

General Benefits for Veterans

As a veteran you may be entitled to:

Healthcare & Disability

Five free years of VA healthcare from the date of discharge. This is available to veterans who have served after September 11, 2001 (OIF, OEF and OND veterans).

Monthly VA Disability Compensation

You may be eligible for disability compensation if you have a service-related disability, and you were not discharged under dishonorable conditions.

VA Travel Reimbursement

Reimbursement for mileage or public transportation may be paid to the following:

1. Veterans with service-connected disabilities rated at 30 % or more;
2. Veterans traveling for treatment of a service-connected condition;
3. Veterans receiving a VA pension;
4. Veterans traveling for scheduled compensation or pension examinations; and/or
5. Veterans whose income does not exceed the maximum VA pension rate.

Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)

CRSC allows certain military retirees to receive both their military retirement pay and VA disability compensations.

Unemployment

The Unemployment Compensation for Ex-service Members (UCX) program provides benefits for eligible ex-military personnel. Benefits are paid by the various branches of the military, and the program is administered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. You are eligible if:

- You were on active duty with a branch of the U.S. military (you may be entitled to benefits based on that service);
- You were separated under honorable conditions; and
- There are no payroll deductions from your wages for unemployment insurance protection.

VA Work Study: Get Paid to Study!

If you are a full-time or three-quarter-time student in a college degree, vocational or professional program, you can “earn while you learn” with a VA work-study allowance.

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VA Home Loan

A VA Guaranteed Loan is a type of loan made by private lenders, such as banks, savings and loans or mortgage companies, to eligible veterans. If you want to purchase a home, condominium or manufactured home, the VA can guarantee up to \$417,000 of the total loan. This is much higher than you can get with more conventional home loans. If you are considering refinancing an existing loan, the VA offers you two options:

- You can either refinance to reduce your current interest rate; or
- You can take equity out (cash out). The cash out option is limited to \$144,000.

You do not need to finance a down payment on a VA loan. However, certain funding fees and closing costs apply and you must be able to pay a portion of these fees upfront.

With a VA guarantee, you get a mortgage with a competitive interest rate. The lender that loans you the money is protected against loss up to the amount of the guarantee if you fail to repay the loan, and you have the flexibility to purchase a great home. Visit the Veterans Administration website at www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans for the current table of VA funding fees and information on veterans who are exempt (pay zero) from funding fees.

As a veteran you may also be entitled to:

Food Stamps

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will help you purchase food. Whether you live alone or with others, whether you have children or not, sometimes you cannot pay all the bills and still have enough money to buy food. That's when SNAP/Food Stamp benefits can really help.

Federal Work Study

The work study program provides part-time employment to undergraduates and graduates to help with college expenses. There are two different kinds of work study: Federal Work Study and Non-federal Work Study.

For more information on any of programs mentioned above, contact your local VA Office.

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