

# Eye Conditions DBQ User Guide

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## Getting Started

Prior to the exam, it is important to read the VA Order Request (2507). The VA Order Request will state what type of exam needs to be completed. You will be looking for the claimed condition or medical opinion requested. By reading the VA Order Request you can ensure you are completing the requested exam.

1. To access the Eye Conditions DBQ worksheet, click 'Fill' for the worksheet titled "VA Eye Conditions DBQ."

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Order Id: 27004745 Patient Id: Patient Name: Johnny Veteran DOB: 7/7/1977 Address: 328 Front Street S. La Crosse, WI 54601 SSN: xxx-xx-0001 Age: 39 Gender: Phone: 555-555-5555

Appt. Sched: 11/28/2016 08:00 AM Vision

Provider: Test Provider 2 Phone: 555-555-5555 Provider Contact: Test F Contact Provider Location: NONOTENTER WI Practitioner Name: Keith Miller Email: swimlac\_74@yahoo.com Appt. Notes:

Appointment Information

Worksheet Progress In Progress: 2 Documents to Upload/Fill Progress To Do: 1

Worksheets

Service	Worksheet	Status	Started	Completed	Action
DBQ OPTO Eyes	VA Eye Conditions DBQ	Pending	11/18/2016		Fill
Medical Opinion - Vision	VA Medical Opinion DBQ	Pending	11/28/2016		Fill

Documents Sign All View All

Service	Document	Action Status	Action
DBQ OPTO Eyes	Visual Field Testing Results	Upload Required	View Fill Upload Sign
VADEM Order Request	VA Order Request Details	View	View Fill Upload Sign
VADEM Order Request	Claim File Outline V2	View	View Fill Upload Sign
VADEM Order Request	Claims File Read 1st (Medical Records)	View	View Fill Upload Sign
VADEM Order Request	Claims File Vol 2 (Medical Records)	View	View Fill Upload Sign

**You MUST review the Veteran's Order Request and Claims File**

**Click the 'Fill' button for VA Eye Conditions DBQ**

The only exception is when the Eye Condition DBQ is spun from another DBQ. In this instance you will be informed that you must complete the Eye Conditions DBQ, as it was identified as a potential claim on another exam. You must comment specifically if the claimed eye condition is related to the original claim.

2. The eye conditions DBQ will now open.
3. The Eye Conditions DBQ consists of 21 separate tabs. Only tabs that are pertinent to the exam are viewable. The navigation buttons are used to scroll through the following tabs:

- History
- Conjunctive
- Neurologic
- Physical
- Cornea
- Tumors
- Visual Fields
- Lens
- Other
- Conditions
- Inflammation
- Scarring
- Anatomical
- Glaucoma
- Diagnostic Testing
- Lids
- Disc
- Diagnosis
- Ptosis
- Retina
- Remarks

**Navigation Buttons**

History Physical Visual Fields Conditions Anatomical Lids Ptosis Conjunctiva Cornea Lens Inflammation

- 4. The Conditions tabs (Anatomical, Lids, Ptosis, etc.) are initially grayed out and not selectable. In order to enter information about a specific condition, that condition must be checked in the Conditions tab.

NOTE: A Condition(s) should be selected if there are any Abnormal Findings or Visual Field defects.

1. EYE CONDITIONS

Does the Veteran have any of the following eye conditions?  Yes  No

If YES, check all that apply:

- Anatomical loss of eyelids, brows, lashes
- Lacrimal gland and lid disorders (other than ptosis or anatomic loss)
- Ptosis, for either or both eyelids
- Conjunctivitis and other conjunctival conditions
- Corneal conditions (including Dry Eye)
- Cataract and other lens conditions
- Inflammatory eye conditions and/or injuries
- Glaucoma
- Optic neuropathy and other disc conditions
- Retinal conditions
- Neurologic eye conditions
- Tumors and neoplasms
- Other eye conditions

For each checked answer, complete the appropriate section.

- 5. Continue through the DBQ and document your findings on each tab. When you have finished entering information on a specific tab, click 'Save & Continue.'

