

HEARING LOSS AND TINNITUS

HEARING-LOSS RATING

TABLE VI TO TABLE VII

A calibrated guide to service connection, audiology evidence, and VA rating rules.



CALIBRATED REFERENCE

FOUR POINTS TO UNDERSTAND

1

CALCULATE PTA

Average 1000, 2000, 3000, and 4000 Hz separately for each ear.

2

ASSIGN EACH EAR

Use PTA and Maryland CNC in Table VI, or Table VIa when legally applicable, to assign Roman numerals I through XI.

3

CHECK EXCEPTIONAL PATTERNS

Apply 4.86 before final combination when an ear meets either exceptional pattern.

4

COMBINE BOTH EARS

Use the better-ear and poorer-ear Roman numerals in Table VII to obtain one final percentage.

Apply the exact regulation and evidence to the individual record. A diagnosis, exposure, or test result does not replace the remaining service-connection elements.