

# Fully Developed Claim

1. **CLAIM.** Submit on VA Form 21-526EZ/527EZ/534EZ.
2. **COMPENSATION CHECKLIST.** Complete ODVS Compensation Checklist.
3. **ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.** The following special circumstances must be met:
  1. Guard/Reserve- All relevant Service Treatment Records.
  2. Dependents- Complete VA Form 21-686c.
    - i. Complete 21-674 for dependents 18-23 years old and attending school full-time.
    - ii. Proof of disability prior to age of 18 for helpless child.
  3. Mental Disorders- Complete VA Form 21-0781 or VA Form 21-0781a, appropriately.
  4. Individual Unemployability- Complete VA Form 21-8940 and VA Form 21-4192(s).
  5. Aid and Attendance- Complete VA Form 21-2680 or VA Form 21-0779 for nursing home care.
  6. Private Treatment Records- Include all private treatment records.
4. **CERTIFICATION.** Fully Developed Claim Certification must be signed (as indicated on EZ forms).

## **Order for FDC Packet**

1. County Cover Letter (with “Fully Developed Claim” and “Express Lane Claim” notably annotated)
2. Compensation Checklist
3. VA Form 21-22
4. VA Form 21-526EZ/527EZ/534EZ
5. VA Form 21-4138
6. Certified Copy of DD Form 214(s)
7. DBQ(s) (as applicable)
8. VA Form 21-686c (as applicable)
9. Additional VA Forms (as needed)
10. Required Dependency evidence (i.e. current marriage license, birth certificates, social security cards, etc., as applicable)
11. Supporting Medical Documentation (as applicable)
12. Buddy statements or other like evidence (as applicable)

## **5 Main Reasons a Claim is Removed From the FDC Process**

1. A VA Form 21-4142 is received.
2. Evidence received after initial claim submission.
3. Claimant advises VARO that they no longer want to take part in the FDC process.
4. Veteran fails to report to Compensation and Pension examination.

**NOTE:** If the VARO needs to develop for anything other than Federal Records, the claim will be pulled out of the FDC process.