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Greetings, Veterans enrolled in the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) program,

VR&E Service recognizes the current challenge we face with obtaining a wet, electronic, or digital signature from our participants. Therefore, during the period of national emergency, we have released guidance to all Regional Offices that policy will be adjusted to accept a typed signature, which will apply to any form that requires a participant's signature. All forms are available in PDF format at www.va.gov/vaforms.

The most commonly used VR&E forms are as follows:

- VBA-28-1900: Application for Vocational Rehabilitation for Claimants with Service-connected Disabilities (Fillable)
- VBA-28-8832: Education/Vocational Counseling Application (Fillable)
- VBA-21-686c: Application Request to Add and/or Remove Dependents (Fillable)
- VBA-21-674: Application Request to Add and/or Remove Dependents (Fillable)

In addition, VR&E Field staff are encouraged to communicate with participants electronically during this time. This includes utilizing tele-counseling which is accessible on any web-enabled device with a webcam and microphone (Smartphone, Tablet or Laptop). This will allow you to meet with your Counselor virtually through VA

Video Connect. If interested in this service, we encourage you to contact your Counselor as soon as possible.

A grateful nation thanks you for your service.

Sincerely,

-VR&E Service