### History Tab

MEDICAL RECORD REVIEW

Was the Veteran's VA claims file reviewed?  Yes  No

If YES, list any records that were reviewed BUT WERE NOT INCLUDED in the Veteran's VA claims file:  4/1000

Did the Veteran bring in records to the exam that you had time to review?  Yes  No

How many eye conditions does the Veteran have?  1  2  3+

The History tab is divided into two sections:

- Medical Record Review
- Medical History

#### Medical Record Review

In the Medical Record Review section, document your review of the Veteran's claims file. Additionally, document any medical records you may have reviewed and the number of eye conditions the Veteran has.

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Was the Veteran's VA claims file reviewed?  Yes  No

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Did the Veteran bring in records to the exam that you had time to review?  Yes  No

How many eye conditions does the Veteran have?  1  2  3+

## Medical History

Provide a brief synopsis of the Veteran's medical history. Your response should include the original diagnosis, details of the claimed condition's onset, treatment and current condition.

MEDICAL HISTORY

2. Describe the history (including onset and course) of the Veteran's current eye condition(s) (brief summary):

Condition 1

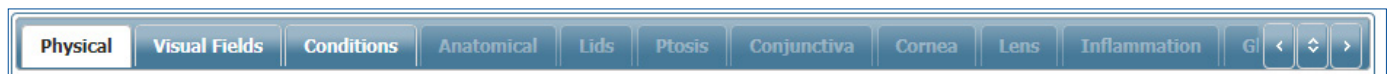
Date of onset:

Indicate Eye:  Right  Left  Both

Condition:  8/100

Course:  85/400

## Physical Tab



The Physical tab is divided into eight sections:

- Visual Acuity
- Differences in Corrected Visual Acuity for Distance and Near Vision
- Pupils
- Anatomical Loss, Light Perception Only, Extremely Poor Vision or Blindness
- Astigmatism
- Tonometry
- Slit Lamp and External Eye Exam
- Internal Eye Exam

### Visual Acuity

Visual acuity should be reported according to the lines on the **Snellen chart** or its equivalent.

#### IMPORTANT

The lowest visual acuity listed by the VA is 5/200. This value should be used when the Veteran's visual acuity is 5/200 or worse.

1. VISUAL ACUITY

Visual acuity should be reported according to the lines on the Snellen chart or its equivalent. If assessment of the Veteran's visual acuity falls between two lines on the Snellen chart, round up to the higher (worse) level (poorer vision) for answers a-d below. (For example, 20/60 would be reported as 20/70; 20/80 would be reported as 20/100, etc.) Examination of visual acuity must include central uncorrected and corrected visual acuity for distance and near vision. Evaluate central visual acuity on the basis of corrected distance vision with central fixation. Visual acuity should not be determined with eccentric fixation or viewing.

a. Uncorrected distance:

Right: 20/40 or better  ?

Left: 20/40 or better

b. Uncorrected near:

Right: 20/40 or better

Left: 20/40 or better

c. Corrected distance:

Right: 20/40 or better

Left: 20/40 or better

d. Corrected near:

Right: 20/40 or better

Left: 20/40 or better

**Difference in Corrected Visual Acuity for Distance and Near Vision**

In this section of the DBQ, you will be asked if the Veteran has a difference equal to two or more lines on the Snellen test type chart or its equivalent between distance and near corrected vision, with the near vision being worse.

- If No, move to the next section
- If Yes, record a second recording of corrected distance vision and corrected near vision for both the right and left eye and explain the reason for the difference

2. DIFFERENCE IN CORRECTED VISUAL ACUITY FOR DISTANCE AND NEAR VISION

Does the Veteran have a difference equal to two or more lines on the Snellen test type chart or its equivalent between distance and near corrected vision, with the near vision being worse?  Yes  No

**Pupils**

Enter the Veteran's pupil diameter for both the left and right eye. Select 'Other' and briefly describe your findings if additional physical exam results are exceptional.

3. PUPILS

a. Pupil diameter:

Right: 5 (mm)

Left : 5 (mm)

b. Are pupils round and reactive to light?

Yes  No

c. Is an afferent pupillary defect present?

Yes  No

d.

Other, describe:

### Anatomical Loss, Light Perception Only, Extremely Poor Vision or Blindness

Document whether the Veteran has anatomical loss, light perception only, extremely poor vision or blindness of either eye.

