



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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**ROGER W. BROWN**

**VA File Number**

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**Represented by:  
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS**

**Rating Decision  
June 30, 2008**

**INTRODUCTION**


The records reflect that you are a veteran of the Vietnam Era. You served in the Air Force from May 19, 1967 to January 1, 1971 and from March 2, 1971 to February 28, 1975. The Board of Veterans Appeals made their decision on your appeal on May 21, 2008. Based on a review of the evidence listed below, we have made the following decision(s) on your claim.

**DECISION**

Service connection for diabetes mellitus, type II associated with herbicide exposure is granted with a 20 percent evaluation effective March 9, 2005.

**EVIDENCE**

- Board of Veterans Appeals Decision dated May 21, 2008

  
Brown, Roger W

Medical Description	Percent (%) Assigned	Effective Date
Diabetes mellitus, type II associated with herbicide exposure	20%	Mar 9, 2005

We have enclosed a copy of your Rating Decision for your review. It provides a detailed explanation of our decision, the evidence considered, and the reasons for our decision. Your Rating Decision and this letter constitute our decision based on your claim received on May 21, 2008. It represents all claims we understood to be specifically made, implied, or inferred in that claim.

We enclosed a VA Form 21-8764, "Disability Compensation Award Attachment-Important Information," which explains certain factors concerning your benefits.

### How Do You Start Direct Deposit?

Your money may be deposited directly into your checking or savings account. This is the safest and most reliable way to get your money. For more information about Direct Deposit, please call us toll free by dialing 1-877-838-2778.

### Are You Entitled to Additional Benefits?

You may be eligible for government life insurance if you

- were released from active duty after April 25, 1951,
- are in good health (except for any service connected conditions), and
- apply within two years of this notification of your disability rating.

If you are totally disabled, you may be eligible to have your government life insurance premiums waived. The Insurance is called Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI), and you should receive a package within two weeks. This package will contain information about the insurance and an application. If you do not receive an S-DVI package, please contact the Insurance Center to request additional information. Call the Insurance toll free number, 1-800-669-8477, or visit the Insurance web site, <http://www.insurance.va.gov>, for further information about Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance.

You may be eligible for medical care by the VA health care system for any service connected disability. You may apply for medical care or treatment at the nearest medical facility. If you

- Review of VA claims file conducted on June 30, 2008, to include, but not limited to, treatment records from Drs. Nusairee, Saunders and Litchfield; Crofton Medical Group and North Arundel Hospital from March 1999 to August 2007

### **REASONS FOR DECISION**

#### **Service connection for diabetes mellitus, type II associated with herbicide exposure.**

The Board of Veterans Appeals decision dated May 21, 2008, granted your claim for service connection for diabetes mellitus type II, associated with herbicide exposure.

Your claim for service connection for diabetes mellitus type II was received on March 9, 2005. Treatment records show that you were initially diagnosed to have diabetes mellitus type II in March 2005 and you were placed on Metformin (an oral hypoglycemic agent) and restricted diet to help control your blood sugar readings. No other complications associated with your diabetes mellitus were identified in your treatment records.

Based on the evidence of record, an evaluation of 20 percent is assigned. An evaluation of 20 percent is assigned if there is a requirement for insulin and restricted diet, or oral hypoglycemic agent and restricted diet. A higher evaluation of 40 percent is not warranted unless insulin, restricted diet, and regulation of activities are required.

Service connection for diabetes mellitus, type II associated with herbicide exposure is granted with a 20 percent evaluation effective March 9, 2005, which is the date we received your claim.

#### **REFERENCES:**

Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Pensions, Bonuses and Veterans' Relief contains the regulations of the Department of Veterans Affairs which govern entitlement to all veteran benefits. For additional information regarding applicable laws and regulations, please consult your local library, or visit us at our web site, [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).