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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Board of Veterans' Appeals

How to request an appeal be advanced on the docket (AOD) May 2022

You may submit a request for the Board to decide your appeal faster, and the Board has the authority to grant such a request in limited circumstances, to include: if you are of advanced age (75 years or older); have financial hardship or a serious illness; or for other sufficient cause. See 38 C.F.R. § 20.902(c).

Additionally, if a Veteran is affected by a natural disaster such as a hurricane, earthquake, or flood, he/she may request that his/her appeal be advanced on the docket. In this case, Veterans are strongly encouraged to submit their request in writing, and can include evidence such as newspaper clippings, pictures, FEMA declarations etc., in order to support their request. Requests can be sent directly to the Board's fax line below.

If you want to make a request to advance your case, you (or your representative, if you have one) must do so in writing, and you must include the following information: (1) identify the specific reason(s) why you seek advancement; (2) the name of the Veteran; (3) the name of the appellant, if other than the Veteran (*i.e.*, a Veteran's survivor, guardian, or fiduciary); and (4) the applicable VA file number. You (or your representative, if any) must send your written request to:

By Mail: Board of Veterans' Appeals
P.O. Box 27063
Washington, DC 20038

By Fax: 844-678-8979 (Toll Free)