

VA Knee Rating Chart

Veteran information	
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):	

Rating Chart

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

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%
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%
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%

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%
Knee replacements	VA rating
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	VA rating
Muscular injuries	0%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%
Arthritis	20%, 40%, 60%
Meniscus injuries	~20%

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