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Factsheet: Targeted Disabilities

This Fact Sheet:

- Describes the MCIEAST 2% goal for employing Individuals with Targeted Disabilities (IWTD)
- Explains the purpose and importance of the SF-256
- Answers FAQs about selfidentification of a disability
- Lists instructions on how to update your disability code via MyBiz and MCCS People Soft

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The Standard Form 256 & Targeted Disabilities

The Marine Corps Installations East (MCIEAST) Equal Employment Office (EEO) is dedicated to providing equality of opportunity in the hiring, placement, and advancement of individuals with disabilities (IWD). As part of this commitment, MCIEAST has set a goal to ensure that at least 2% of our total workforce is comprised of Individuals with Targeted Disabilities (IWTD). During Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, IWTDs made up only 0.58% of the total workforce (Appropriated Fund - AF and Non-Appropriated Fund - NAF).

Special Hiring Authorities applicable to AF candidates/employees provide the command the ability to use 30% or more Disabled Veteran and Schedule A (u) to expeditiously recruit from pools of qualified IWD/IWTD candidates. However, these hiring initiatives alone are not enough to increase the participation rates of IWDs and IWTDs within the total workforce. With this end, the Command is encouraging all employees to self-identify/update their disability information, as applicable, to contribute toward the Command's 2% goal. In February 2018, the Department of the Navy (DON) conducted a "re-categorization" of disability codes that classified "Other Disabilities" as "Targeted Disabilities." As such, the following codes are now grouped as "Targeted Disabilities" in the most current Standard Form (SF) 256 (Self-Identification of Disability):

Code 15 - Hearing impairment/hard of hearing. This code changed to code 19 on the new form, which is "Deaf or serious difficulty hearing, benefiting from, for example, American Sign Language, CART, hearing aids, a cochlear implant and/ or other supports."

Code 22 - Visual impairments (e.g. tunnel or monocular vision or blind in one eye). This is equivalent to code 20 on the new form, which is "Blind or serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses."



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- About 56.7 million people 19 percent of the population had a disability in 2010, according to a broad definition of disability, with more than half of them reporting the disability was severe, according to a comprehensive report on this population released by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- The report shows that 41 percent of those age 21 to 64 with any disability were employed, compared with 79 percent of those with no disability. Along with the lower likelihood of having a job came the higher likelihood of experiencing persistent poverty; that is, continuous poverty over a 24-month period. Among people age 15 to 64 with severe disabilities, 10.8 percent experienced persistent poverty; the same was true for 4.9 percent of those with a non-severe disability and 3.8 percent of those with no disability.

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Code 40 - Mobility impairment (e.g. cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, congenital hip defects, etc.). Although this code remains the same, it is now defined as "Significant mobility impairment, benefiting from the utilization of a wheelchair, scooter, walker, leg brace(s) and/or other supports."

Code 61 - Partial paralysis of one hand, arm, foot, leg, or any part thereof. This code is equivalent to code 60 on the new form, which is "Partial or complete paralysis (any cause)."

Code 70 - Complete paralysis of one hand. This code is now equivalent to code 60 on the new form, which includes "Partial or complete paralysis (any cause)."

Code 93 - Significant disfigurement, such as, disfigurements caused by burns, wounds, accidents, or congenital disorders. Although code 93 and its definition remain the same, these conditions are now categorized as Targeted Disabilities.

Accurate self-identification of disability data is essential to the command's ability to measure progress in the hiring, placement and advancement of IWDs and IWTDs. Progress can only be measured through the production of special reports showing, for example:

- The number of employees with disabilities who are hired, promoted, trained, or reassigned over a given time period; and
- The percentage of employees with disabilities in the work force and in various grades and occupations.

These reports are strictly used for statistical purposes, at the aggregate level, by command/senior management officials to prevent, identify and eliminate barriers impeding full participation of IWDs and IWTDs within the workforce.

