

Who to contact for assistance:

- ★ Contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs with questions concerning eligibility and benefits at:

Veterans Affairs Regional Office

P.O. Box 21

Buffalo, NY 14240-0021

1.888.442.4551

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

- ★ Contact the Pennsylvania Department of Education with questions concerning program approval at:

Pennsylvania Department of Education

Division of Veterans and Military

Education

555 Market Street, 12th Floor

Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

717.787.2414

REGIONAL OFFICES

200 South Broad Street

11th Floor Suite 1110

Philadelphia, PA 19102

215.560.2509

301 Fifth Avenue

Suite 204

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

412.565.5364

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*Veterans,
Dependents,
Selected Reservists,
and National
Guard Members*

**YOUR KEYSTONE
TO G.I. BILL®
BENEFITS**

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official government website at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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State Approving Agency

The State Approving Agency was established in 1944 when the G.I. Bill® of Rights was signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Congress recognized that each state has the right and responsibility for the education and training of its residents. The Pennsylvania State Approving Agency, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), together with the federal government manages veterans' education benefits.

PDE's role is to approve and supervise the education and training programs available to eligible veterans, dependents, National Guard members, and reservists.

PDE must specifically approve each education or training program where a veteran or eligible person wishes to use G.I. Bill® benefits.

Additional funding

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency State Grant Program is available for qualified veterans. All veterans are considered without regard to the financial status of their parents.

The Pennsylvania National Guard's Educational Assistance Program can provide up to 100 percent of tuition charged at one of Pennsylvania's 14 state system of higher education institutions or one of the 14 community colleges in the Commonwealth. Call 1.800.692.7392 or visit the Web site at www.pheaa.org for more information on the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency state grant and Educational Assistance Program.

These programs along with other financial aid may be combined with your G.I. Bill® for a total education package.

How to begin:

1. Determine your eligibility—apply online at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill or contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) at 1.888.442.4551 to obtain the necessary application.
2. Decide which program you wish to enter and verify that it is approved with PDE.
3. Contact your educational institution or training establishment for further processing.
4. If you have any questions contact PDE.



G.I. Bill® benefits can be used at:

- ★ **Colleges and universities**
Undergraduate, graduate, certificates, teacher certifications, preparatory programs (Scholastic Aptitude Test, Graduate Record Examination, engineering review), etc.
- ★ **Business, occupation, or trade schools**
Certificates, correspondence, Certified Public Accountant review, diplomas, police training, specialized degrees, etc.
- ★ **Cosmetology and barber schools**
Barber, cosmetician, cosmetology teacher, manicurist, etc.
- ★ **Hospitals**
Nursing, paramedic, radiology, residencies, etc.
- ★ **Career and technology centers and high schools**
High school diplomas (eligible dependents), occupational diplomas (auto mechanic, carpentry, practical nursing, truck driving, etc.)
- ★ **Flight schools**
Certified flight instructors, commercial pilot, instrument rating, etc.
- ★ **On-the-job training and apprenticeship training**
Carpenter, cook, corrections officer, electrician, machinist, painter, welder, etc.
- ★ **Licensing and certification test organizations**
Computer certifications test, occupational licensing tests, etc.