



VETERANS BENEFITS TIMETABLE
Information for Veterans Recently Separated from Active Military Service

BENEFITS	TIME LIMIT	WHERE TO APPLY
Disability Compensation: VA pays monthly compensation to veterans for disabilities incurred or aggravated during military service. This benefit is not subject to Federal or State income tax. Entitlement is established from date of separation if the claim is filed within one year from separation. Generally, military retirement pay is reduced by any VA compensation received. Income from Special Separation Benefits (SSB) and Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI) affects the amount of VA compensation paid.	None	Any VA office or call 1-800-827-1000 or file at www.va.gov
Disability Pension: This income-based benefit is paid to veterans with honorable war-time service who are permanently and totally disabled due to non service-connected disability or are 65 or older.	None	Same as above
Medical: VA provides a wide range of health care services to veterans including treatment for military sexual trauma, and for conditions possibly related to exposure to Agent Orange, ionizing radiation, and other environmental hazards in the Persian Gulf. Generally, veterans must be enrolled in VA's Health Care System to receive care. Combat Veterans: VA will provide combat veterans free health care for any illness possibly associated with service against a hostile force in a war after the Gulf War or during a period of hostility after November 11, 1998.	None	Any VA medical facility or call 1-877-222-8387 or file at www.va.gov
	Two years from release from active duty	
Dental: Veterans may receive one-time dental treatment if they were not provided treatment within 90 days of separation from active duty. The time limit does not apply to veterans with dental conditions resulting from service-connected wounds or injuries.	90 days from separation	Same as above
Education and Training: Up to 36 months of benefits for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (Chapter 30), or • Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP - Chapter 32), or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606) 	10 years from release from last period of active duty. Limited extensions available.	Any VA office or call 1-800-442-4551 or file at www.gibill.va.gov
	10 years from the date of eligibility for the program, or until released from the Selected Reserve or National Guard. 14 years if eligibility began on or after October 1, 1992. If activated under title 10, eligibility period is extended by time on active duty plus 4 months. Separate extension for each activation. Extension not available if activated under title 32	
Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment: VA helps veterans with service-connected disabilities prepare for, find and keep suitable employment. For veterans with serious service-connected disabilities, VA also offers services to improve their ability to live as independently as possible. Some of the services offered are: job search, vocational evaluation, career exploration, vocational training, education training and rehabilitation service.	Generally, 12 years from VA notice to veteran of at least a 10 percent disability rating	Any VA office or call 1-800-827-1000 or file at www.va.gov

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<p>Home Loans: Veterans with qualifying service are eligible for VA home loan services including guaranteed loans for the purchase of a home, manufactured home, manufactured home and lot, certain types of condominiums, or to build, repair, and improve homes. Certain disabled veterans can receive grants to have their homes specially adapted to their needs. Native Americans living on Trust Land may qualify for a direct loan.</p>	None	Any VA office or call 1-800-827-1000
<p>Life Insurance:</p> <p>SGLI (Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance) is low cost life insurance for servicemembers and reservists. It is available in \$10,000 increments up to a maximum of \$250,000. Effective September 1, 2005, it will be available in \$50,000 increments up to a maximum of \$400,000. SGLI coverage begins when the servicemember enters service.</p> <p>VGLI (Veterans' Group Life Insurance) is renewable term life insurance for veterans. It is available in amounts up to \$250,000 (\$400,000 effective September 1, 2005) but not to exceed the amount of SGLI coverage in force at the time of the servicemember's separation from service. Premiums are age-based.</p> <p>FGLI (Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance) is low cost life insurance extended to the spouse and children of servicemembers insured under SGLI. Spousal coverage is available up to a maximum of \$100,000, but may not exceed the servicemember's coverage amount. Dependent children are automatically covered for \$10,000 for which there is no cost.</p> <p>SDVI (Service Disabled Veterans' Insurance), also called "RH" insurance, is life insurance for service-connected disabled veterans. The basic coverage is \$10,000. A \$20,000 supplemental policy is available if premium payments for the basic policy are waived due to total disability.</p> <p>VMLI (Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance) mortgage protection insurance issued to those severely disabled veterans who have received grants for Specially Adapted Housing from VA. Maximum coverage of \$90,000.</p>	<p>Coverage continues for 120 days from date of separation, or up to one year if totally disabled at the time of separation from service</p> <p>Must apply within 120 days of separation, or 1 year and 120 days if proof of good health is provided</p> <p>Coverage terminates 120 days after servicemember is released from service. Spouse may convert policy to a commercial policy</p> <p>For basic, must apply within two years from date of notification of service-connected disability. For supplemental, must apply within one year of approval of waiver of premiums</p> <p>Must apply before age 70</p>	<p>VA Insurance Center or call 1-800-419-1473</p> <p>VA Insurance Center or call 1-800-669-8477</p>
<p>Reemployment: The Department of Labor's web site www.dol.gov contains information on employment and reemployment rights of members of the uniformed services.</p>	<p>For military service over 180 days, must apply for reemployment with employer within 90 days from separation. Shorter periods to apply if service is less than 180 days</p>	Former employer
<p>Unemployment Compensation: The unemployment compensation for ex-servicemembers program is administered by the States as agents of the Federal government. The Department of Labor's web site www.dol.gov contains links for each State's benefits, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.</p>	Limited time	State Employment Office (bring your DD-214)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION VISIT THE VA WEB SITE AT WWW.VA.GOV

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

Your DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, contains personal information. Keep it in a safe place. Protect yourself from identity theft. If you decide to file your DD-214 at a public records facility such as a court house or vital statistics agency, you may want to inquire about the level of security in place to limit public access to your document.