

Board of Veterans' Affairs Response to COVID-19

The Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) has made changes to keep Veterans, Veterans Representatives and Board employees safe from exposure to COVID-19 while continuing its mission of providing hearings and deciding appeals.

Hearings:

- The Board will continue to hold in-person Central office (CO) hearings, and video hearings at regional offices, where available.
- Travel Board hearings remain temporarily suspended.
- If you have an in-person hearing scheduled, you can always opt to change to a virtual tele-hearing for the same date and time as your in-person hearing.
- You also have the option to withdraw your hearing and have the case determined on the evidence in the file.
- Lastly, you can request to postpone your hearing, but please keep in mind this may delay a decision on your appeal.
- Virtual tele-hearings are the safest, fastest and best option to hold hearings. Please work with your VSO to opt in.

[Click here](#) for information on virtual hearings.

Advance on Docket:

- The Board will consider Advance on Docket (AOD) motions on appeals for Veterans impacted by COVID-19; [Click here](#) to find out how to file for AOD and what documentation is required.

VA Form 10182

- During this National emergency, the Board will now accept typed signatures on AMA Notices of Disagreement (NOD) [VA Form 10182](#), in lieu of a wet signature.

Filing Deadlines

- VA's current regulations provide flexibility to extend filing deadlines for good cause on a case by case basis. The Board understands that each Veteran/appellant has unique circumstances and the current situation may create challenges for many in meeting some deadlines, therefore the Board will consider requests to extend timelines for good cause. The Veteran or representative can file an extension request in advance or explain it at the time of filing the notice of disagreement or substantive appeal.