

Applying for VA Benefits

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>

Step one: Click on Apply for Benefits.

The screenshot shows the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website. The header includes the VA logo and the text "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs". A navigation menu contains links for Home, Veteran Services, Business, About VA, Media Room, Locations, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled "Education and Training" and features a large banner for the "VA GI Bill Comparison Tool (beta)". Below the banner, there are three tabs: "Choose a School", "Apply for Benefits", and "Contact Us". The "Choose a School" tab is active, displaying a button labeled "Choose a School" with a blue arrow pointing to it. To the right of the "Choose a School" button, there is a section for "New Announcements" and a "Check Your Current Post-9/11 GI Bill Enrollment Status on eBenefits" button. The footer of the page shows the URL http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp and a 100% zoom level.

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Step two: Click Apply for Benefits.

The screenshot shows the VA Education and Training website. The main navigation menu on the left includes: Pre-Discharge, Compensation, Education & Training (selected), Education & Training Home, For Students, For School Administrators, About GI Bill, Contact Us, Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment, Home Loans, Life Insurance, Pension, Special Groups, Services, Applying for Benefits, Locations, VBA Claims Transformation, VBA Performance, and About VBA. The main content area features a banner for the 'VA GI Bill Comparison Tool (beta)' with a 'START COMPARING' button. Below the banner, there are tabs for 'Choose a School', 'Apply for Benefits' (highlighted with a red dashed box), and 'Contact Us'. The 'Apply for Benefits' section contains the text: 'You served with honor and you're ready to further your education and skills. If you qualify, apply for VA education and training benefits online, in person, or request an application over the phone.' and a link to 'Apply for Benefits'. To the right, there is a 'GI Bill Comparison Tool' section with a description and a 'Try out our Comparison Tool today' link. Below the main content, there is a 'New Announcements' section with a link to 'Here for Older Announcements' and a 'VRAP Announcement' dated March 10, 2014. The bottom right sidebar includes 'POST 9/11 GI BILL', 'FAQS', 'Submit a Question', 'eBenefits', 'Check Your Current Post-9/11 GI Bill Enrollment Status on eBenefits', 'www.ebenefits.va.gov', and 'VERIFY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE'.

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Step three: Click on Apply Online.

The screenshot shows the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website. At the top left is the VA logo and the text "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs". To the right are social media icons and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, Veteran Services, Business, About VA, Media Room, Locations, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled "Education and Training" and "Apply for Benefits". A left sidebar contains a "I AM A..." dropdown menu and a list of navigation options, with "Apply for Benefits" highlighted. A blue arrow points to this link. The main text explains that applying for VA education benefits can be done in a few steps and lists three options: applying online, visiting a regional office, or consulting with a VA Certifying Official. It also provides the phone number 1-888-GI BILL-1. Below the text is a link to an interactive map. The right sidebar features a "POST 9/11 GI BILL" logo, a "FAQS" section with a "Submit a Question" button, an "eBenefits" section with a "Check Your Current Post-9/11 GI Bill Enrollment Status on eBenefits" button and the URL www.ebenefits.va.gov, and a "VERIFY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE" section. At the bottom right, there is a "RESOURCES" section. The page footer shows a 100% zoom level.

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I AM A...
Select One

Pre-Discharge
Compensation
Education & Training
Education & Training Home
For Students
Get Started
Get Started Home
Apply for Benefits
CareerScope
Payment Rates
School Decision Resources
School Locator
Principles of Excellence
My Story
Education Programs
For School Administrators
About GI Bill
Contact Us
Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment
Home Loans
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Education and Training

Apply for Benefits

Applying for your VA education benefits can be done in just a few steps:

- Apply online today if you know which benefit you want to use.
- Visit your nearest VA regional office to apply in person.
- Consult with the VA Certifying Official—who is usually in the Registrar's or Financial Aid office—at the school of your choice. This official has application forms and can help you apply.

Call 1-888-GI BILL-1 (888-442-4551) to have the application mailed to you.

After you apply, use VA's interactive map to find out how quickly your regional office is processing education claims. Your education benefits are processed at one of four specialized regional claims processing centers in Atlanta; Buffalo, NY; Muskogee, OK; and St. Louis, MO.

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POST 9/11 GI BILL

FAQS

FAQs

Submit a Question

eBenefits

Check Your Current Post-9/11 GI Bill Enrollment Status on eBenefits

www.ebenefits.va.gov

VERIFY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Keep receiving education and training benefits from VA by verifying your attendance.

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Step four: Click on I Am a New VONAPP User. <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/>

Veterans On-Line Application (VONAPP)

Welcome to the new and improved Veterans On-Line Application (VONAPP) website. Please select one of the following choices to begin using VONAPP.

*I Am a New
VONAPP User* OR

*I Have Used
VONAPP
Before*

(Please select this option if this is your first time using the VONAPP website.)

