

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS TO HELP YOU COMPLETE THE AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION TO A THIRD PARTY

GENERAL INFORMATION

At VA, we recognize and respect the importance of privacy. Personal information that we collect is kept confidential to the extent provided by law. In accordance with the Privacy Act and applicable confidentiality statutes, VA will only disclose the information in its custody or control in the following circumstances: where the individual identifies the particular information and consents to its use; where disclosure of the information is required by law; or where the disclosure is otherwise legally permitted, including release for a purpose compatible with the purpose for which it was collected.

By law, VA must have your written permission (an "authorization") to use or give out your claim or benefit information for any purpose that is not permitted by all applicable legal authorities. You may revoke your written permission at any time, except if VA has already acted based on your permission.

QUESTIONS	SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS	
1 - 5	In this section, give us the veteran's identification information to include name, social security number, VA file number, date of birth and the veteran's service number, if applicable.	
6 - 9	In this section, provide the beneficiary/claimant's identification information, who <i>is not</i> the veteran.	
10 - 13	In Item 10 VA will give your personal benefit or claim information to the person or organization you enter in this box. You may select only <i>one person</i> or <i>one organization</i> . If you designate an organization, you must also identify one or more individuals in that organization to whom VA may disclose your benefit or claim information. This form <i>cannot</i> be used to disclose federal tax information to third parties. IMPORTANT: The information provided in Item 6, "Name of Beneficiary/Claimant Who Is Not the Veteran," <i>cannot</i> be the same information provided in Item 10. Item 13 tells VA the duration of your consent. If you do not want your authorization to be effective indefinitely, tell us when to stop releasing your personal benefit or claim information to your authorized third party in Item 13. Check the box that applies and fill in dates, if applicable.	
14	Select the security question you would like us to ask your designated third party and provide the answer. This question will be asked each time your designated third party contacts the VA.	

WHERE DO I SEND MY COMPLETED WORK?

Send your signed authorization in by utilizing the following methods:

MAIL TO	SUBMIT ONLINE
Department of Veterans Affairs Evidence Intake Center PO Box 4444 Janesville, WI 53547-4444	VA gov: www.va.gov Direct Upload: AccessVA

NOTE: You should make a copy of your signed authorization for your records before mailing it to VA. You can only have one VA Form 21-0845, *Authorization to Disclose Personal Information to a Third Party*, on file with VA at a time.

WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND?

If you change your mind and do not want VA to give out your personal benefit or claim information, you may notify us in writing, by telephone at 1-800-827-1000, or contact VA online through Ask VA: https://ask.va.gov. Upon notification from you, VA will no longer give out benefit or claim information (except for the information VA has already given out based on your permission).

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Department of Veterans Affairs

VA DATE STAMP

(DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE)

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION TO A THIRD PARTY

INSTRUCTIONS: Use this form if you want to give the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) permission to release your personal

•		r not be executed by any beneficiary recognized as indecognized as incompetent for VA purposes.	competent for VA			
SECTION I: VETERAN'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION						
NOTE: You may either comple	ete the form online or by hand.	If completed by hand print the information requested ir	n ink, neatly, and legibly to expedite processing the form.			
1. VETERAN'S NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)						
2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	ER .	3. VA FILE NUMBER (If known)	4. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)			
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5. VETERAN'S SERVICE NUMBER (If applicable)						
	SECTION II: BENE	FICIARY/CLAIMANT'S IDENTIFICATION	INFORMATION			
6. NAME OF BENEFICIARY/C	6. NAME OF BENEFICIARY/CLAIMANT WHO IS NOT THE VETERAN (First, Middle Initial, Last)					
	Y/CLAIMANT (Number and Str	reet or rural route, P.O. Box, City, State, ZIP Code and	i Country)			
No. & Street						
Apt./Unit Number	City					
State/Province	Country	ZIP Code/Postal Code	-			
8. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Inc	lude Area Code)					
_	_	Enter International Phone Number (If applicable	e)			
9. EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional) I agree to receive electronic correspondence from VA in regards to my claim.						
	Ę	SECTION III: CONTACT INFORMATION				
10. VA IS AUTHORIZED TO DISCLOSE THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED BELOW TO ONE PERSON <u>OR</u> ONE ORGANIZATION LISTED BELOW. PROVIDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM VA IN ITEMS 10A AND 10B <u>OR</u> . PROVIDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORGANIZATION YOU HAVE CHOSEN AND THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION'S REPRESENTATIVE IN ITEMS 10C AND 10D.						
A. NAME OF PERSON (First, Middle Initial, Last Name)						
B. ADDRESS OF PERSON						
No. & Street						
Apt./Unit Number	City					
State/Province	Country	ZIP Code/Postal Code	-			
NOTE: An organization may have more than one representative. Include the first and last name of any additional representatives.						
C. NAME OF ORGANIZATION AND ORGANIZATION'S REPRESENTATIVE						

VETERAN'S SSN	_

D. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION					
No. &					
Street					
Apt./Unit Number Cit	y				
State/Province Country	ZIP Code/Postal Code				
11. I, THE BENEFICIARY/CLAIMANT AUTHORIZE VA TO CONTACT THE PERSON <i>OR</i> ORGANIZATION LISTED IN ITEM 10A OR 10C FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO MY VA RECORD (Check only one box below to tell VA the specific benefit or claim information you want disclosed)					
LIMITED INFORMATION (Go to Item 12)	ANY INFORMATION (Go to Item 13)				
12. IF YOU SELECTED "LIMITED INFORMATION", FILL A	ALL THAT APPLY				
Status of pending claim or appeal Amount of	money owed VA Other (Specify below)				
Current benefit and rate Request a benefit payment letter					
Payment history Change of address or direct deposit					
13. IF YOU SELECTED "ANY INFORMATION", THE TER	MS OF SUCH RELEASE OF INFORMATION WILL BE:				
One time only	m the date of signing below until	-			
Ongoing until written notice is given to VA to terminate	· · ·	- MM/DD/YYYY)			
14. SPECIFY THE SECURITY QUESTION YOU WANT US QUESTION BOX IN ITEM 14A AND PROVIDE THE AI	SED WHEN VERIFYING THE IDENTITY OF YOUR DESIGN NSWER IN ITEM 14B.	NATED THIRD PARTY. CHECK ONLY <u>ONE</u> SECURITY			
A. SECURITY QUESTION	B. ANS	SWER			
The city and state your mother was born in					
The name of the high school you attended					
Your first pet's name					
Your favorite teacher's name					
Your father's middle name					
SECTION IV: CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE					
I CERTIFY THAT the statements on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.					
15. VETERAN/BENEFICIARY/CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE	(REQUIRED)	16. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)			
PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties which include fine or imprisonment, or both, for the willful submission of any statement or evidence of a material fact, knowing it to be false, or for the fraudulent acceptance of any payment to which you are not entitled.					

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION: VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (i.e., civil or criminal law enforcement, congressional communications, epidemiological or research studies, the collection of money owed to the United States, litigation in which the United States is a party or has an interest, the administration of VA programs and delivery of VA benefits, verification of identity and status, and personnel administration as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22/28 Compensation, Pension, Education, and Veteran Readiness and Employment Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is voluntary. VA uses your SSN to identify your claim file. Providing your SSN will help ensure that your records are properly associated with your claim file. Giving us your SSN account information is voluntary. Refusal to provide your SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. The VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by Federal Statute of law in effect prior to January 1, 1975, and still in effect.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to release your private benefit and/or claim information to a designated third party(ies). The execution of this form does not authorize the release of information other than that specifically described. The information requested on this form will authorize release of the information you specify. Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 5 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. If desired, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.

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