

DoD Disability Evaluation System Training Curriculum

The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Clinical & Program Policy (C&PP) and the Chief Medical Officer for TRICARE Management Activity are offering online training courses, in accordance with DoDI 1332.38, covering the Disability Evaluation System (DES). The courses support the Services in training medical providers, Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Officers (PEBLOs), and case managers who support the DES process, while also supporting the Service members they serve. All courses can be accessed through the Military Health System's online learning platform, MHS Learn. Log on to MHS Learn at <http://mhslearn.csd.disa.mil>.

Course/Lesson/Length	Purpose/Target
<p>Introduction to the DoD DES (40 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the DoD DES • Overview of the DES Process • DES Roles and Responsibilities • Service Members' Rights, Responsibilities, and Entitlements 	<p>Provides an overview of the DES, based on DoD policy, describing the DES process, roles and responsibilities, and the rights and entitlements of Service members.</p> <p>Audience: All stakeholders (e.g. PEBLOs, medical providers, case managers, unit commanders)</p>
<p>Introduction to DES for PEBLOs (30 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEBLO Responsibilities in the DES • DES Case Studies for PEBLOs 	<p>Introduces the administrative role and responsibilities of PEBLOs in the DES process. The course points out the specific responsibilities of PEBLOs at each phase in the DES process. It also provides guidance on how PEBLOs help Service members receive their due rights and entitlements in the DES process.</p> <p>Audience: PEBLOs</p>
<p>Introduction to DES for Service Members (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Disability Evaluation System • DES Referral and Medical Evaluation Board (MEB) • Physical Evaluation Board (PEB) • Transition - Reintegration 	<p>Provides information for Service members on what happens at each step in the process and describes their rights, responsibilities, and entitlements in the DES. PEBLOs can also use this course when educating Service members on the DES process. This course is available for download at www.Health.mil or on CD, upon request.</p> <p>Audience: Service members referred into the DES</p>
<p>Referral of Service Members into the DES (1 hour CME)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forwarding Cases to DES-Trained Medical Providers • Referring Service Members into the DES 	<p>Describes the steps medical providers take during each phase of the DES; describes the roles and responsibilities of medical providers in the DES process, and provides guidance to determine when it is appropriate to forward cases to DES-trained medical providers for evaluation.</p> <p>Audience: Treating medical providers and case managers</p>



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Development of MEB Narrative Summaries (1 hour CME) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the MEB Narrative Summary • Required Information • Key Questions for Consideration 	Describes the purpose of MEB Narrative Summaries in the DES and the role and responsibilities of medical providers who are tasked with writing MEB Narrative Summaries. It describes how medical providers can adapt medical report writing skills to describe the impact of Service members' medical condition on military function. Audience: Treating medical providers
Correction of MEB Narrative Summaries (1 hour CME) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pain in the Neck Case • The Back Case that Came Back • The Case of an Arm and a Leg 	Provides practice in making corrections to MEB Narrative Summaries that the PEB returns for revisions. Audience: Treating medical providers
Evaluation of Disability Cases (Five 1-hour CME sessions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angina Case • Asthma Case • Diabetes Case • Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Case • Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Case 	Provides medical providers practice in evaluating Service members' cases for clinical stability by reviewing medical documentation to determine prognosis for improvement and the impact of their conditions on performance of military duties, enabling them to prepare MEB Narrative Summaries and make MEB decisions. Audience: Treating medical providers

DES courses for case managers and unit commanders are under development.

Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits, AMA PRA Category 1, are awarded to providers through Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) following successful completion of select courses.

A Professional Education Certificate is awarded to PEBLOs upon completion of the course for PEBLOs.

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