

**STATEMENT OF
ACCREDITED
REPRESENTATIVE
VA Form 646**

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- Opportunity to review the appeal and submit a statement regarding the appeal
- No legal requirement
- Allow NSO 5-8 days for review
- Certification Check Sheet

CERTIFICATION CHECKSHEET

1. Issue(s) the same in NOD, SOC, -9?
2. Are the facts consistent throughout the claim?
3. ID alternative methods of SC?
4. All medical and lay evidence submitted?
5. Is there a Dx
6. Is the examination current/adequate?

CERTIFICATION CHECKSHEET

7. Did medical opinion follow protocol?
8. Were the appropriate regulations cited?
9. Were appropriate CAVC cases cited
10. Were the reasons and bases discussions correct?
11. If a hearing was requested, was it held?

CERTIFICATION CHECKSHEET

12. Were all SOC's and SSOC's done?
13. Was my argument concise, logical, and rational?
14. No new issues/NODs/appeals are present

If all were yes, you've done your duty!

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After 646, what happens next?

- VA Form 8, Certification of Appeal
- RO Holds
- RO sends to BVA
- Docket number assigned when case is received in BVA

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References

- M21-1MR Part 1, 5, F, 27
- Veterans Benefits Manual 16.3.2.6.6

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