

# How to get a Verification Letter

All applicants must provide a Disability Certification Letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The letter must show the combined service-connected disability rating for the tax years you are applying for.

Verification letters will be used to verify the veteran's name, percentage of service-connected disability, and effective date.


Please see an example of a required verification letter below.

Choose one of the following options to access your Disability Certification Letter.

- 1 ▶ Call 1-800-827-1000.
- 2 ▶ Access the form from eBenefits by scanning the code or visiting [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov).



- 3 ▶ Contact the Chicago VA Regional Office.  
2122 W Taylor St, Chicago, IL 60612  
312-980-4470



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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In Reply Refer to:  
27/eBenefits

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter is a summary of benefits you currently receive from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). We are providing this letter to disabled Veterans to use in applying for benefits such as state or local property or vehicle tax relief, civil service preference, to obtain housing entitlements, free or reduced state park annual memberships, or any other program or entitlement in which verification of VA benefits is required. Please safeguard this important document. This letter is considered an official record of your VA entitlement.

Our records contain the following information:

Personal Claim Information

Your VA claim number is: [REDACTED]

You are the Veteran.

Military Information

Your most recent, verified periods of service (up to three) include:

Branch of Service	Character of Service	Entered Active Duty	Released/Discharged
Marine Corps	Honorable	October 15, 2003	April 08, 2004
Marine Corps	Honorable	June 01, 2004	May 31, 2005

(There may be additional periods of service not listed above.)

VA Benefit Information

You have one or more service-connected disabilities:	Yes
Your combined service-connected evaluation is:	100%
Your current monthly award amount is:	[REDACTED]
The effective date of the last change to your current award was:	December 01, 2022
You are considered to be totally and permanently disabled due solely to your service-connected disabilities:	Yes
The effective date of when you became totally and permanently disabled due to your service-connected disabilities:	February 23, 2017