Participation in the disability reporting system is entirely voluntary, with the exception of those employees appointed under the Schedule A Excepted Appointing Authority for People with Intellectual Disability, Severe Physical Disability, or Psychiatric Disability (5 CFR 213.3102(u)).



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- About 8.1 million people have difficulty seeing, including 2.0 million who are blind or unable to see.
- About 7.6 million people experience difficulty hearing, including
 1.1 million whose difficulty is severe. About 5.6 million use a hearing aid.
- Roughly 30.6 million have difficulty walking or climbing stairs, or use a wheelchair, cane, crutches or walker.
- About 19.9 million people have difficulty lifting and grasping. This includes, for instance, trouble lifting an object like a bag of groceries, or grasping a glass or a pencil.

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Targeted disabilities are a subset of disabilities identified as severe. This distinction is made on the Standard Form 256 (SF-256):

02—Developmental Disability 90—Intellectual disability

03—Traumatic Brain Injury 91—Significant Psychiatric Disorder

19—Deaf/serious difficulty hearing 92—Dwarfism

20—Blind/serious difficulty seeing 93—Significant disfigurement

31—Missing extremities

40—Significant mobility impairment

60-Partial/complete paralysis

82—Epilepsy/seizure disorders

Not every targeted disability category is defined in the SF-256. For example, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is considered to be a "psychiatric disability," but is not listed in its own category. When self-identifying as having a targeted disability, please select the category that you identify with the most .

Standard Form 256 (SF-256)

The SF-256 is a voluntary form issued by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) that is intended to gather disability employment information within the federal government. Employees are prompted to complete the SF-256 during the onboarding process. However, MCIEAST encourages employees to update their disability information annually because a person's disability status can change at any time. Based on anecdotal evidence, some employees with disabilities choose not to self-identify for various reasons, including:



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- About 15.5 million adults have difficulties with one or more instrumental activities of daily living. These activities include doing housework, using the phone and preparing meals. Of these, nearly 12 million require assistance.
- 7.0 million adults reported being frequently depressed or anxious such that it interfered with ordinary activities.
- The uninsured rates for adults 15 to 64
 were not statistically different by disability status: 21.0 percent for people
 with severe disabilities, 21.3 percent for
 those with non-severe disabilities and
 21.9 percent for those with no disability.
- All statistics came from the 2010
 Americans with Disabilities report.
 https://www.census.gov/newsroom/r
 eleases/archives/miscellaneous/cb12-134.html

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- Not considering themselves as individuals with a disability and therefore do not self-identify;
- Not knowing their respective disability is categorized as "Other" or "Targeted Disabilities;
- Believing disability information is used for employment and management decisions affecting those who self-identify;
- Believing disability data is reported on an individual basis;
- Believing disability data is used to identify employees;
- Believing disability data is used to associate employees with specific disabilities;
- Believing disability self-identification leads to lesser opportunities for development, promotions, awards, or recognition.

The good news is that disability information is used to assess IWD and IWTD participation in professional development/training programs and to evaluate the effectiveness of established policies, practices and procedures governing merit promotions, performance and recognition awards.

Despite current misconceptions, we continue to encourage employees to self-identify their respective disability so that this aspect of workforce data is accurately incorporated into the Command's strategic plan.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) considered a targeted disability?

A. Yes. PTSD falls into the "psychiatric disability" category on the Standard Form 256. Please select "psychiatric disability" if you wish to self-identify as having PTSD, and note that disclosure of a psychiatric disability or treatment for same, should not be perceived to jeopardize an individual's employment.

Q. What is the current participation rates for Individuals with Disabilities and those with Targeted Disabilities?

A. As of 30 March 2018, IWDs make up 9.85% while IWTDs make up 1.48% of the Total Workforce. These internal calculations take into account the recent re-categorization of disability codes. Although disability codes have been updated in the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System (DCPDS), we urge employees to access MyBIZ+ to self-identify their current disability identification code.

