

# Applying for VA Education Benefits

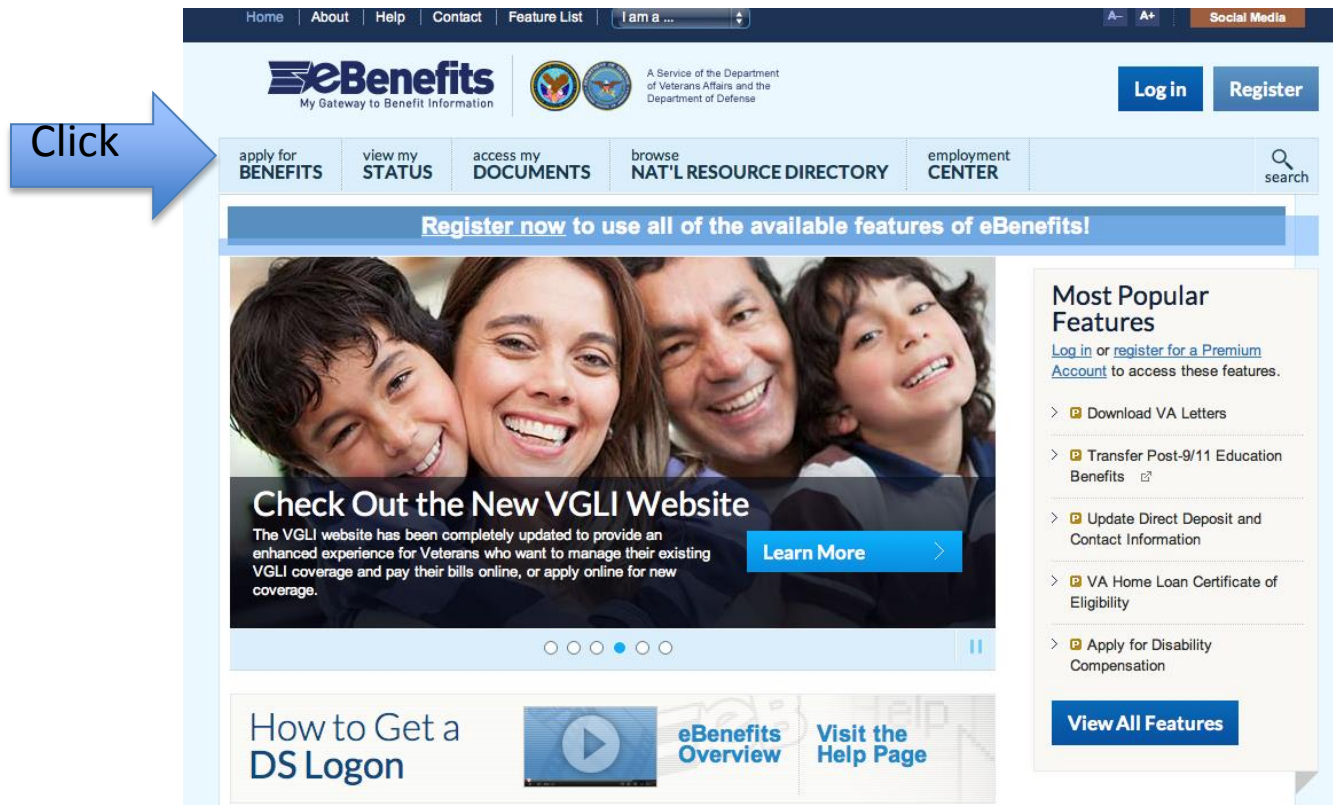
A quick guide to accessing your  
Veterans Online Application  
(VONAPP)

# How can I get to the VONAPP System?

- 1. Accessing VONAPP Via E-benefits

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>

Click-"apply for BENEFITS"



The screenshot shows the eBenefits website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, About, Help, Contact, Feature List, and a dropdown menu labeled 'I am a ...'. To the right of these links are social media icons and a 'Social Media' button. Below the navigation bar is the eBenefits logo, which includes the text 'My Gateway to Benefit Information' and the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense seal. To the right of the logo are 'Log in' and 'Register' buttons. Below the logo and seal is a horizontal menu with five items: 'apply for BENEFITS', 'view my STATUS', 'access my DOCUMENTS', 'browse NAT'L RESOURCE DIRECTORY', and 'employment CENTER'. A blue arrow points to the 'apply for BENEFITS' button. To the right of this menu is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and the word 'search'. Below the horizontal menu is a blue banner that reads 'Register now to use all of the available features of eBenefits!'. Below the banner is a large image of a smiling family (a woman and two children). Overlaid on the bottom of this image is a text box that reads 'Check Out the New VGLI Website' and 'The VGLI website has been completely updated to provide an enhanced experience for Veterans who want to manage their existing VGLI coverage and pay their bills online, or apply online for new coverage.' To the right of this text box is a blue button that says 'Learn More'. To the right of the family image is a section titled 'Most Popular Features' which lists five items: 'Download VA Letters', 'Transfer Post-9/11 Education Benefits', 'Update Direct Deposit and Contact Information', 'VA Home Loan Certificate of Eligibility', and 'Apply for Disability Compensation'. Below this list is a blue button that says 'View All Features'. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled 'How to Get a DS Logon' with a play button icon and the text 'eBenefits Overview' and 'Visit the Help Page'.

