

Use the following federal Department of Veterans Affairs website to determine your monthly allowance educational benefits:

www.gibill.va.gov/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.html

Use the following federal Department of Veterans Affairs website to browse VA approved OJT/Apprenticeship institutions:

<http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do>

Use the following federal Department of Veterans Affairs website to access WEAMS Public to search for VA approved Licenses/Certifications:

<http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do>

California | Department of Veterans Affairs

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WHO TO CONTACT FOR ASSISTANCE

If you have questions concerning your eligibility for benefits, contact:

MUSKOGEE VA REGIONAL OFFICE

P.O. Box 8484

Muskogee, OK 74402-8484

Phone: 1-888-442-4551

Fax: (916) 781-7866

www.gibill.va.gov

If you have questions concerning approval of a specific Apprenticeship or On-the-Job Training program or need the application for approval, contact our office at:

STATE APPROVING AGENCY

1227 O Street, Suite 625

Sacramento, CA 95814

Phone: (916) 503-8317

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www.csaave.ca.gov

If you have questions concerning employment opportunities, contact the CA Employment Development Department Workforce Services Branch at: workforce411@edd.ca.gov

If you have questions concerning apprenticeship trades, contact the CA Department of Industrial Relations at: www.dir.ca.gov/das/das_offices.htm

Have You Considered Using Your G.I. Bill Benefits for

**On-the-Job Training
And
Apprenticeship Training,
Or
Licensure & Certificate Tests**



- ❖ **Veterans**
- ❖ **Eligible Dependents**
- ❖ **Selected Reservists**
- ❖ **National Guard Members**

You may be eligible to receive a monthly G.I. Bill educational benefit check from the federal Department of Veterans Affairs

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What is On-the-Job Training?

On-the-Job Training (OJT) is training you receive while actually performing a job and earning wages, as well as receiving your G.I. Bill benefits. OJT programs normally range from six months to two years in length. Some examples of currently approved OJT programs are: Law enforcement officers, and most other occupations.

What is Apprenticeship Training?

Apprenticeship training is on-the-job training coupled with theoretical related instruction. You receive your G.I. Bill benefits while working full time and earning wages. Apprenticeship programs are normally from two to five years in length. Registration with the California Apprenticeship Council is not mandatory for veterans benefits; however, it is recommended in order for the veteran to receive journeyman's papers upon successful completion. Some examples of currently approved apprenticeship programs are: Carpenter, Electrician, Pipefitter, Construction laborers, Brick layer, Asbestos worker, Plumber, Iron worker, corrections officer, machinist, and Maintenance mechanic.

The jobs listed above are only a sample of the many jobs that can be approved for veteran benefits.

Time Limits

As a general rule, veterans have up to (15) years after their separation from the service or ten (10) years from the date of eligibility for National Guard and Reservists, to use their G.I. Bill benefits. Contact the federal Department of Veterans Affairs to determine eligibility.

How to Begin

1. You or your employer should contact the State Approving Agency so that the necessary steps can be taken to approve the training program. Keep in mind that not all occupations can be approved. Please contact the State Approving Agency for more information.
2. Contact the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to determine your eligibility and to obtain the necessary application forms.

Licensure & Certificate Tests

Effective March 1, 2001, G.I. Bill benefits may be used for reimbursement of licensure or certification exams that are either required or generally accepted by the industry to enter into, advance, or maintain employment. Contact the VA or the State Approving Agency for details and additional information.

Benefits to Employers

Veterans who have worked in technically oriented military occupations are better prepared for civilian technical training.

Veterans have demonstrated the aptitude to be trained in a structure environment.

Veterans have developed a work ethic that enables them to report for work on time and in the proper frame of mind.

Veterans tend to be more mature, self-confident, and drug-free employees.

Veterans who receive G.I. Bill assistance will work toward a training objective and make satisfactory progress to receive continued benefits.

Veterans possess higher education and training achievements.

Veterans receive the same prevailing wage as other employees in the same position. Scheduled pay increases develop employee loyalty.

Veterans possess work traits, such as adapting to physical demands, following safety guidelines, working under pressure, and setting priorities.

Employer record-keeping is minimal.

VA Educational Benefits

Please click on the links below for more information about VA Educational Benefits.

- [Montgomery GI Bill \(Chapter 30\)](#)
- [VA Vocational Rehabilitation \(Chapter 31\)](#)
- [Veterans Education Assistance Program \(Chapter 32\)](#)
- [Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 or "New GI Bill" \(Chapter 33\)](#)
- [Dependent's Educational Assistance Program \(Chapter 35\)](#)
- [Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve \(Chapter 1606\)](#)
- [Reserve Educational Assistance Program \(Chapter 1607\)](#)