

# VA Knee Rating Chart

**Veteran's Name:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Gender:**

**Years of Active Duty (if needed):**

**Service Connection of Knee Pain:**

**Symptoms and Impact:**

**Referring Physician:**

**Notes (Medical Diagnosis, Flexion, or Extension Test Results, etc.):**

**VA Rating (if needed):**

## VA RATINGS FOR KNEE PAIN

### General

<b>Direct Service Condition</b>	This means that a particular disease or injury was incurred in service. This is accomplished by affirmatively showing inception during service	<b>VA rating:</b> 10%, 20%, or 30%
<b>Secondary Service Connection</b>	Veterans can be rated for disabilities that are proximately due to, or the result of, a service-connected (SC) condition.	<b>VA rating:</b> 10%, 20%, or 30%

## Specific

### VA Knee Rating Chart for Pain

DC 5257, Knee Pain (Recurrent subluxation or instability)	VA Rating
Unrepaired or failed repair of complete ligament tear causing persistent instability, and a medical provider prescribes both an assistive device ( <i>e.g.</i> , cane(s), crutch(es), walker) and bracing for ambulation	30%
(a) Sprain, incomplete ligament tear, or repaired complete ligament tear causing persistent instability, and a medical provider prescribes a brace and/or assistive device ( <i>e.g.</i> , cane(s), crutch(es), walker) for ambulation.	20%
(b) Unrepaired or failed repair of complete ligament tear causing persistent instability, and a medical provider prescribes either an assistive device ( <i>e.g.</i> , cane(s), crutch(es), walker) or bracing for ambulation.	20%
Sprain, incomplete ligament tear, or complete ligament tear (repaired, unrepaired, or failed repair) causing persistent instability without a prescription from a medical provider for an assistive device ( <i>e.g.</i> , cane(s), crutch(es), walker) or bracing for ambulation.	10%

### VA Rating for Unfavorable Ankylosis of the Knee

DC 5256, Ankylosis of the Knee	VA Rating
Extremely unfavorable, in flexion at an angle of 45° or more	60%
In flexion between 20° and 45°	50%
In flexion between 10° and 20°	40%
Favorable angle in full extension or in slight flexion between 0° and 10°	30%

### VA Rating for Limitation of Flexion

DC 5260, Leg, Limitation of Flexion	VA Rating
Flexion limited to 15°	30%
Flexion limited to 30°	20%

Flexion limited to 45°	10%
Flexion limited to 60°	0%

### VA Rating for Limitation of Extension

DC 5261, Leg, Limitation of Extension	VA Rating
Flexion limited to 45°	50%
Flexion limited to 30°	40%
Flexion limited to 20°	30%
Flexion limited to 15°	20%
Flexion limited to 10°	10%
Flexion limited to 5°	0%

### VA Rating for Knee Replacements

Total Knee Replacements (One Year Post Surgery)	Temporary 100% Rating
Total Knee Replacements (After One Year Period)	Highest rating = 60%
Partial Knee Replacements	Rated according to symptoms caused by replacement

### Others

Muscular Injuries	0%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%
Arthritis	20%, 40%, 60%
Meniscus Injuries	~20%

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