

BOARD APPEAL LIFECYCLE

From VA Form 10182 and docketing to judge review, disposition, and the next legal boundary.



ENTRY

Board receives VA Form 10182

MIDDLE

Docket and record control

END

Board decision or remand

REVIEW FIRST

A Board Appeal can spend long periods waiting between visible status changes. The docket election and evidence rules remain important throughout that wait.

FLOW | DOCKET TO DECISION

THE BOARD APPEAL SEQUENCE

01

Board receives the appeal

VA Form 10182 identifies the decision, issues, and docket election.

Keep proof of the received date.

02

Board docket the appeal

The case enters the selected Direct, Evidence Submission, or Hearing docket.

Review the docketing notice.

03

Evidence window or hearing occurs

Direct has no new evidence. Evidence and Hearing follow their limited record windows.

Preserve evidence receipts and hearing date.

04

Appeal waits for judge assignment

Status may remain unchanged while the appeal stays in docket order or awaits required action.

Keep contact and representative information current.

05

Veterans Law Judge reviews the record

The judge applies law to the evidence permitted by the selected docket.

A VSO may review or submit argument when applicable.

06

Board issues a decision

The Board can grant, deny, remand, dismiss, or combine results across issues.

Read every issue and further-review right.

STATUS | WHAT COMMON LABELS MEAN

STATUS IS PROCESS, NOT CLAIM STRENGTH

WAIT

Waiting to be sent to a judge

The appeal is at the Board but has not yet been assigned for decision review.

VSO

With the representative

The accredited organization may be reviewing the appeal or preparing argument.

VLJ

A judge is reviewing

A Veterans Law Judge is actively reviewing the permitted record and issues.

OUTCOME | NEXT PROCESS

ONE DECISION CAN SPLIT INTO SEVERAL PATHS

G

Granted issue

VA implements the Board award. Check the later implementing decision for percentage, effective date, and payment.

R

Remanded issue

The issue returns for ordered development or correction before another decision.

D

Denied issue

A Supplemental Claim or CAVC appeal may be available under the decision's review rights and deadlines.

A REMAND IS NOT THE END

A remanded issue returns for additional action and later readjudication. Track the remand instructions and the next decision separately from final Board denials.