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## Wounded Warrior: Expedited Disability Claims for Service Members

If you are a **military service member or veteran** whose disability occurred during active duty, you may qualify for **expedited processing** of your Social Security Disability claim under the **Social Security Administration's Wounded Warrior program**.

This special program was created in recognition of your service and sacrifice. If you qualify, your case will be reviewed and decided **much faster** than a standard disability claim.

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## Who Qualifies for the Wounded Warrior Program

To be eligible for expedited processing under the Wounded Warrior program, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Your claim for Social Security Disability benefits must be based on a **disability that began while on active duty on or after October 1, 2001**.
  2. It **does not matter where** your disability occurred — only that it happened while you were on active duty.
  3. If your disability developed **after** your active duty ended, you may still apply for Social Security Disability benefits if you meet all other SSA requirements; however, your case **will not be expedited**.
  4. **Applying for Social Security Disability is not the same as applying for VA Disability**. These are **two separate programs**, and you may qualify for **both**.
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## Why It Matters

The Wounded Warrior program helps ensure that service members and veterans with service-connected disabilities don't wait years for a decision.

If you qualify, your application is **fast-tracked** so you can begin receiving benefits sooner.

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## Need Help Applying?

Our attorneys at **Yocum, Krowl & Associates, LLP** are experienced in handling both **Social Security Disability** and **VA Disability** cases. We can help determine whether you qualify for expedited review and guide you through each step of the process.

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