

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
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**Resolution No. 7: Restore Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQ) to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Website**

**Origin: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission**

**Submitted by: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission**

WHEREAS, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQs) are standardized forms used by medical experts who conduct compensation and pension (C&P) examinations for VA disability benefits purposes; and

WHEREAS, In March 2020, the VA removed the DBQs from its website; and

WHEREAS, DBQs are an important tool that can be used to obtain medical information from private medical examiners to support a veteran's claim; and

WHEREAS, Information included on a DBQ completed by a private medical expert is valuable medical evidence that the VA must consider when deciding a claim for disability benefits; and

WHEREAS, DBQs address a range of medical conditions and include check-the-box inquiries designed to elicit the information needed for the VA to make determinations on the issues of service connection and the proper disability rating for a condition; and

WHEREAS, Eliminating public-facing DBQs may cause veterans to be denied entitlement to benefits they have earned through their service; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, By the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled virtually on October 14-15, 2020, That The American Legion urges the Department of Veterans Affairs to restore public-facing Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQs) on its website.**