



Know the Difference:

Helping your students navigate whether to use VET TEC (Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses) or Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits when completing your educational program.

Thank you for your support and participation in providing our nation's Veterans and their beneficiaries with the education and training to help propel them in their transition into the civilian workforce. As a VET TEC provider, the below table provides additional information as you help your students decide whether to use VET TEC or the Post-9/11 GI Bill to complete their program.

	VET TEC	Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits
Is your student looking for a vocational or educational pathway?	Vocational; student expected to find employment upon completion of the program.	Educational
Does this program impact a student's remaining entitlement?	No, this does NOT utilize GI Bill entitlement.	Yes, this reduces the amount of remaining GI Bill Entitlement.
If a student is a non-Post 9/11 GI Bill student, are they eligible?	Yes! GI Bill students with at least one day of unexpired GI Bill entitlement may be eligible.	No
What will VA pay for?	VA pays the cost of the program based on a pay for performance model; 25% upon enrollment and attendance, 25% upon completion, 50% upon employment.	VA pays at a benefit level dependent on length of service. To determine your student's benefit level, please see here .
What benefits can a student receive under this program?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition and Fees • Housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition and Fees • Housing • Books and Supplies
Are recipients of Transfer of Entitlement (TOE) beneficiaries and Fry Scholars eligible?	Unfortunately, not at this time.	Yes
Where can I, or my student, learn more?	VET TEC Student Site	Post-9/11 GI Bill Student Site
Where can I find the application?	VET TEC Application	Post-9/11 GI Bill Application
What type of attendance is required?	Full-time	Full-time or part-time

Learn more by reviewing [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and the [VET TEC SCO Handbook](#).

If you have questions about the VET TEC program or how to help students apply, please call 888-442-4551 or email VETTEC.VBABUF@va.gov.

If you have questions about the Post-9/11 Forever GI Bill program or how to help students apply, please contact your ELR or call 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551). To find your ELR, please visit the [Education Liaison Representative page](#).



Frequently Asked Questions

1. If a Veteran has less than 100% eligibility for GI Bill benefits, can they still apply and receive full VET TEC benefits?

Yes, if they're eligible. VET TEC covers the cost of the program* even if they wouldn't receive 100% with other GI Bill programs.

**Based on a pay for performance model centered around employment, institutions are paid incrementally based on the progress and success of their Veteran students.*

2. What is a Preferred Provider?

A provider is considered "preferred" if the training facility agrees to refund tuition and fees if a student doesn't find meaningful employment within 180 days of completing the program.

3. If a Veteran applies for VET TEC benefits and uses them, how will that affect their current GI Bill benefits?

VET TEC does not take away from any of their GI Bill entitlement.

4. If a Veteran already works in the tech industry at an entry-level position, are they allowed to use VET TEC to further their tech education?

Yes, if they are eligible for VET TEC and are accepted into a program with an approved provider, then they're allowed to use VET TEC to help advance their career.

The VA does not exclude participants who are already in their target industry. However, the Veteran must show meaningful employment at the conclusion of the training program, which can include a promotion with the existing employer.

5. Is the Certification Exam Fee for the course under the VET TEC Program Included?

VET TEC does not cover third party exam fees. But Veterans are able to utilize GI Bill benefits to get reimbursement for **the certification exam.**

6. What is the difference between VET TEC and traditional college programs?

The difference between VET TEC training and traditional college is that the terms are much shorter. VET TEC programs run from 6-28 weeks in length and provides the skills needed for rapid employment.

7. How does the housing allowance work for the VET TEC program?

- If a Veteran attends your training program in person, their housing stipend will be equal to the monthly military Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents. This is based on the zip code where they attend your training.

- If a Veteran participates in an online program, their stipend will be half of the BAH national average for an E-5 with dependents.

- For more information on the housing allowance available for Veterans under the VET TEC program, please visit the **GI Bill Comparison Tool.**

- Housing is paid in arrears.

8. How do students receive their housing allowance?

Students must self-certify attendance to receive housing.

9. How does VET TEC help students gain employment after the training program completes?

Because of the unique nature of VET TEC and the diverse courses available under VET TEC, each Training Provider has different tools and processes to support finding employment after graduation. Veterans are encouraged to contact training providers to see what they offer.

10. If VET TEC Funding is exhausted during a student's program will they still be paid?

Yes, as long as your student is enrolled and in receipt of an award letter from VA, they will still be paid.