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Retrospective Medical Discharge Eligibility

One of the most misunderstood pathways in the DVA system.

What it actually is, and who it's for.

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What is a Retrospective Medical Discharge?

A retrospective medical discharge is a formal reclassification of how you were separated from the ADF. A lot of veterans were discharged without their conditions being properly recognised at the time. Maybe you were told to just push through. Maybe you downplayed your injuries because that's what everyone did. Maybe the system just failed you.

Whatever the reason, a retrospective medical discharge corrects it. It changes your discharge category to reflect that you left because of medical conditions related to your service.

Why It's a Big Deal

This isn't just about recognition, though that matters too. Getting your discharge reclassified can unlock entitlements you never had access to. We're talking military superannuation invalidity benefits through ComSuper (MSBS or DFRDB). That can mean significant ongoing payments.

> I've seen this process change people's lives. Veterans who spent years thinking they missed out on entitlements suddenly getting the recognition and financial support they should have had from day one. It's one of the most rewarding things I do.

Kai Baldwin, Veteran & DVA Advocate

Who Might Be Eligible?

If you were discharged from the ADF and had conditions at the time that were connected to your service but weren't

properly recognised or assessed, you may be eligible. This happens a lot more than people think. Especially for those who served before the current medical discharge processes were in place, or for blokes and girls who just toughed it out and didn't complain.

Sound familiar? It's worth a conversation.

The Application Process

You make a submission to the relevant service branch with evidence that you had service-related medical conditions at the time of your discharge. That means medical records, service records, and supporting statements. The evidence bar is high, and the process is complex. This isn't a DIY job for most people.

Honestly, this is one of the most complicated pathways in the whole DVA space, and getting it wrong means going back to the start. That's why most veterans get an advocate involved.

How BAC Can Help

This is one of my specialities. I've handled a stack of retrospective medical discharge applications and I know what works. I manage the entire thing from start to finish: gathering evidence, building the case, writing the submission, and following through until a decision is made.

If you think you might be eligible, just give me a call. The consultation is free and we can work out pretty quickly whether it's worth pursuing.

Ready to Get Started?

Book a free, no-obligation chat with me.
No sales pitch, no pressure. Just a straight conversation about your situation and what you might be entitled to.

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