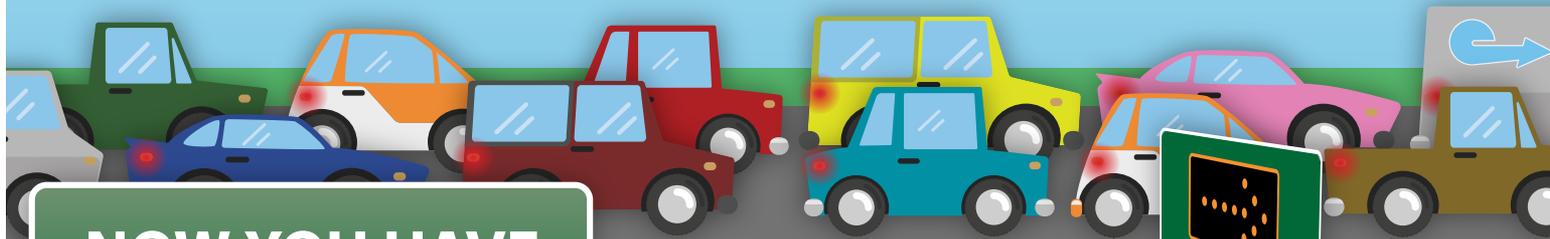


VA Appeals Modernization

DO YOU DISAGREE WITH YOUR VA DECISION?



NOW YOU HAVE A CHOICE

Supplemental Claim Lane

Decision in an average of 125 days

- Add any new and relevant evidence before your claim is reviewed.
- VA will assist you in gathering any new and relevant information you want to submit.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS

Higher-Level Review Lane

Decision in an average of 125 days

- Get an entirely new review of your claim by a more experienced adjudicator.
- You cannot add any new evidence to your claim. It will be reviewed only with the evidence VA already has on file.
- You can request an informal telephone conference with the higher-level reviewer about your claim.

Appeal to the Board Lane

→ If you choose the Board, select one of the three following options:

- **Direct Review**
You do not want to submit additional evidence or have a hearing. The average response from the Board is 365 days.
- **Evidence Submission**
You choose to submit additional evidence without a hearing. You will have 90 days from your Notice of Disagreement (NOD) to submit any additional evidence.
- **Hearing**
You have additional evidence and want to testify before a Veterans Law Judge. You will be scheduled for a Board hearing and may submit evidence at the hearing or within the 90-day window following the scheduled hearing.



For more information on the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017 and how to apply for review in one of the three lanes, go to: www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/appeals.asp.