



BOARD APPEAL IN ONE PAGE

Ask a Veterans Law Judge to review the issue on the docket that matches the desired record.



OFFICIAL FORM
VA Form 10182

REVIEWER
Veterans Law Judge

DOCKETS
Direct, Evidence, Hearing

REVIEW FIRST

A Board Appeal is not one record choice. The selected docket controls whether the Board accepts new evidence and whether the claimant appears at a hearing.

START | WHY BOARD REVIEW

CHOOSE THE BOARD FOR JUDGE REVIEW

VLJ

Independent Board review

A Veterans Law Judge reviews the identified issue under the selected AMA docket.

LAW

Legal and factual dispute

The appeal can challenge how VA applied law, weighed evidence, handled procedure, or decided the requested benefit.

REC

Record choice is binding

The Direct, Evidence Submission, and Hearing dockets do not permit the same evidence.

DOCKETS | THREE RECORD CHOICES

SELECT ONE BOARD DOCKET

DIRECT REVIEW

CLOSED RECORD

No hearing and no new evidence.

- Judge reviews the existing record
- Best suited to record or legal error
- No evidence window opens

EVIDENCE SUBMISSION

90-DAY WINDOW

No hearing, with a limited evidence window.

- Evidence with Form 10182
- Or within 90 days after Board receipt
- Claimant submits the evidence

HEARING

HEARING + WINDOW

Appear before a Veterans Law Judge.

- Evidence can be submitted at hearing
- Or within 90 days afterward
- Transcript becomes part of the record

FILE | CONTROL THE APPEAL

BEFORE SUBMITTING VA FORM 10182



List each issue and decision date

Appeal only the issues that should go to the Board.



Choose the docket issue by issue

When different issues need different records, follow current Board instructions for making those elections.



State the specific disagreement

Map the requested correction to the decision's factual or legal reason.



Calendar the evidence window

For Evidence Submission or Hearing, record the exact opening and closing dates.



Keep the complete filing record

Preserve the form, attachments, docket choice, and proof of receipt.

OUTCOME | WHAT THE BOARD CAN DO

BOARD OUTCOMES

Grant

The Board can award the benefit or part of the requested benefit.

Deny

The Board can issue a final denial with reasons and further-review rights.

Remand

The Board can return the issue for corrective development or another action before readjudication.

DOCKET CHOICE CHANGES THE RECORD

Choose the docket from the need for evidence and a hearing, not from a changing average or a generalized outcome percentage.



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Use the current VA Form 10182 and the review rights in the decision notice.

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