

# How the VA Rates Erectile Dysfunction (Secondary Conditions)

Regulatory Source: 38 CFR § 4.115b – Diagnostic Code 7522  
VA Source: <https://ecfr.gov>

## Summary:

Most erectile dysfunction claims are granted as secondary to PTSD, diabetes, spinal injuries, or medication side effects. The VA awards Special Monthly Compensation (SMC-K) for loss of use of a creative organ—even if you receive 0% on the regular schedule.

## VA Rating Table:

Rating	Explanation
0%	Erectile dysfunction confirmed, but without physical deformity. Common in PTSD, diabetes, or spinal injury cases. This qualifies for Special Monthly Compensation (SMC-K).
20%	Only assigned if there is a physical deformity (e.g., Peyronie's disease) with loss of erectile power. Still rare—most veterans with ED receive SMC, not a schedular rating.

## Required Evidence:

- Diagnosis of erectile dysfunction by a VA or civilian doctor
- Medical nexus linking ED to another rated condition (PTSD, diabetes, back injury)
- Medication history showing side effects related to SSRIs or BP meds
- Statements or records about sexual dysfunction or relationship impact
- Optional: urology consults, testosterone levels, or psychiatric notes

## Pro Tip:

Even with a 0% rating, the VA will pay SMC-K (approx. \$128/month in 2024) for ED if linked to a service-connected condition. File it with supporting medication or psych records to strengthen your secondary claim.