: 711](tel:711)). We’re here 24/7.

## **More information**

### [**VA accredited representative FAQs**](https://www.va.gov/resources/va-accredited-representative-faqs)

Get answers to common questions about VA-accredited representatives.

### [**How to file a VA disability claim**](https://www.va.gov/disability/how-to-file-claim)

Find out how to file a claim for disability compensation or increased disability compensation.

### [**How to apply for a VA pension as a Veteran**](https://www.va.gov/pension/how-to-apply)

Find out how to apply for tax-free VA pension benefits as a Veteran.

### [**Choosing a decision review option**](https://www.va.gov/resources/choosing-a-decision-review-option)

If you disagree with a VA decision, you can choose from 3 decision review options to continue your case.