



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Board of Veterans' Appeals

Delayed Notification January 2022

Overview

The Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) is no longer experiencing delays in providing Veterans and their representatives notice of their hearings, decisions, and other mailed correspondence. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board transitioned from in-house mailing to mailing through the Government Printing Office (GPO). GPO is operating with a significant delay in printing and shipping correspondence due to staffing shortages. This delay impacted the Board's ability to mail correspondence in a timely manner from July 13, 2021, through December 31, 2021. Impacted Veterans are invited to request that the Board consider a previous submission that was not addressed or reconsider a prior determination that a submission was untimely.

Recalculation of Previous Submissions

If you believe that the Board's failure to address a prior submission or determination that a submission was untimely was a result of the delay in the mailing of correspondence or notice to you or your representative, you may ask the Board to reconsider its determination. Please indicate in your correspondence that you are submitting a request for reconsideration/ recalculation of a timeliness determination due to the mail delay, and identify the date of the specific submission(s) you are requesting the Board consider as timely. You are encouraged to submit any evidence, including a statement, relevant to the mailing date of the Board correspondence or notice at issue.

For additional assistance

- If you would like to check the status of your appeal, please visit www.va.gov/claim-or-appeal-status.