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Click the link “apply for veterans Benefits Via VONAPP

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Home | About | Help | Contact | Feature List | I am a ...

**eBenefits**  
My Gateway to Benefit Information

A Service of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense

**Log in** **Register**

apply for **BENEFITS** | view my **STATUS** | access my **DOCUMENTS** | browse **NAT'L RESOURCE DIRECTORY** | employment **CENTER** | search

## Apply for Benefits

eBenefits Premium Account holders are able to apply for a range of benefits in this section. Once you've registered with a premium account, you'll have access to the full list of benefits available to you on this website.

**Log in or Register for eBenefits**

Already registered? Log in here. Not yet registered? We recommend that you register for a Premium Account. A Premium Account gives you unlimited access to all the benefits available in the portal. Why limit yourself?

**Log in** **Register**

### Examples of Available Benefits

**Apply for Disability Compensation (VA Form 21-526EZ)**

Complete your online application to submit a claim for Veteran's disability compensation. You can claim multiple disabilities, including PTSD. You can also claim unemployability, temporary total disability, and special circumstances, including the need for an automobile allowance, aid and attendance, and specially adapted housing.

[Get a Premium Account!](#)

**VA Home Loan Certificate of Eligibility**

Calculate your VA Home Loan benefit and entitlement. You can then get a Certificate of Eligibility to show that you're eligible for VA guaranteed financing.

[Register!](#)

**Apply for Veterans Benefits via VONAPP**

Use Veterans On Line Application's (VONAPP) extensive online catalog to select and complete online forms for Education, Burial and Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment benefits.

**Be Sure To Register**

We recommend that you sign up for a Basic Account as it enters you into the larger registration system and so facilitates the successful completion of your Premium Account. The Premium Account gives you full access to all benefits available in eBenefits.

**Register Now**

**Click**

**Give Your Say**

You've told us what needs to be changed and we've heard you. We continue to make improvements to our site and we need your help. Please take a few minutes to share your experience on this Web site with us.

**Your voice is needed!**

**Take the Survey**

# “VONAPP”

- Click whether you are a new user or have used before
- All applicants have the option to login using their eBenefits account or create a Vonapp account username.
- It is recommended that you create a Vonapp account to make accessing this website easier.

**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:**

Effective April 6, 2014 – Use VONAPP for Pension claims. If you are a Veteran with an existing VONAPP account, please select *I Have Used VONAPP Before*. If you do not have an account, please select *I Am a New VONAPP User*.

You cannot use VONAPP to submit a Compensation claim. If you want to submit a Compensation claim online, please use the "Apply for Benefits" section on the eBenefits homepage.

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

**Can I access my incomplete form in VONAPP?**

Partially completed forms and forms saved but not submitted can be accessed in VONAPP for 30 days following the date you started your application. After 30 days, claims not submitted are removed from the system.

**Can I view my completed forms in VONAPP?**

Forms submitted through VONAPP will be available to view and print for one year (365 days) from the date of submission. For example, if you submitted a form in VONAPP on February 17, 2013, you will be able to view and print your form in VONAPP through February 16, 2014.

***Which type of Logon did you use the last time you used VONAPP?***

***DoD SelfService Logon (eBenefits)***

(Please select this option to log back in using your DS Logon / eBenefits Account)

OR

***VONAPP Account***

(Please select this option to log in using a VONAPP account.)

# “Create a New Form”

## ■ Educational Benefits form 22-1990

Includes the chapter 33 post 9/11, 1606, and many of the MGIB benefits and can be utilized by those who served on active duty and for reservists who qualify.

## ■ Educational Benefits form 22-1990E

Is for family members who have had benefits transferred to them.

## ■ Educational Benefits form 22-1995

Should be filled out any time you change school/training sites, when you change from one degree to another, or to update your information when you have not used your benefits for two years.

## ■ Vocational Rehab form 28-1900

Is an educational program for those who have 10-20% disability with the VA or greater. This program will give the service member BAH while providing extra services to assist the service member with their pursuit in higher education.

When in doubt please speak to a military and veterans service adviser to see which benefit you should utilize.

