

## Department of Veterans Affairs

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AUTHORITY: 38 U.S.C. 501(a) and as noted in specific sections.

SOURCE: 57 FR 4109, Feb. 3, 1992, unless otherwise noted.

## Subpart A—General

### § 20.1 Rule 1. Purpose and construction of Rules of Practice.

(a) *Purpose.* These rules establish the practices and procedures governing appeals to the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a), 7102, 7104)

(b) *Construction.* These rules are to be construed to secure a just and speedy decision in every appeal.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a), 5107, 7104)

### § 20.2 Rule 2. Procedure in absence of specific Rule of Practice.

Where in any instance there is no applicable rule or procedure, the Chairman may prescribe a procedure which is consistent with the provisions of title 38, United States Code, and these rules.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a), 512(a), 7102, 7104)

### § 20.3 Rule 3. Definitions.

As used in these Rules:

(a) *Agency of original jurisdiction* means the Department of Veterans Affairs activity or administration, that is, the Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Health Administration, or National Cemetery Administration, that made the initial determination on a claim.

(b) *Agent* means a person who has met the standards and qualifications for accreditation outlined in § 14.629(b) of this chapter and who has been properly designated under the provisions of Rule 604 (§ 20.604 of this part). It does not include representatives recognized under Rules 602, 603, or 605 (§ 20.602, 20.603, or § 20.605 of this part).