- If No, move to the next section
- If Yes, answer the follow-up questions

**4. ANATOMICAL LOSS, LIGHT PERCEPTION ONLY, EXTREMELY POOR VISION OR BLINDNESS**

Does the Veteran have anatomical loss, light perception only, extremely poor vision or blindness of either eye?  Yes  No

If YES, complete the following section:

a. Does the Veteran have anatomical loss of either eye?  Yes  No

b. Is the Veteran's vision limited to no more than light perception only in either eye?  Yes  No

c. Is the Veteran able to recognize test letters at 1 foot or closer?  Yes  No

d. Is the Veteran able to perceive objects, hand movements, or count fingers at 3 feet?  Yes  No

If NO, indicate with which eye(s) the Veteran is unable to perceive objects, hand movements, or count fingers at 3 feet:  Right  Left  Both

e. Does the Veteran have visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the BETTER eye with use of a correcting lens based upon visual acuity loss (i.e. USA statutory blindness with bilateral visual acuity of 20/200 or less)?  Yes  No

### Astigmatism

In the Astigmatism section of the DBQ, you will be asked whether the Veteran has a corneal irregularity that results in severe irregular astigmatism.

- If No, move to the next section
- If Yes, document whether the Veteran customarily wears contact lenses to correct corneal irregularity and if the corrected visual acuity was determined using contact lenses

**5. ASTIGMATISM**

Does the Veteran have a corneal irregularity that results in severe irregular astigmatism?  Yes  No

If YES, complete the following section:

a. Does the Veteran customarily wear contact lenses to correct the above corneal irregularity?  Yes  No

b. Was the corrected visual acuity determined using contact lenses?  Yes  No

If NO, explain:  30/200

### Tonometry

Record Tonometry eye pressure for the right and left eye. Record the Tonometry method used (Goldmann applanation or Other).

7. TONOMETRY

a. If tonometry was performed, provide results:

Right eye pressure:

Left eye pressure:

b. Tonometry method used:

Goldmann applanation

Other

### Slit Lamp and External Eye Exam

Examine the following:

- External Exam/Lids/Lashes
- Conjunctiva/Sclera
- Cornea
- Anterior Chamber
- Iris
- Lens

If results are not normal, answer all follow-up questions regarding the abnormality.

c. Cornea (Including Dry Eye)

Right:  Normal  Other

Describe:  43/300

### Internal Eye Exam (Fundus)

Unless medically contraindicated, the fundus must be examined with the Veteran's pupils dilated.

- Select "Normal bilaterally" or "Abnormal"
- If "Abnormal," select the location of the abnormality, whether it applies to the right or left eye and describe the defect

b. Macula

Right:  Normal  Other

Describe:  38/200

## Visual Fields Tab



The Visual Fields Tab is divided into two sections.

- Diplopia
- Visual Fields

### Diplopia

Document whether the Veteran has Diplopia (double vision).

- If No, move on to next section
- If Yes:
  - Indicate on the Goldmann chart where diplopia is present in all four quadrants, plus the Central Field (20° or less; Upward, Downward, Left Lateral, Right Lateral)
  - Upload the completed Goldmann chart on the provider portal or fax the completed to chart to LHI at (866) 261-1292
  - Provide etiology, areas of diplopia, frequency of diplopia and whether the diplopia is correctable

Upload the completed chart using the Provider Portal. In the 'Documents' section select the 'Upload' button for the document titled 'Visual Field Testing Results.' If you are unable to upload the completed chart, please fax the chart to LHI at (866) 261-1292.

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VADEM Order Request	Claims File Read 1st (Medical Records)	View	View, Fill, Upload, Sign
VADEM Order Request	Claims File Vol 2 (Medical Records)	View	View, Fill, Upload, Sign

Select the 'Upload' button

### Visual Fields

Document whether the Veteran has a visual field defect (or a condition that may result in a defect).

- If No, move on to next section
- If Yes,
  - Perform visual field testing using either Goldmann kinetic perimetry or automated perimetry using Humphrey Model 750, Octopus Model 101 or later versions of these perimetric devices with simulated kinetic Goldmann testing capability
  - The results must be recorded on a standard Goldmann chart providing AT LEAST 16 MERIDIANS, 22½ DEGREES APART FOR EACH EYE
  - Upload the completed Goldmann chart on the provider portal or fax the completed chart to LHI at (866) 261-1292 (see figure 4.3)
  - Document if visual testing was performed, results, if the Veteran has a contraction of a visual field, scotoma or legal blindness based on visual field loss