Q. Is reporting on the SF-256 mandatory?

A. No. Participation in disability reporting is entirely voluntary, with the exception of employees appointed under Schedule A(u) or for employees who have a reasonable accommodation.

Q. Why does it matter whether I self-identify on the SF-256?

A. We want to ensure the depiction of our workforce is current and reflects accurate participation rates. By obtaining a truer picture of IWDs and IWTDs within MCIEAST/MCB Camp Lejeune, we can improve our efforts to identify and eliminate barriers to equal employment opportunities for all individuals with disabilities.

Q. Who sees my identification and what is it used for?

A. The disability identification information is kept strictly confidential, with several security layers of access limited to EEO professionals. MCIEAST /MCB Camp Lejeune utilizes this data for statistical purposes at the aggregate level to produce specialized reports pertaining to the hiring, placement and advancement of IWDs and IWTDs. In the future, MCIEAST/MCB Camp Lejeune hopes to leverage this information in its strategic planning to justify greater allocation of resources for accommodations. However, the data is only as good as what is entered in the SF-256, so employee assistance in updating and maintaining this information current is critical.

Q. How do I update my disability self-identification?

A. AF EMPLOYEES: You can update your disability code via the MyBiz portal. For first time users, please register your CAC-enabled account through https://compo.dcpds.cpms.osd.mil/, and follow the prompts for "Register Here." After registration or for returning MyBiz users, log in at https://compo.dcpds.cpms.osd.mil/, and login under "Smart Card Access" or "Non-Smart Card Access." Select the "HR (MyBiz+Navy)" Path, accept the Privacy Act statement, click on the "Personal" detail page, expand upon the "Disability" section, and update your disability status by selecting the category that pertains to you. Be sure to click "update" to save your changes.

NAF EMPLOYEES: You can update your disability code via the MCCS PeopleSoft Human Resource Management System at https://hrms.usmc-mccs.org/psp/hprd/?cmd=login. Login with your User ID and password. Click "Personal Details" and then click "Disability" located on the left side of the screen. Click the "Search Icon" on the Disability Code Block. Click the Disability Code that you self-identify with and it will automatically populate in the Disability Code Block. Click "submit" to complete the self-identification of disability process. Pages 6-7 provide a graphic example of the OPM SF-256. Pages 8- through 14 provide step-by-step instructions for AF and NAF employees on how to update their respective identification of disability information. Please contact the EEO Office at any of the listed numbers for additional assistance.

Q. What if I have more than one disability?

A. Due to the structure of the SF-256 created by OPM and MCCS People Soft, you can only choose one disability code. Therefore, you would select the disability or category of disability that you identify with the most.

| SELF-IDENTIFICATION OF DISABILITY (Please read the Privacy Act information and additional instructions on Page 2) | Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) | Date of Birth (MM/YYYY) | Social Security Number

Purpose:

Each agency in the Executive Branch of the Federal government has established programs to facilitate the hiring, placement, and advancement of individuals with disabilities. Self-identification of disability status is essential for effective data collection and analysis of the Federal government's efforts. While self-identification is voluntary, your cooperation in providing accurate information is critical to these efforts. Every precaution is taken to ensure that the information provided by each employee is kept in the strictest confidence.

ENTER CODE HERE



Targeted Disabilities or Serious Health Conditions:

- 02- Developmental Disability, for example, autism spectrum disorder
- 03- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Deaf or serious difficulty hearing, benefiting from, for example, American Sign Language, CART, hearing aids, a cochlear implant and/or other supports
- 20- Blind or serious difficulty seeing even when wearing
- 31- Missing extremities (arm, leg, hand and/or foot)
- 40- Significant mobility impairment, benefiting from the utilization of a wheelchair, scooter, walker, leg brace(s) and/or other supports
- 60- Partial or complete paralysis (any cause)
- 82- Epilepsy or other seizure disorders
- 90- Intellectual disability
- Significant Psychiatric Disorder, for example, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, PTSD, or major depression
- 92- Dwarfiem
- 93- Significant disfigurement, for example, disfigurements caused by burns, wounds, accidents, or congenital disorders

Other Options:

- 01- I do not wish to identify my disability or serious health condition.
- 05- I do not have a disability or serious health condition.
- 06- I have a disability or serious health condition, but it is not listed on this form.

