



## VA Benefits

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers military benefits to those who qualify. You may be eligible for VA benefits if you are a:

- Veteran
- Veteran's dependent
- Spouse, child or parent of a deceased Veteran
- Active duty military service member
- Member of the Reserve or National Guard

### What you need to know

Benefits will vary depending on your eligibility. This may include health care coverage as well as educational benefits. It is important to find out what you qualify for.

#### Helpful VA web sites for benefits:

Inquiry Routing & Information System (IRIS)

<https://iris.custhelp.com/>

A good place to start to find out about:

- How to find a VA facility in your area
- Toll free numbers for benefits information
- Education Benefits
- eBenefits- a one stop shop for on-line benefits information
- Frequently asked questions

#### VA Health Care Eligibility and Enrollment

(<http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/eligibility/DetermineEligibility.asp>)

This website will help you determine what benefits you qualify for.  
On this site you can:

- Apply for VA health care benefits

- Update financial or personal information changes on the 10-10EZR, Health Benefits Renewal form.
- Find out the limitations for covered services
- Read about Co-pays and charges
- Learn about benefits for family members

### **Returning Service Members (OEF/OIF)**

<http://www.oefoif.va.gov/>

If are an OEF/OIF Veteran, you have earned benefits. Visit this website to find out if you are eligible for:

- 5 years of cost free healthcare
- 180 day dental benefits
- Educational benefits
- Veteran Employment Program

### **Online Application for Health Benefits**

<https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov>

VA Form 10-10EZ allows you to apply online for health benefits.

## **What health care services are offered by the VA?**

Health care services offered by the VA include:

- Hospital, outpatient medical, dental, pharmacy and prosthetic services
- Home and community based residential care
- Readjustment and sexual trauma counseling
- Specialized health care for women and homeless Veterans
- Treatment for alcohol and drug use
- Mental health treatment and 24-hour mental health emergency care, including a 24/7 national suicide hotline

## What educational benefits are offered by the VA?

The Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) provides up to 36 months of education benefits. It is available to those who enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces. Education benefits may also be available for the Veteran's family. Benefits include:

- Tuition help for College, Business, Technical or Vocational school
- On-the-job training programs
- Remedial, Deficiency, and Refresher Training (in some cases)
- The cost of tests for licenses or certifications needed to get, keep, or advance

For more information about MGIB, call Toll-Free 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) or visit <http://www.gibill.va.gov>

## What is offered locally in the US Virgin Islands?

### **Health Care Services**

There are 2 VA clinics and 2 Vet Centers in The US Virgin Islands. They are centrally located on St. Croix and St. Thomas. Veterans with service-connected injuries can utilize the clinics free of charge.

\*Refer to the "Resources" section of this guide for your local  
VetCenter and  
VA CBOC contact information

### **Education**

Tuition assistance may be available to attend **the University of the Virgin Islands**. Contact your Veterans Service Officer at (340) 773-6663.

### **Benefits Workshops**

The VA offers workshops to help you better understand benefits. The workshops are held monthly.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and Tuesday of the month at the St. Thomas CBOC.
- **AND**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday and Friday of the month at the St. Croix CBOC.

For More Information, call Toll-Free **1-877-222-VETS (8387)**  
**Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 AM to 8 PM EST**

