

## Filing C-A2 and C-A7 Forms for Hearing Loss Information Sheet

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HEARING LOSS CLAIM INFORMATION FOR WHEN YOU BECOME AWARE THAT YOUR HEARING LOSS IS GREATER THAN YOUR BASELINE HEARING LOSS BUT NOT YET SEVERE ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU TOTALLY DISABLED FROM YOUR JOB.

- Ask your Human Resources Department for a Workers' Compensation Claims Form CA-2.
- Complete Form CA-2 in its entirety (Front Page).
- Return Form CA-2 to your Human Resources Department and it will complete reverse side of Form and submit it to the Office of Workers' Compensation within 10 days of receipt as it is required under law.
- You should also include your baseline hearing loss medical report, if you have a copy, as well as your current hearing loss medical report with your Form CA-2 when returning your completed Form CA-2 to your Human Resources Department.
- You will also want to include with your completed Form CA-2, a summary of your work history on a separate page (no special form required for this), where you were exposed to loud noises in your job history, separating federal jobs from non-federal jobs and giving a year to year date range for each job as in the example below:

### Federal Job History

*January 1968- January 1972 U.S. Navy - Jet Mechanic on Aircraft Carrier- had headphones for ear protection but still close to jet engines*

### Non-Federal Job History

March 1972- June 1975 Pullman Standard, Inc. United Steelworkers of America - Butler, PA – Sheer Department-Exposed to loud noises from Press and Punch Machines and Shear Machines and Overhead Cranes, while manufacturing parts for railroad cars from steel.

July 1975 –July 1980 United Mine Workers of America- Morgantown, West Virginia  
Underground Coal Miner-Excessive noise from coal cutters, drills, conveyors, etc.

- Once your hearing loss claim is accepted, then, when you are later told that you are no longer able to do your job because of the hearing loss, you can file a Form CA-7 for wage loss, (obtained from your Human Resources Department and handled the same way as the Form CA-2 returning to Human Resources after completion).
- You will then not have to wait for your money for six months because wage loss claims must be paid within 14 days. This is why you want to file the CA-2 early on because your claim for additional hearing loss from your baseline loss, if proven, will be accepted and remain on record. A Form CA-2 Claim for Hearing Loss takes approximately 180 days to adjudicate. You do not have to first sustain wage loss to file a hearing loss claim. A hearing aid will also be payable by OWCP if the examining OWCP Physician states it is medically necessary.