- Other Disabilities or Serious Health Conditions:
- 41- Spinal abnormalities, for example, spina bifida or scoliosis
- 44- Non-paralytic orthopedic impairments, for example, chronic pain, stiffness, weakness in bones or joints, some loss of ability to use part or parts of the body
- 51- HIV Positive/AIDS

13- Speech impairment

- 52- Morbid obesity
- Nervous system disorder for example, migraine headaches, Parkinson's disease, or multiple sclerosis
- 80- Cardiovascular or heart disease
- 81- Depression, anxiety disorder, or other psychiatric disorder
- 83- Blood diseases, for example, sickle cell anemia, hemophilia
- 84- Diabetes
- 85- Orthopedic impairments or osteo-arthritis
- 86- Pulmonary or respiratory conditions, for example, tuberculosis, asthma, emphysema
- 87- Kidney dysfunction
- 88- Cancer (present or past history)
- Learning disability or attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADD/ADHD)
- 95- Gastrointestinal disorders, for example, Crohn's Disease, irritable bowel syndrome, colitis, celiac disease, dysphexia
- Autoimmune disorder, for example, lupus, fibromyalgia, rheumatoid arthritis
- 97- Liver disease, for example, hepatitis or cirrhosis
- History of alcoholism or history of drug addiction (but not currently using illegal drugs)
- 99- Endocrine disorder, for example, thyroid dysfunction

Definition

An individual with a disability: A person who (1) has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities; (2) has a record of such an impairment; or (3) is regarded as having such an impairment. This definition is provided by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 701, et seq.).

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 701, et seq.), requires each agency in the Executive Branch of the Federal government to establish programs that will facilitate the hiring, placement, and advancement of individuals with disabilities. One method for determining agency progress in fulfilling these requirements is through the production of reports at certain intervals showing, for example, the number of employees with disabilities who are hired, promoted, trained, or reassigned over a given time period; the percentage of employees with disabilities in the work force and in various grades and occupations; etc. Such reports bring to the attention of agency top management, OPM, and the Congress, the progress or any deficiencies within specific agencies or the Federal government as a whole in the hiring, placement, and advancement of individuals with disabilities.

The disability data collected on employees will be used only in the production of reports such as those previously mentioned and not for any purpose that will affect them individually. The only exception to this rule is that the records may be used for selective placement purposes and selecting special populations for mailing of voluntary personnel research surveys. In addition, every precaution will be taken to ensure that the information provided by each employee is kept in the strictest confidence and is known only to those individuals in the agency Personnel Office, who obtain and record the information for entry into the agency's and OPM's personnel systems. You should also be aware that participation in the disability reporting system is entirely voluntary, with the exception of employees appointed under the Schedule A Excepted Appointing Authority for People with Intellectual Disability, Severe Physical Disability, or Psychiatric Disability (5 CFR 213.3102(u)). Agencies will request that these employees identify their disability status and, if they decline to do so, their correct disability code will be obtained from medical documentation used to support their appointment.

Employees who wish to confirm the disability code carried in their agency's and OPM's personnel systems is consistent with the employees' representation, may ask their Personnel Officer for a printout of the code and definition from their individual records. The code noted in the employees' records in the agencies' system will be identical to that carried in OPM's system.

