

VA BENEFITS CHECKLIST

Items you will need if you are a...

Veteran Only

	DD-214 or Discharge Papers
	Annual Social Security Award Letter received in January OR other documentation to verify your income
	A printout from your pharmacy of 3 months of expenses
	Copies of all your latest financial statements

Veteran and Spouse

	All of the above for you and your spouse, PLUS
	Marriage certificate
	Death certificate or divorce decree if either spouse was previously married

Widow/er of Veteran

	The veteran's DD-214 or Discharge Papers
	Annual Social Security Award Letter received in January AND other documentation to verify your income
	A printout from your pharmacy of 3 months of expenses
	Marriage certificate
	Veteran's death certificate
	Death certificate or divorce decree related to any previous marriages of either you or the veteran
	Copies of all your latest financial statements

Additional forms that will need to be filled out and filed with the claim for benefits

	Statement of Attending Physician
	VA Form 21-0779 – Nursing Home Information Report OR Care Provider Report
	Authorizations and Consent to Release Information to the VA for each physician of the veteran or spouse
	Statement Regarding Claimant's IRA
	VA Form 8416 Medical Expense Report