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Rapid Appeals Modernization Program

What is RAMP?

- The Rapid Appeals Modernization Program (RAMP) was launched in November 2017.
- RAMP provided Veterans the opportunity to use the new review process in the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017. The Act, otherwise known as the Appeals Modernization Act, was signed into law on Aug. 23, 2017.
- **RAMP was discontinued on February 15, 2019**, ahead of full implementation of the Appeals Modernization Act.

Who is eligible for RAMP?

From April 2018 - February 15, 2019, any Veteran with a pending disability compensation appeal in the stages listed below could opt into RAMP by completing the [opt-in form online](#), or turning in a paper opt-in form.

Eligibility included a pending disability compensation appeal in one of the following legacy appeal stages:

- Notice of Disagreement (NOD)
- Form 9, Appeal to Board of Veterans' Appeals
- Certified to the Board, but not yet activated for a Board decision
- Remand from the board to VBA

Advantages of RAMP

- Early participation in the new review process
- Potentially faster decisions and earlier resolutions
- Multiple review options
 - Supplemental Claim Lane
 - Higher-level Review Lane
 - Appeal to the Board after October 2018
- The same potential effective date for benefits, regardless of review option
- The option to ask for a quick look at a VA decision by a more senior claims reviewer
- A new requirement for clear and convincing evidence to change any findings favorable to Veterans in a VA decision

If you have questions about VA Appeals, talk with your VSO about your appeal options.