Privacy Act Statement

Collection of the requested information is authorized by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 701, et seq.). Solicitation of your Social Security Number (SSN) is authorized by Executive Order 9397, which permits agencies to use the SSN as a means for identifying persons with disabilities in personnel information systems. Your SSN will only be used to ensure that your correct disability code is recorded along with other employee information that your agency and OPM maintain on you. It should be noted, however, that where individuals decline to furnish their SSN, the SSN will be obtained from other records in order to ensure accurate and complete data. Employees appointed under the Schedule A Appointing Authority for People with Intellectual Disability, Severe Physical Disability, or Psychiatric Disability (5 CFR 213.3102(u)) are requested to furnish an accurate disability code, but failure to do so will not affect them. Where employees hired under this authority fail to disclose their disability, the appropriate code will be determined from the employee's existing records or medical documentation submitted upon appointment.

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SF 256 Revised October 2016 Previous editions not usable

AF Employees visit the MyBiz Portal:

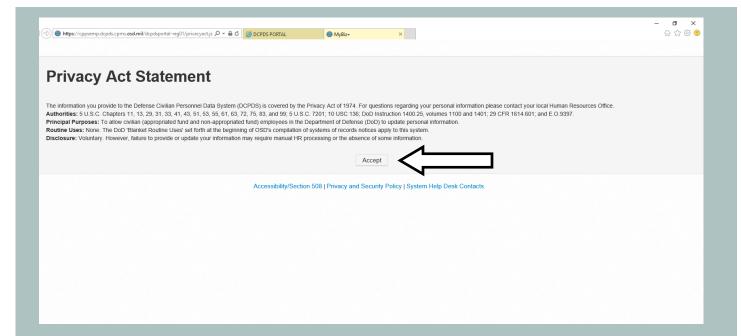
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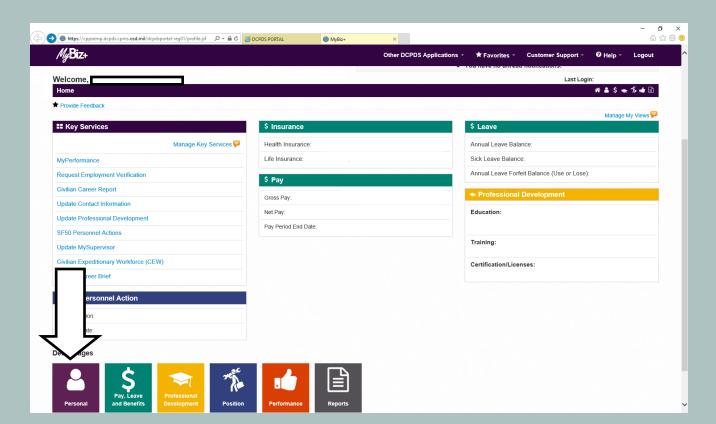
1. Log into the MyBiz Portal with your "Smart Card" or through "Non-Smart Card Access."



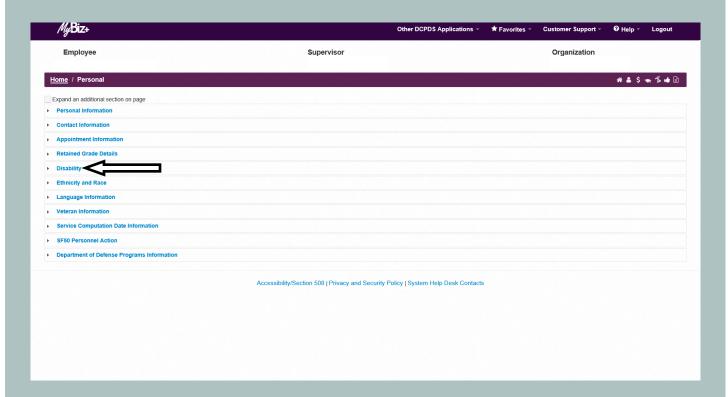
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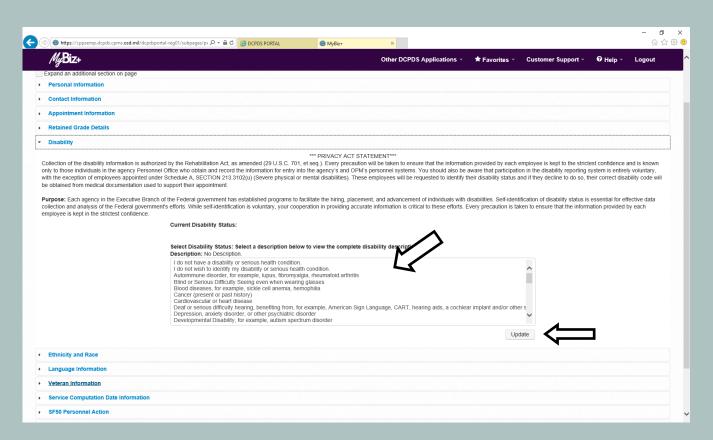
3. Click "Accept."



