

EDUCATION:

Educational Benefits

Non-Resident College Fee Waiver: Waives non-resident fees at all State of California Community Colleges, California State University, or University of California Campuses.

How to Apply: Visit the admissions office of any State of California Community College, California State University, or University of California campus or the local County Veterans Service Organization.

College Tuition Fee Waiver for Veteran Dependents: Waives mandatory system-wide tuition and fees at any State of California Community College, California State University, or University of California campus.

How to Apply: Visit the admissions office of any State of California Community College, California State University, or University of California campus or the local County Veterans Service Organization.

Post 9/11 GI Bill: Provides financial support for education and housing to eligible individuals.

How to Apply: Visit http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp

Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment

VA's Education and Career Counseling program is a great opportunity for Service members and Veterans to get personalized counseling and support to help guide their career paths, ensure the most effective use of their VA benefits, and achieve their goals.

How to Apply: Visit <http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp>

To learn more about veterans' educational benefits visit: <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/veteran-services-benefits/education>

California Colleges

Complete list of California State University Campuses:
http://www.calstate.edu/search_find/campus.shtml

Complete list of California Community Colleges:
<http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/alphalist.aspx>

Complete list of University of California Campuses:
<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/uc-system/parts-of-uc>

Employment

State Employment

Special provisions allow veterans to receive preference points when testing for open and open non-promotional examinations requiring college graduation and less than two years of experience. The points are added to the final score only after the candidate has successfully passed all parts of the examination.

To be eligible for veterans' preference credits, an individual must be qualified as veteran. "Veteran" means any person who has:

Served full time for 30 days or more in the Armed Forces in time of war or in time of peace in a campaign or expedition for service in which a medal has been authorized by the government of the United States, or during the period of September 16, 1940, to January 31, 1995.

-OR-

Served at least 181 consecutive days since January 31, 1995, and who has been discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable but does not include any person who served only in auxiliary or reserved components of the Armed Forces whose service therein did not exempt him or her from the operation of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

Points Awarded:

- *Eligible veterans, widows/widowers of veterans, and spouses of veterans receive 10 points*
- *Eligible disabled veterans receive 15 points*
- *Eligible widows/widowers of National Guard veterans will receive 5 points*

How to Apply: Print copy of [CalHR Form 1093 \(01/14\)](#). This form, along with a copy of military discharge papers (Member 4 copy of the DD Form 214), should be mailed to:

**California Department of Human Resources
Attn: Exam Services
1515 "S" Street, North Building, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95811**

For more information about veterans' preference points, contact the California Department of Human Resources at **(866) 844-8671**.

Find Vacancy Listings at: <https://jobs.ca.gov/>

California Employment Development Department

The Employment Development Department (EDD) assists veterans and their eligible spouses to maximize their employment and training opportunities. Veterans are entitled to many resources designed to help in their search for employment.

The EDD veterans' representatives specialize in assisting veterans in their efforts to return to work and are located in many local EDD offices. Services provided include a veteran 24-hour priority hold on all

job listings, customized job search assistance, job fairs, employer recruitments, and other events and resources.

Veterans are encouraged to schedule an appointment with an EDD veterans' representative for personalized services and assistance to achieve professional goals. Visit EDD at: http://www.edd.ca.gov/Jobs_and_Training/Services_for_Veterans.htm

Federal Employment

By law (Title 5 USC, Section 2108), veterans who are disabled or serve on active duty in the Armed Forces during certain specified time periods or in military campaigns are entitled to preference over non-veterans both in federal hiring practices and in retention during reductions in force.

When applying for federal jobs, eligible veterans should claim preference on their application or resume. Applicants claiming 10-point preference to a service-connected disability must complete Standard Form (SF) 15, Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference.

Find Vacancy Listings at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/> and <https://www.fedshirevets.gov/>

Health

VA Healthcare

Basic Eligibility Requirements for VA Healthcare:

- *Verified active duty military service*
- *Separation status of under Honorable or General Under Honorable conditions –*
- *24 months of continuous service after September 7th, 1980 (min. service requirement of 90- days prior to this date)*

The VA encourages all Veterans to apply for healthcare benefits so that enrollment eligibility can be determined on an individual basis, as there are a number of exceptions to the basic requirements.

A Veteran with an Other Than Honorable (OTH) or Bad Conduct Discharge (BCD) along with a verified Service Connected condition may be eligible for VA healthcare strictly to treat that condition OR a request can be made through the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) to make an administrative decision about the character of service to determine eligibility (See VBA section below for details).

OEF/OIF/OND: Veterans can receive cost free medical care for any condition related to service in the Iraq/Afghanistan thereafter for five years after the date of discharge or release.

To apply for VA Healthcare Benefits, complete the VA Form 10-10EZ "Application for Health Benefits" and submit it to the Health Benefits and Enrollment office or on-line at: <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/1010EZ-fillable.pdf>

More information can be obtained by visiting <http://www.oefoif.va.gov/>

DD-214: To obtain a copy of a service record, complete Standard Form 180 - "Request Pertaining to Military Records" or apply on-line at <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>

Environmental Health Registry Evaluation for Veterans

VA's health registry evaluation is a free, voluntary medical assessment for Veterans who may have been exposed to certain environmental hazards during military service. The evaluations alert Veterans to possible long-term health problems that may be related to exposure to specific environmental hazards during their military service.

VA has established several health registries to track and monitor the health of specific groups of Veterans. The registry data helps VA understand and respond to these health problems more effectively.

You may be eligible to participate in one or more of these health registries:

- Agent Orange Registry
- Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry
- Gulf War Registry (includes Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn)
- Ionizing Radiation Registry
- Depleted Uranium Follow-Up Program
- Toxic Embedded Fragment Surveillance Center

For more information please visit: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/benefits/registry-evaluation.asp#sthash.hDLqVz1h.dpuf>

Housing

Home Loans

CalVet offers a great home loan option for veterans purchasing homes in California. CalVet has expanded eligibility so that most honorably discharged veterans and active duty service member wanting to buy a home in California are eligible.

CalVet offers loans on:

- Single Family Homes, Condos, Co-ops, and Mobile Home on land for up to \$521,250
- Mobile homes in a park for up to \$175,000 (interest rate is an additional 1%)
- Farm loans for up to \$625,000
- Home improvements for up to \$150,000
- Rehabilitation for those houses not up to VA standards
- Construction take-out or construction for building a new home

For more information please visit: <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/HomeLoans>

VA Home Loans

VA provides a home loan guaranty benefit and other housing-related programs to help veterans buy, build, repair, retain, or adapt a home for personal occupancy.

VA home loans can be used to:

- Buy a home, a condominium unit in a VA-approved project
- Build a home
- Simultaneously purchase and improve a home
- Improve a home by installing energy-related features or making efficient improvements
- Buy a manufactured home and/or lot

For more information please visit: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/>

Homelessness

Through resilient outreach, state-wide collaboratives, strong partnerships, advocacy, and services for all, CalVet has established an aggressive and proactive leadership role in the fight to make sure that all veterans and their families have housing options that fulfill their needs.

For more information please visit: <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/veteran-services-benefits/housing>

Food Assistance

The CalFresh Program, formerly known as Food Stamps and federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), can add to your food budget to put healthy and nutritious food on the table. The program issues monthly electronic benefits that can be used to buy most foods at many markets and food stores.

For more information please visit: <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/Food-Assistance.aspx>

Advocacy