

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

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%

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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