

INFORMATION CONCERNING VA FORM 21-526 (VETERANS'S APPLICATION
FOR COMPLETION OR PENSION AT SEPARATION FROM SERVICE)

1. In accordance with instructions provided on VA Form 21-526 pertaining to completion of items 15 to 20D (Marital information) and items 21A to 21 C (Child data), a copy of the documentation certified by the AG Office of the Transfer Point as indicated below is required to be submitted as enclosure(s) to VA Form 21-526. Due to a change in law, effective August 1985, only copies certified by the AG will be accepted for attachment as enclosure(s) to VA Form 21-526.

Accordingly, the original document must be taken to the Transition Point where a copy will be be xeroxed and certified by the AG representative. For clarification, reproduced copied of the orginial documents(s), bearing a copy of the raised seal and then having the documents(s) notarized will not be accepted and the application will not be processed until appropriate certified documentation is provided to the VA.

a. Marriage Certificate or public/church record of your current marriage.

b. Decree of Divorce (if applicable).

c. Birth Certificate or public/church record od birth or court record or adoption for each child under 18 years of age, age 18 through 22 attending school, or who became permanently incapable of self-support due to a physical or mental disability prior to the 18th birthday. NOTE: For each child age 18 through 22 attending school, or who became permanently incapable of self-support due to physical or mental disablility prior to the 18th birthday, an affidavit to that effect signed by the registrar or physician, respectively, must be furnished for attachment to the VA Form 21-526.

2. If the applicant will visit the U.S. Army Transition Point, Building 202, Ft. Myer, VA with the original copy of applicable doucment(s) as indicated above, that office will make a certified copy of each document for attachment to VA Form 21-526. Normal business hours for the Transition Point office is 0730-1600, Monday thru Friday.

3. The only other alternative is for the applicant to request an original copy of each document from the appropriate court or Office of Vital Statistics which issued the original document(s). Addresses concerning where to write for these documents may be obtained by contacting the Retirement Section, Transition Point, Fort Myer, VA at 696-3519/20/21.

4. Additionally, the VA has instructed that in instances whereby the applicant omits information which he/she deems "personal in nature", that his/her application will be processed to completion. If a disability rating is awarded for which the applicant may receive VA compensation, such compensation will be computed at the single rate.