



DISCOVER APPRENTICESHIP: BENEFITS FOR VETERANS

Are you a transitioning service member or veteran looking for a new career opportunity? Apprenticeship is a unique and rewarding pathway to developing in-demand workplace and technical skills while earning a paycheck in the career of your dreams from day one.

Apprenticeship is an industry-driven, high-quality career pathway where employers can develop and prepare for their future workforce, and individuals can obtain paid work experience, classroom instruction, and a portable, nationally-recognized credential

USE YOUR POST-9/11 GI BILL® WHILE COMPLETING YOUR APPRENTICESHIP

Eligible veterans pursuing training through an apprenticeship program approved by a U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) State Approving Agency for education benefits can receive their GI BILL monthly housing allowance (MHA) in addition to their apprenticeship wages. The MHA issued will be a percentage of the U.S. Department of Defense Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents based on your employer's location. Visit the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website to see the relevant rates: www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/how-to-use-benefits/on-the-job-training-apprenticeships/.

Additionally, Post-9/11 GI BILL recipients are eligible to receive up to \$1,000 per year for books and supplies. Veterans already participating in an apprenticeship program at the time of application may be eligible to receive up to 12 months of a retroactive MHA and supplies stipend.

PAYMENT RATES FOR ALL OTHER GI BILL PROGRAMS

For all other GI BILL programs, including the Montgomery GI BILL, the payment rates can be found on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website: www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/how-to-use-benefits/on-the-job-training-apprenticeships/. Visit the GI BILL Comparison Tool to help you make the right decisions on where to use your hard-earned benefits: www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool.

VETERAN READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Veterans with a service-connected disability may also be eligible for custom apprenticeship programs approved by a Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) counselor. Apply for VR&E benefits to determine whether you are eligible by filling out VA Form 28-1900 for VR&E benefits, available on eBenefits.va.gov. Details about these custom apprenticeship programs:

- ✓ Any employer may host a program where a VR&E counselor prepares a specific training plan to ensure that the participant is working toward the full skills of that occupation.
- ✓ You will be paid apprenticeship wages by the employer and can receive a monthly subsistence allowance.
- ✓ VR&E benefits commonly last from six months to 24 months.

VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES TO:

- ▶ Apply for benefits: benefits.va.gov/benefits
- ▶ Learn more about the GI BILL: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill
- ▶ Determine if other organizations/employers are “Approved for the GI BILL.” inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do
(Note: Click the dropdown box next to ‘Program Type’ and select ‘On-The-Job-Training/+Apprenticeship.’ Search by state or employer name.)
- ▶ Find employers who have met criteria for the HIRE Vets Medallion Award: www.hirevets.gov/awardees
- ▶ Find an apprenticeship opportunity near you: www.apprenticeship.gov/apprenticeship-finder
- ▶ Find apprenticeship resources for service members and veterans: www.apprenticeship.gov/service-members-and-veterans
- ▶ Learn how your military skills translate to civilian careers: www.mynextmove.org/vets
- ▶ Find general employment resources for veterans and transitioning service members: www.careeronestop.org/Veterans/
- ▶ Find general employment resources for veterans: www.veterans.gov

DISCOVER APPRENTICESHIP TODAY!

For more information, visit the U.S. Department of Labor’s one-stop source for all things apprenticeship: www.apprenticeship.gov.

Phone: 1-877-872-5627

Speech and Hearing Impaired: 1-877-889-5627

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration promotes registered apprenticeship under the National Apprenticeship Act.

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