

VA Benefits and Services

Women Veterans Symposium



Veterans Affairs

Transition Assistance Program

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Or call us

1-800-827-1000

8:00 a.m. EST to 9:00 p.m. EST

KNOW YOUR BENEFITS



Federal Benefits for Veterans
Dependents and Survivors



- » www.ebenefits.va.gov
- » One-stop shop for benefits-related online tools and information.
 - Apply for benefits
 - View your claim status and benefits and payments online
 - Download your DD 214
 - Print your VA home loan guaranty Certificate of Eligibility (CoE)



The screenshot shows the eBenefits website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "Log in", "Register", and a search bar. Below this is a header with "My eBenefits", "Benefit Links", "Tools", "Apply", "About", and "Help". The main content area features a "Stop Waiting. check your claims status online!" banner with a "Claims Status" button. Below the banner, there are sections for "What can you do on eBenefits?", "Social Media", "Browse State Benefits", and "Recommended Resources". The "What can you do on eBenefits?" section includes links for MIV Account Holders, Request State Benefits Information, Veterans' Appeal Status, eLearning Center, Transfer of Education Benefits, Message Center, Account Activity History, and Health Eligibility Check. The "Social Media" section shows recent tweets from Dept/VetAffairs and VeteransHealth. The "Browse State Benefits" section has a dropdown menu for selecting a state and a "Find benefits by state" button. The "Recommended Resources" section features links to Suicide Prevention, OEF/OIF Returning Service Members, and Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, and Survivors. The footer contains "Veterans Affairs Links", "Directives", and "More Related Links".

Department of Veterans Affairs

» Veterans Benefits Administration

- All non-medical VA benefits: Compensation, Pension, Education, Home Loan Guaranty, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, Life Insurance
- Administered by VA Regional Offices

» Veterans Health Administration

- All VA health care services
- Administered by VA Medical Centers, Ambulatory Care & Community Based Outpatient Clinics

» National Cemetery Administration

- National and State Veterans Cemeteries
- Support to State Veterans Cemeteries
- Headstones & Markers
- Presidential Memorial Certificates



Virtual – VA

- » This past year Muskogee Regional Office
 - 5000 virtual appointments
 - 7 Virtual Outreach Events
 - 3 specifically for Women Veterans
 - Answered more than 3000 online inquiries
 - [IRIS Home Page \(va.gov\)](http://va.gov)
 - <https://iris.custhelp.va.gov>



Compensation for Service-Connected Disabilities



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Service-Connected Compensation

- » Compensation is paid for a disability resulting from disease or injury incurred or aggravated while on active duty, active duty for training or inactive duty training. The disability does not have to be combat or wartime related.
- » Examples:
 - Torn knee ligament
 - Hearing loss
 - Back condition
 - Post traumatic stress (including the result of sexual trauma)
 - Traumatic brain injury
 - Skin condition (psoriasis, eczema, scars)



Rating Process

- » VA Life cycle of a claim
- » Disabilities are rated from 0% to 100%.
 - Combined overall rating
- » Compensation is tax free.
 - Compensation paid for disability range from 10% to 100%
 - Additional allowance for dependents with 30% or higher rating
 - The Department of Treasury encourages Federal beneficiaries receive their recurring/monthly benefits electronically
- » Severance and/or Separation pay may be recouped (after tax amount)



Related Benefits

- » Free VA health care for all rated service-connected conditions
- » Vocational rehabilitation & employment services
- » VA life insurance - \$10,000
- » Veterans preference in Federal hiring
- » VA home loan guaranty funding fee waived
- » Possible state and local benefits
- » Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP)
- » Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC)



Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI)

- » Lifetime renewable term insurance
- » Premiums increase with age
- » Maximum coverage=amount of SGLI at time of separation from service
- » Available in increments of \$10,000
- » Convertible to a commercial policy at any time



Comprehensive Medical Benefits

- » Screening exams for: Depression, Substance Abuse, PTSD, TBI,
- » Readjustment Counseling
- » Military Sexual Trauma
www.mentalhealth.va.gov/docs/mst-brochureforveterans.pdf
- » Preventive Care Services
- » Inpatient and Outpatient Treatment
- » Prescription Services
- » Women's Healthcare Programs
- » Prosthetic and Rehabilitative Devices



Home Loan Guaranty

www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/



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VA Home Loan Guaranty

- » Lenders make the loan and VA guarantees it
- » VA guaranty usually means no down payment required by Servicemember or Veteran
- » Servicemember or Veteran must qualify for loan with sufficient income and satisfactory credit
- » Limitations on closing costs
- » The right to prepay without penalty
- » Negotiated interest rates
- » Individuals having problems making payments may call 1-877-827-3702 for assistance
- » Native American Direct Loan – Trust land



Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (VR&E)



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Rehabilitation Plan

- » The following service delivery options may be provided under a Rehabilitation Plan:
- Reemployment
 - Rapid access to employment
 - Employment through long-term services
 - Independent living services
 - Self-employment



Benefits and Services Available

- » Veterans enrolled in an approved training program have the following expenses covered:
 - Tuition and fees
 - Books
 - Equipment
 - Supplies
- » Veterans receive a monthly subsistence allowance, which is based on rate of pursuit and number of dependents



Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvement Act of 2010

- » Effective August 1, 2011, eligible veterans enrolled in the VR&E program may elect the monthly housing allowance from the Post -9/11 GI Bill in lieu of the subsistence allowance
- » Housing allowance based on BAH for E-5 with dependents
- » Veterans must be eligible for Post-9/11 GI Bill and have remaining entitlement under that program



Transfer of Entitlement



- » Serves as a retention program for Department of Defense
- » Must be member of Armed Forces, including NOAA and PHS

AND

- » Agree to serve at from one to four additional years per rules established by Department of Defense or Department of Homeland Security

Only the Secretaries of Defense, Army, Navy, Air Force, or Homeland Security can Authorize transfer of entitlement for benefits.
(NOT VA)



Resources



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VA on Twitter

<http://twitter.com/DeptVetAffairs>

Benefits information

(800) 827-1000

Education Benefits

(888) 442-4551

Health Care Eligibility

(877) 222-8387

SGLI/VGLI

(800) 419-1473

VA Life Insurance

(800) 669-8477