4. Click on "Personal."



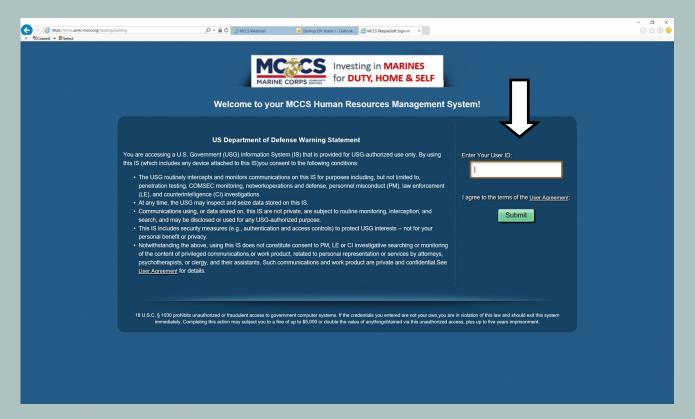
5. Click on "Disability."



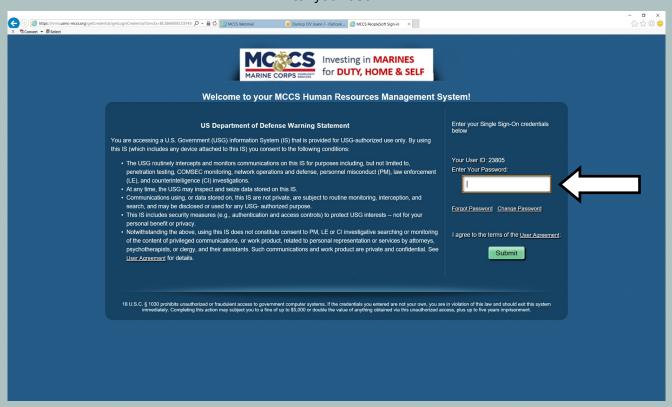
6. Select the disability you most identify with and click "Update."

NAF Employees visit MCCS People Soft:

https://hrms.usmc-mccs.org/psp/hprd/?cmd=login



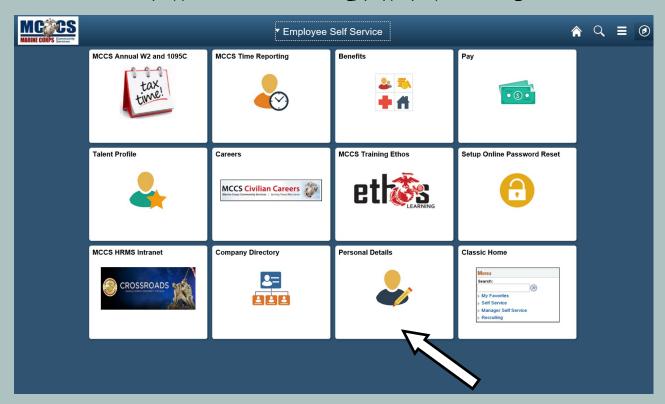
1. Enter your user ID.



