

# VA Knee Ratings Chart

Name:		
Date of birth:	Sex:	
Year of active duty:	Referring physician:	
Service connection of knee pain:		
Symptoms and impact:		
VA rating:		
Knee ratings		
General	Description	VA rating
Direct service condition	This means that a particular disease or injury was incurred in service. This is accomplished by affirmatively showing inception during service.	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.	10%, 20%, or 30%
DC 5257, knee pain		VA rating
<b><i>Recurrent subluxation or instability</i></b>		
Unrepaired or failed repair of complete ligament tear causing persistent instability, and a medical provider prescribes both an assistive device (e.g., cane(s), crutch(es), walker) and bracing for ambulation		30%
<b><i>One of the following:</i></b>		
(a) sprain, incomplete ligament tear, or repaired complete ligament tear causing persistent instability, and a medical provider prescribes a brace and/or assistive device (e.g., 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 (e.g., 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 (e.g., cane(s), crutch(es), walker) or bracing for ambulation	10%
<b>DC 5256, ankylosis of the knee</b>	
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%
<b>DC 5260, leg, limitation of flexion</b>	
Flexion limited to 15°	30%
Flexion limited to 30°	20%
Flexion limited to 45°	10%
Flexion limited to 60°	0%
<b>DC 5261, leg, limitation of extension</b>	
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%
<b>Knee replacements</b>	
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
<b>Others</b>	
Muscular injuries	0%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%
Arthritis	20%, 40%, 60%
Meniscus injuries	~20%

## Additional notes

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