

Sources of Information

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Apprentice Training for Veterans in Massachusetts

Education Benefits Are Not Just For College.



Occupations approved for Training.

There are over 800 occupations approved for education benefits. Here are a few of the occupations approved for Apprentice Training:

- Bricklayer
- Carpenter
- Cook (Chef)
- Correctional Officer
- Electrician
- Firefighter/EMT
- HVAC
- Iron Worker
- Machinist
- Painter
- Pile Driver
- Plumber
- Police Officer
- Roofer
- Sprinkler Fitter
- Telecommunications Technician

You may be able to collect benefits for up to 4 years while on the job.

Important Note:

The Massachusetts Division of Apprentice Standards does not approve GI Bill benefits. We are a resource to help the apprentice veteran with the application process for GI Bill benefits from the VA, thereby speeding up the process. Only the VA can approve the payment of benefits.



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What is Apprentice Training?

Apprentice training is a combination of on-the-job training and related instruction (schooling) which has been approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Division of Apprentice Standards (DAS). DAS helps both the employer and the apprentice set up approved standards of apprenticeship accepted by the Veterans Administration. DAS does not provide job placements — you must first have a job with an employer willing to sponsor an apprenticeship program.



What benefits do Veterans receive under Apprentice Standards?

Veterans receive benefits beyond a college education. If enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program, eligible veterans or their dependents may receive a monthly allowance for learning on the job and completing 150 hours of schooling per year. The apprentice normally receives reduced wages until the completion of the training.

Who is eligible for this benefit?

All veterans who have established eligibility under Chapter 30, Chapter 32, Chapter 33, Section 903 or Chapter 1606, Chapter 1607 and any spouse or child who is eligible under Chapter 35 benefits. The benefit is not available for a person on active duty.

How do you first apply for the benefit?

- A If you have applied for educational benefits either at the academy or some other institution - call the Division of Apprentice Standards. You will need to fill out a Change of program form 22-1995.
- B If you have **never** applied for Veterans Administration (VA) educational benefits, go to **www.gibill.va.gov**
 1. Click on Educational Benefits.
 2. Select Education Forms.
 3. You need to fill out Form 22-1990 (Application for VA Educational Benefits)
 4. Apply on-line HERE. You'll be directed to the VONAPP website. Click "Start VONAPP".
 5. If you're a new user, sign up now. Be sure to store your user name and password in a safe place.
 6. Select the Form 22-1990 from the drop-down list. Complete the form. After completing on-line, you will receive from the VA a Certificate of Eligibility.
 7. Call or email the Division of Apprentice Standards. The names and address are listed on this brochure, and on our website.



What are the Employer's Responsibilities?

The employer is responsible for providing the training as outlined by the training agreement, standards of apprenticeship, apprenticeship laws and regulations. The company or program sponsor must have the qualified personnel to provide satisfactory on-the-job training as well as ensure apprentices receive 150 hours of related instruction per year. Records must be kept to show the progress made by the apprentice towards their job objectives.

A representative of the Division of Apprentice Training can assist with the proper forms to be submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

How can I learn more about the GI Bill?



You can call the toll-free line 1-888-442-4551 and ask to contact the local Education Liaison Representative (ELR). Or visit **www.gibill.va.gov** — you will find the link for your area representative.