

# How the VA Rates Erectile Dysfunction (ED)

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## Summary:

Erectile dysfunction is most often compensated through Special Monthly Compensation (SMC-K) due to loss of use of a creative organ. The only schedular rating (20%) requires physical deformity with loss of erectile function.

## VA Rating Table:

Rating	Explanation
0%	Erectile dysfunction is confirmed but does not meet the criteria for higher ratings. Typically results in Special Monthly Compensation (SMC) rather than a schedular rating.
20%	Penis deformity with loss of erectile power. This is the only schedular rating available for ED.

## Required Evidence:

- Diagnosis of erectile dysfunction by a licensed provider
- Medical history showing inability to maintain erection
- Documentation ruling out psychogenic causes (if applicable)
- Physical exam results, imaging, or urologist evaluation
- Evidence of deformity (required for schedular 20% rating)

## Pro Tip:

Even without a schedular rating, most veterans qualify for SMC-K, which provides monthly compensation for loss of use of a creative organ. ED is often secondary to PTSD, diabetes, or medication side effects.