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**Create A New Form**  
Please select the VA Form you want to fill out from the dropdown list below:

[Add New Form](#)

**Account Info**  
Do you want to change your current password or e-mail address? You can do so by choosing the link below.  
[Change my password](#)  
[Change my e-mail address](#)

*Continue*

FAQ Help Contents

**Create A New Form**  
Please select the VA Form you want to fill out from the dropdown list below:

- ✓ Pension (Form 21-526)
- Burial Benefits (Form 21-530)
- Education Benefits (Form 22-1990)
- Education Benefits-National Call to Svc (NCS) (Form 22-1990N)
- Education Benefits-Application for Family Member to Use Transferred Benefits (Form 22-1990E)
- Change Program/Place of Training (Form 22-1995)
- Dependent Application for VA Education Benefits (Form 22-5490)
- Dependent Request for Change of Program or Place of Training (Form 22-5495)
- Vocational Rehabilitation (Form 28-1900)
- Health Benefits (Form 10-10EZ)

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# New Application

☒ FAQ ☐ Help ☐ Contents

New VONAPP Users

Return Users: Create  
New Form

Existing Data

Returning Users:  
Continue Work on  
Existing Form

Frequently Asked  
Questions

## Education Benefits (Form 22-1990)

Choose from one of the options below and then click the red Continue button.

The options that appear below will vary depending on what tasks you have accomplished in VONAPP in the past, if any. New users entering their first claims will see only the option to create an empty new claim or exit VONAPP. Returning users will have additional options. See the Help items in the left margin for explanations of each option.

- ☒ Create an empty new claim application
- ☐ Create a new claim using existing demographic data
- ☐ Exit VONAPP

Create a new application

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# Choosing Your Chapter

Choosing the correct benefit isn't always easy. Although most of our student Veteran population utilize the chapter 33- post 9/11 GI bill benefit, sometime a quick call to the VA can prove helpful.

When in doubt please sit down with an adviser to see what the best benefit is for you.

Please keep in mind that only the VA can determine what you are eligible for. For this reason, a VA counselor is perhaps the best person to speak to in order to help you decide which benefit to apply for.

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What is Chapter 33: Post 9/11 GI Bill?

What is Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty?

What is Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve?

What are VEAP and Noncontributory VEAP?

What is Chapter 1607: REAP?

How are the educational programs different?

Can I be eligible for more than one benefit?

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Education benefit being applied for:

☐ Chapter 33 - Post-9/11 GI Bill

☐ Chapter 30 - Montgomery GI Bill Educational Assistance Program (MGIB)

☐ Chapter 1606 - Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program (MGIB-SR)

☐ Chapter 1607 - Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

☐ Chapter 32 or Section 903 - Post-VietNam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)

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# In Lieu of Chapter 30

Those who are utilizing their Chapter 33 post 9/11 benefits will need to elect to use it in lieu of the Chapter 30 MGIB which unless changed is standard for all who served on Active Duty.

- Click Chapter 33- Post 9/11 GI Bill
- The effective date should be “today’s” date
- Lastly Check off the Chapter 30 MGIB

If you are not utilizing the post 9/11 benefit select the the Chapter that applies to you.

1. Education benefit being applied for:

☒ Chapter 33 - Post-9/11 GI Bill

**Chapter 33 Election.** Complete this section only if this is your first request for Chapter 33 benefits

By electing Chapter 33, I acknowledge that I understand the following:  
I may not receive more than a total of 48 months of benefits under two or more programs.  
If electing chapter 33 in lieu of chapter 30, my months of entitlement under chapter 33 will be limited to the number of months of entitlement remaining under chapter 30 on the effective date of my election.  
My election is **irrevocable** and may not be changed.  
I elect to receive Chapter 33 Education Benefits in lieu of the Education Benefit checked below,

effective...  (Date: mm/dd/yyyy)

☐ Chapter 30:MGIB ☐ Chapter 1606:MGIB-SR  
☐ Chapter 1607:REAP ☐ Not eligible for any of the other listed benefits

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# Institution

12. Do you know the name or address of the school or training establishment you want to attend?  
(Skip this item if you are only applying for National Test Reimbursement, Licensing and  
Certification Test Reimbursement, or Tuition Assistance Top-Up.)

☒ Yes ☐ No

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School Name

Address Location

City

State

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Zip

Zip Suffix

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# Submitting the Form

- Check and correct all error messages
- Click Submit Form
- A pop up screen will come up prompting you to upload your DD214 or any additional forms you would like to submit. If you can upload it electronically please do so. If not close the screen and continue.
- Click I certify and Print the application so you can submit it to the Military and Veterans Services office.
- Lastly you will receive a Certificate of eligibility in the mail from the VA. Once you receive this, please hand it in to the Military and Veterans Veterans office.

You have successfully completed your application.

If you want to make any changes on it, you can. Click on the round option button in the upper left corner of this screen to see the Table of Contents in the left screen bar. Use it to find the parts you want to change then return here. After you submit your application you cannot change information you put on it.

By clicking the **Submit** button, you will send your application electronically to us so we can begin working on it. Once you submit and certify your application, you will get more information about what we will do with your application. You should print the application with all the information on it for your records. If you want to add to or change the information on it, contact the VA Regional Office shown on your confirmation page which you will automatically receive after you submit your application to us.

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