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## Frequently Asked Questions about Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP)

### Am I eligible?

To qualify, a Veteran must:

- be at least 35 and not older than 60
- be unemployed
- have an other than dishonorable discharge
- not be eligible for any other VA education benefit program
- not be in receipt of VA compensation due to unemployability
- not be enrolled in a federal or state job training program

### Is the training school and/or training program approved?

Participants must enroll in a program approved for VA benefits offered by a Community College or Technical School. The program must lead to an Associate Degree, Non-College Degree, or a Certificate and train you in a **high demand occupation**.

VRAP only provides assistance for approved training offered at community colleges and technical schools.

*VRAP benefits can only be paid for training pursued on a full time basis.*

### How much does it pay? When will I get a payment?

Participants may receive up to 12 months of assistance equal to the monthly full time payment rate as the Montgomery GI Bill program: this is currently \$1,564 per month.

Payments will be issued at the beginning of each month for training pursued the previous month.

*Before you can get paid, your school must submit your enrollment information to VA and you must verify your attendance.*

### How do I apply? What are the next steps?

VRAP applications are only accepted electronically. Go to [eBenefits.va.gov](http://eBenefits.va.gov) or search for "VONAPP" online.

- 1) Apply (ONLINE @ [eBenefits.va.gov](http://eBenefits.va.gov))
- 2) Find school / training program
- 3) Contact the VA Certifying Official at your chosen school
- 4) Sign-up for classes
- 5) *Remember: you must verify your attendance before you can be paid*