

How the VA Rates Hemorrhoids

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Summary:

Hemorrhoids are rated by their size, frequency of bleeding, and whether they result in anemia or fissures. Most claims fall under 0% or 10%, but severe, chronic hemorrhoids may qualify for a higher rating.

VA Rating Table:

Rating	Explanation
0%	Mild or occasional hemorrhoids that are not large or thrombotic and do not cause significant discomfort or bleeding.
10%	Large or thrombotic hemorrhoids that are irreducible with excessive redundant tissue. Frequent flare-ups with pain, itching, or bleeding.
20%	Persistent bleeding hemorrhoids with secondary anemia, or with fissures. Constant symptoms interfering with normal function.

Required Evidence:

- Diagnosis of internal or external hemorrhoids
- Medical records showing size, thrombotic nature, or recurrence
- Treatment history: creams, surgeries, or diet-based management
- GI exam showing bleeding, anemia, or fissures
- Statements about pain, itchiness, or functional interference

Pro Tip:

Frequent flare-ups, use of suppositories, or bleeding episodes can strengthen your rating. Document how often symptoms occur and whether they interfere with work or daily comfort.