



## Erectile Dysfunction: VA Disability Rating Explained

The VA rates erectile dysfunction (ED) under Diagnostic Code 7522, which falls under 38 CFR § 4.115a. The rating depends on the severity of the condition and its impact on functional limitations. Here's an overview of the rating criteria for erectile dysfunction:

### Erectile Dysfunction

- **0%:** Normal erectile dysfunction without medication.
- **10%:** With occasional inability to maintain an erection.
- **20%:** With recurrent inability to maintain an erection.
- **30%:** With partial organic involvement of erectile bodies.
- **50%:** With less than satisfactory sexual activity due to erectile dysfunction.
- **100%:** Total loss of erectile power.

### Rating Criteria Explanation:

- **0%:** If erectile dysfunction is present but doesn't require medication and there is no impairment in sexual function, a 0% rating may be assigned.
- **10%:** If there are occasional difficulties in maintaining an erection, a 10% rating may be warranted.
- **20%:** A 20% rating may be assigned if there are recurrent difficulties in maintaining an erection.
- **30%:** If there is partial organic involvement of the erectile bodies, a 30% rating may be warranted. This may include conditions affecting the blood vessels, nerves, or other tissues involved in erectile function.
- **50%:** If erectile dysfunction results in less than satisfactory sexual activity, a 50% rating may be assigned. This may include difficulties in achieving or maintaining an erection that significantly impact sexual function and satisfaction.
- **100%:** A 100% rating may be assigned if there is a total loss of erectile power, meaning the individual is completely unable to achieve or maintain an erection.

### Additional Considerations:

- 1. Medical Evidence:** The VA may require medical evidence such as diagnosis, treatment history, and any relevant diagnostic tests to establish the presence and severity of erectile dysfunction. - **Functional Impact:** The VA considers how erectile dysfunction affects sexual function and overall quality of life.
- 2. Medication Usage:** The need for medication to manage erectile dysfunction and its effectiveness in treating the condition may also be considered in the rating.
- 3. Evidence Required:** To support a claim for erectile dysfunction, veterans typically need:
  - Medical Records:** Documentation of diagnosis, symptoms, and treatment history from healthcare providers.
  - Diagnostic Tests:** Any relevant diagnostic tests such as blood tests, penile Doppler ultrasound, or nocturnal penile tumescence tests.
  - Medication Usage:** Documentation of any medications used to manage erectile dysfunction and their effectiveness.

### Functional Limitations:

Statements from healthcare providers or personal statements describing how erectile dysfunction affects sexual function and overall quality of life. By providing comprehensive medical evidence and documentation of the functional impact of erectile dysfunction, veterans can ensure their condition is accurately rated according to VA criteria.