

HEARING LOSS AND TINNITUS

THE TWO REQUIRED HEARING TESTS

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

CALIBRATED REFERENCE

FOUR POINTS TO UNDERSTAND

1

PURETONE AUDIOMETRY

Measures thresholds in decibels at specified frequencies. The rating average uses 1000 through 4000 Hz.

2

MARYLAND CNC

Uses the required controlled speech-discrimination test and reports the percentage correctly recognized.

WHO

LICENSED AUDIOLOGIST

A VA rating examination must be conducted by a state-licensed audiologist.

HOW

WITHOUT HEARING AIDS

The rating examination is conducted without hearing aids.

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