(Please select this option to Resume or Print a previous application.)



NEWS FLASH MESSAGE:

Removal of VA Form 22-1990R from VONAPP

By law, applications for the Veteran Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) must be submitted by October 1, 2013. The application for VRAP (VA Form 22-1990R) will not be available for submission after that date. This law also applies to any application in an incomplete status. If the incomplete application is not submitted in VONAPP by October 1, 2013, the VA will not receive it.

VA Forms 21-526, 21-686c, and 21-4138 are no longer available for use and submission in the Veterans Online Application (VONAPP). The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is transitioning from VONAPP to a new online VA claim service known as VONAPP Direct Connect (VDC) for all Compensation claims, which is currently available for use in [eBenefits](#).

Claims for Education benefits, Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment benefits, and Burial benefits can still be submitted online through VONAPP.

How do I access VDC?

VONAPP Home

What is VONAPP?

Who should use VONAPP?

What do I need to run VONAPP?

Frequently Asked Questions

VA Partners - Service Organizations

State & County Organizations and Other Help

Instructions for filling out Applications

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Step five: Read and click continue.

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When do I log in to begin the application?

You are about to begin filling in your application. You should have any information handy that we recommend for the application you are going to complete. If you have not read *Instructions for Filling Out Applications*, please read the information under the FAQs.

If I live overseas, is my address foreign?

Help Functions. On the *left side* of the screen there is a button. It will say, "Show Help" or "Show FAQ". When the "Show FAQ" is displayed, the left column will have Frequently Asked Questions regarding the page you are viewing and will help you understand what information we need. When the "Show Help" is displayed, the column will display specific information for the block the cursor is in, and tell you exactly what should be entered.

After I submit my form, can I see it again?

What if only the back/continue buttons appear?

Maneuvering in the form:
There are [three links](#) at the top of the page to jump to the major parts of VONAPP:

Start (initial pages and Privacy Act),
Interview (begin the questions in the form), and
Final Steps (check the form/send to VA/print).

Frequently Asked Questions

At the bottom of most screens, in addition to the [Back and Continue](#), you will see two links:

Print (prints entire form with your information) and
Validate (checks the whole form for errors/missing data).

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Step six: Read and click continue.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if you want to stop for a while? You can stop what you are doing at any time. Entries you made on the screen you are on will be lost if you haven't clicked on the back or continue buttons after you made those entries. VONAPP will timeout if you haven't saved an entry in 15 minutes; a 10 minute warning will appear on the screen. A saved entry resets the clock.

When you have finished, you have six options:

1. submit (send your application electronically to us);
2. suspend (put the form on hold);
3. delete (delete everything and end);
4. print data summary (print only what you put in);
5. print paper form (print the completed form);
6. print empty form (print a blank form - not available for the 22-1990R).

How to submit: After you give us any missing data, select the submit button to send your application electronically to us. *Print the Confirmation Page and the application for your records.*

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Step seven: Click on No, Create a VONAPP Account.

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What is a DoD Self-Service Logon?

What is a VONAPP Account?


Frequently Asked Questions

Do you have a DoD Self-Service Logon (eBenefits Account)?

Yes, I'll Log-in Now OR **No, Create a VONAPP Account**

(Please select this option to log in with your existing DS Logon / eBenefits Account)

(Please select this option to signup for a VONAPP account. Note: this account is only valid for VONAPP, and will not work for other VA websites.)



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Step eight: Create login. Read instructions on how to do so.

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How long can my username and password be?

VONAPP Sign-Up: To create your username for VONAPP, enter a username, password, password hint and email address. Remember this information because your username and password are needed every time you enter VONAPP. Passwords must be between 8-15 characters in length, and contain each of the following: 1 or more lowercase letter(s), 1 or more uppercase letter(s), one or more number(s). Your password hint may not contain your password.

What is a VONAPP account?

What is a DoD Self-Service Logon?

Caution: Do **not** use your Social Security Number (SSN), birthday or any other unique identifying information in your username, password or password hint. Your username and password should not be easily "guess-able" by others.

What if I already have an account?

Username:
Password:
Password Hint:
E-mail Address:

Frequently Asked Questions

Your e-mail address will be used to send you your password if you request it and to notify you when VA downloads your electronically submitted application. We may also contact you by e-mail for more information about your application.

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What you will need:

- Your routing and account number for direct deposit.

Forms:

- Form 22-1990
- Form 22-1990E
- Form 22-1995
- Form 22-5490
- Form 22-5495

Black River Technical College Mailing Address:

- P.O. Box 468
Pocahontas, AR 72455

What chapter are you?

- Chapter 30-Active Duty (Marines, Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard)
- Chapter 33- 9/11 Deployments
- Chapter 1606-National Guard-Reserves
- Chapter 1607 (REAP)-National Guard and Reserves-Deployed
- Chapter 35-Spouses and Dependents of Veterans