



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

POST-VIETNAM VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE POST-VIETNAM VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

The Post-Vietnam Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) is an education benefit for Veterans who paid into VEAP while they were in the service. Eligible Veterans may be entitled to as much as 36 months of training. Eligibility usually ends 10 years after getting out of the service, but the time limit can be longer in certain cases. Eligible Veterans may pursue any of the following types of training:

- College or University Programs
- Business, Technical, or Vocational Training
- On-the-Job and Apprenticeship Training
- Remedial, Deficiency, and Refresher Training (in some cases)
- National Tests
- Correspondence Courses
- Flight Training (in some cases)
- High School Diploma or Equivalent
- The cost of tests for licenses or certifications needed to get, keep or advance a job

Note: To find out if your school or program is approved for VA educational benefits under VEAP, please click on this link [VA's WEAMS Institution Search Tool](#) to search for approved Education and Job Training Programs link.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To establish eligibility to VEAP, you must have:

- First entered active duty after December 31, 1976 and before July 1, 1985, **AND**
- Contributed to VEAP before April 1, 1987, **AND**
- Completed your first period of service, **AND**
- Been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Disabilities determined by VA to be related to your military service can lead to monthly non-taxable compensation, enrollment in the VA health care system, a 10-point hiring preference for federal employment and other important benefits. Ask your VA representative or Veterans Service Organization representative about Disability Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Caregiver Program, Career Services, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance and/or Dependents and Survivors' Benefits.



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Note: You may be eligible for education benefits if you are still on active duty, call the toll-free number 1-888-442-4551 (1-888-GI BILL 1) for details about your eligibility for VEAP.

WHAT DOES VA PAY?

The total dollar amount of your benefits is the sum of:

- Your total contributions, **PLUS**
- Matching funds from VA equal to two times your contributions, PLUS
- Any DoD contributions or “kickers”

The monthly amount you’ll receive is based on the total (above), the number of months you contributed, the type of training you are pursuing, and your training time (i.e. full-time, half-time, etc.).

HOW CAN YOU APPLY?

Once you find a program approved for VA training you can [apply online](#).

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