

Who to contact for assistance:

- ★ Contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs concerning your eligibility for benefits or benefit amounts.

Veterans Affairs Regional Office

P.O. Box 21

Buffalo, NY 14240-0021

1.888.442.4551

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

- ★ Contact your local veterans representative at PA CareerLink® to find a job.

www.cwds.pa.gov

- ★ Contact the Pennsylvania Department of Education (State Approving Agency) below with questions concerning program approval.

Pennsylvania Department of Education
Division of Veterans and Military
Education

333 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

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Suite 204

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

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*Veterans,
Dependents,
Members of the
National Guard,
and Reservists*

**ON-THE-JOB
TRAINING OR
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Tom Wolf, Governor | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Pedro A. Rivera | Secretary of Education
Veteran/Military Education State Approving Agency

You may be eligible to receive a monthly G.I. Bill® benefit check from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

What is on-the-job training?

On-the-job training is training you receive while actually performing a job and earning wages as well as receiving your G.I. Bill® benefits. On-the-job training programs normally range from six months to two years in length. Some examples of currently approved on-the-job training programs are Welder, Painter, Cook, Pressman, and Auto Mechanic.

What is apprenticeship training?

Apprenticeship training is on-the-job training coupled with theoretical related instruction. You receive your G.I. Bill® benefits while working full time and earning wages. Apprenticeship programs are normally two to five years in length. Registration with the Pennsylvania Apprenticeship and Training Council is not mandatory for veterans benefits; however, it is recommended in order for the veteran to receive journeyman's papers upon successful completion of training. Some examples of currently approved apprenticeship programs are Carpenter, Electrician, Brick Layer, Asbestos Worker, Plumber, Iron Worker, Corrections Officer, Machinist, and Maintenance Mechanic. **The jobs listed above are only a sample of the many jobs that may be approved for veterans benefits.**

How to begin:

1. If you do not have a job, or if you are not working in the occupation you want, contact your local PA CareerLink® at www.cwds.pa.gov. The PA CareerLink® Representative should be able to find an employer who can offer the kind of training you need to reach your occupational goal.
2. Next, either you or your employer should contact the Pennsylvania Department of Education (State Approving Agency) so that the necessary steps can be taken to approve the training program. Keep in mind that not all occupations can be approved. Please contact the Pennsylvania Department of Education (State Approving Agency) for more information.
3. Contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to determine your eligibility and to obtain the necessary application forms.

Licensure and certificate test

G.I. Bill® benefits may be used for reimbursement of fees for licensure or certification exams that are either required or generally accepted by the industry to enter into, advance or maintain employment. Contact the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or the Pennsylvania Department of Education (State Approving Agency) for details and additional information.

Benefits to employers

- ★ Veterans who have worked in technically oriented military occupations are better prepared for civilian technical training.
- ★ Veterans have demonstrated the aptitude to be trained in a structured environment.
- ★ Veterans have developed a work ethic that enables them to report for work on time and in the proper frame of mind.
- ★ Veterans tend to be more mature, self-confident, and drug-free employees.
- ★ Veterans who receive G.I. Bill® assistance will work toward a training objective and make satisfactory progress to receive continued benefits.
- ★ Veterans possess traits such as adapting to physical demands, following safety guidelines, working under pressure, and setting priorities.