

HEARING LOSS AND TINNITUS

HEARING LOSS VERSUS TINNITUS

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

CALIBRATED REFERENCE

FOUR POINTS TO UNDERSTAND

6100

HEARING LOSS

Measured hearing impairment. Service connection requires a disability meeting 3.385.

6260

TINNITUS

Recurrent sound perceived without an external source. The veteran can competently describe it.

TEST

RATING METHOD

Hearing loss uses puretone and Maryland CNC results. Tinnitus does not use the hearing-loss tables.

PAY

SCHEDULE

Hearing loss ranges from 0 to 100 percent. Tinnitus has one 10 percent schedular evaluation.

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