



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Benefits Administration

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 educational benefit. It is for Veterans who paid into VEAP while in the service. Eligible Veterans may receive as many as 36 months of training. Eligibility usually ends 10 years after service, but can be longer. Eligible Veterans may pursue any of the following:

- 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

To find out if your school or program is approved for benefits under VEAP, visit <https://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do;jsessionid=qtMbSxQFpzyL7GpnQrtnNGv6G9CGQQvb2YqM9Cvw3vB2pv2lXhfJ!-1531379871>.

Who is Eligible?

To establish eligibility to VEAP, you must have:

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

You may be eligible for education benefits if you are still on active duty. Call 888-GI BILL 1 for details.

What Does VA Pay?

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

- Your total contributions
- Matching funds from VA equal to twice your contributions
- Any DoD contributions or “kickers”

The monthly amount you’ll receive is based on:

- The above total
- The number of months you contributed
- The type of training you are pursuing
- Your training time (full-time, half-time, etc.)

How Can You Apply?

Once you find a program approved for VA training, you can apply online at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/veap.asp>. For more information call 888-GI BILL 1 or visit <https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/>.