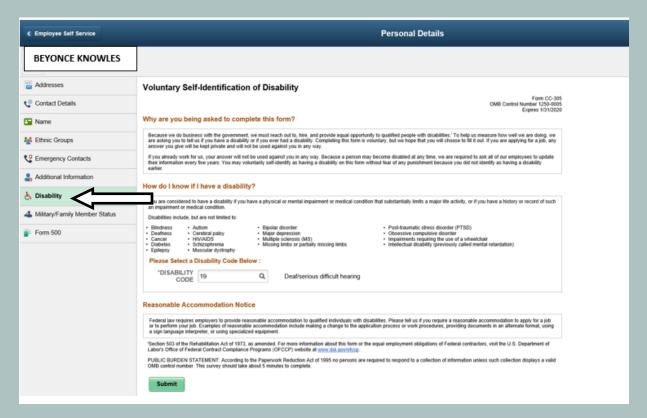
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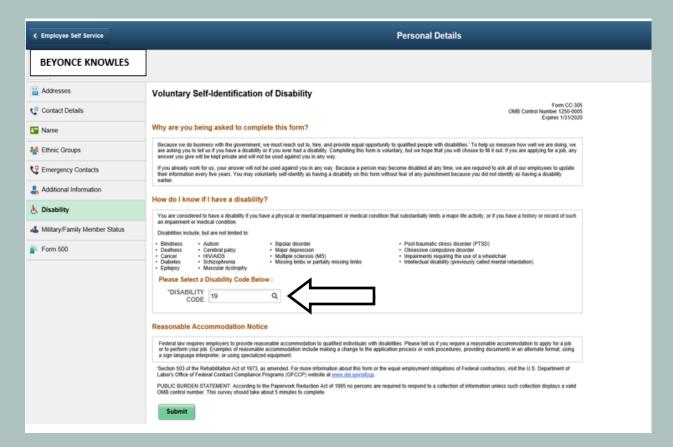
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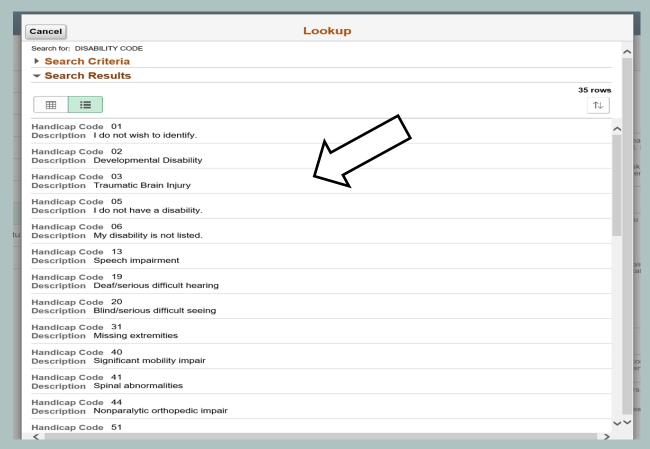
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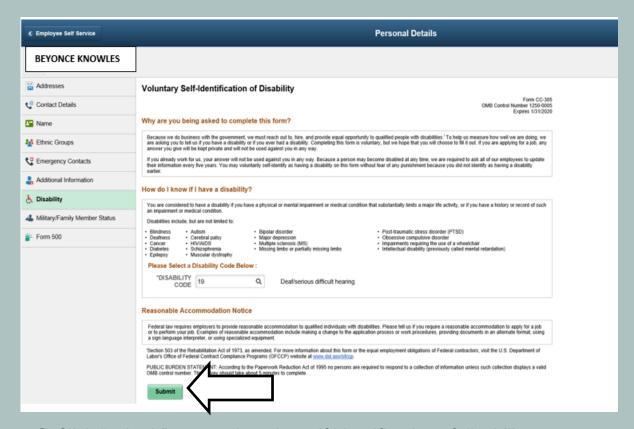
4. Click on "Disability" located on left side of screen.



5. Click the "Search Icon" on the Disability Code Block.



6. Click the Disability Code that you self-identify with and it will automatically populate in the Disability Code Block.



8. Click "submit" to complete the self-identification of disability process.