

**INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FOR VETERAN RAPID
RETRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VRRAP)**

(Use this form to apply for the Veterans Rapid Retraining Assistance Program *only*)

NOTE: The numbers on the instructions match the item numbers on the application.

What is VRRAP?

The Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program is a retraining program which became law under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This Public Law 117-2 Section 8006, effective March 11, 2021 provides eligible veterans impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with the opportunity to pursue a covered program of education in a high technology - high demand occupation, as described by the Department of Labor. Such training assistance shall be in addition to any other entitlement to educational assistance or benefits for which the veteran was eligible prior to the pandemic. (See below for additional information regarding eligibility criteria).

The VRRAP training program begins on or after **March 11, 2021**, and the authority to make payments ends on **December 11, 2022**. No retraining assistance shall be paid after December 11, 2022.

What are the Eligibility Requirements?

- **Age Requirement:** As of the date of the receipt by the Department of Veterans Affairs of an application for assistance, the veteran must be at least 22 years of age but not more than 66 years of age.
- **Unemployment Due to COVID-19:** As of the date of the receipt by the Department of Veterans Affairs of an application for assistance, veteran must be unemployed by reason of the covered public health emergency, as certified by the veteran.
- **Eligibility for GI Bill Benefits:** As of the date of the receipt by the Department of Veterans Affairs of an application for assistance, veteran must not be eligible to receive educational assistance under chapter 30, 31, 32, 33, or 35 of title 38, United States Code, or chapter 1606 of title 10, United States Code. **NOTE:** A veteran who has transferred all Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement to one or more dependents as of the date the application is received by VA will be considered to be ineligible for benefits under chapter 33.
- **Federal/State Job Training Programs:** As of any date during the Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program, veteran must not be enrolled in any Federal or State jobs program. The veteran must have his/her school provide a Verification of Attestation and notify VA of this information.
- **Disability Compensation for Unemployability:** As of any date during the Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program, veteran must not be in receipt of compensation for a service-connected disability rated totally disabling by reason of unemployability. **NOTE:** If the veteran is not receiving compensation benefits for Total Disability Individualized Unemployment (TDIU) and is approved for VRRAP but is subsequently awarded disability compensation due to a TDIU rating will cease VRRAP eligibility on the date he/she is notified of eligibility for compensation benefits.
- **Unemployment Compensation:** As of the first day on which the veteran would receive VRRAP MHA, must not be in receipt of unemployment compensation, to include enhanced benefits provided under the CARES ACT. **NOTE:** Veteran will have to provide his/her Attestation.

If found Eligible, What Benefits Would I Receive?

- VA will pay twelve (12) months entitlement of Retraining Assistance for full-time pursuit of an approved program of education offered by a community college of technical school that leads to a high demand occupation. The amount of the assistance is equal to the amount in effect under 38 U.S.C. 3015(a)(1) which covers tuition and fees and monthly housing allowance benefits, payable at:
- 50% of the total amount payable when veteran begins the program
- 25% of the total amount payable when veteran completes the program
- 25% of the total amount when Employment is found in the field related of the chosen VRRAP program

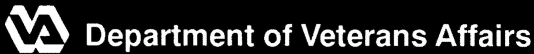
NOTE: VRRAP benefits can only be paid for Associate Degree or Certificate Programs.

Can I access this Application and Apply Online?

Yes, you can create a user account, complete, and submit the VA Form 22-1990S application online by visiting the GI Bill Website at www.va.gov.

PART II - Item 1. Please identify the high demand occupation that your program will train you for. See Pages 4 - 6 for a complete listing of high demand occupations.

ADDITIONAL HELP: If you need more help in understanding the requirements and for completing this application, call VA Toll Free at 1-888-GI-BILL-1(1-888-442-4551). If you use the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), the Federal Relay number is 711. You may also contact an accredited representative, such as a Veteran Service Organization (VSO). VSOs are private groups that advocate on behalf of Veterans, Servicemembers, dependents, and survivors. An accredited representative is an individual who has undergone a formal training process to assist claimants. Please click this link to access additional information [Accredited Representatives Home \(va.gov\)](#)



**APPLICATION FOR VETERAN RAPID RETRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VRRAP)
 H. R. 1319 (Public Law 117-2 Sec. 8006)**

PART I - APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION (Military Service and Education History)

NOTE: You may *either* complete the form online or by hand. If completed by hand, print the information requested in ink, neatly, and legibly to expedite processing of the form.

VRRAP PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program is a retraining program which became law under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2 Sec. 8006). This Public Law became effective March 11, 2021 and provides eligible veterans impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with the opportunity to pursue a covered program of education. Such training assistance shall be in addition to any other entitlement to educational assistance or benefits for which the veteran was eligible prior to the pandemic (*See instructions page for additional information and basic eligibility requirements*).

1. VETERAN/SERVICE-MEMBER NAME (First, Middle, Last)	2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
3. CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS (Number and street or rural route, P.O. Box, City, State, ZIP Code and Country)	
4A. ARE YOU BETWEEN THE AGES OF 22 AND 66? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	4B. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)
5. ARE YOU CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	6. ARE YOU CURRENTLY RECEIVING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING GI BILL PROGRAMS (chapter 30, 31, 32, 33 or 35 of title 38, U.S.C., or chapter 1606 of title 10, U.S.C.) ? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
7. IF ELIGIBLE TO TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT (TOE), AVAILABLE UNDER THE POST-9/11 GI BILL (Chapter 33), HAVE YOU TRANSFERRED <u>ALL</u> OF YOUR ENTITLEMENT TO YOUR DEPENDENT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	8. ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN ANY FEDERAL OR STATE EMPLOYMENT/JOBS PROGRAMS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
9. ARE YOU CURRENTLY RECEIVING ANY VA DISABILITY COMPENSATION FOR A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY RATED TOTALLY DISABLING WHICH CAUSES YOUR INABILITY TO WORK? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	10. ARE YOU CURRENTLY RECEIVING ANY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INCLUDING ANY ENHANCED BENEFITS UNDER THE CARES ACT ? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
11. E-MAIL ADDRESS	
12A. MOBILE TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)	12B. ALTERNATE TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)
13. ARE YOU CURRENTLY ON ACTIVE DUTY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	14. DO YOU ANTICIPATE YOU WILL BE CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY DURING THE VRRAP PROGRAM? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If "Yes," notify VA as soon as possible since it may affect your eligibility)

15. DIRECT DEPOSIT INFORMATION

The Department of the Treasury requires all Federal benefit payments be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT), also called direct deposit (Direct Deposit is not available for Chapter 32 recipients). To enroll in direct deposit, provide the information requested below, **and** attach either a voided personal check **or** a deposit slip to match this information. If you **do not** have a bank account, please visit <https://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/banking.asp>. This website provides information about the Veterans Benefits Banking Program (VBBP), and a link to banks and credit unions that may fit your needs. You may also call 1-800-827-1000. If you elect not to enroll, you must contact representatives handling waiver requests for the Department of the Treasury at 1-888-224-2950. They will encourage your participation in EFT and address any questions or concerns you may have.

Routing or Transit Number (Routing number must be 9 digits)	<input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account Number
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PART II - PROGRAM SELECTION

1. HAVE YOU SELECTED A PROGRAM YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND USING VRRAP? (NOTE: See Pages 4-6 for a complete listing of high-demand occupations) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If "Yes," please provide the "high demand occupation" you would like to attend to be certified and the name of the program's provider. Choose 3 programs and indicate whether they are in person, online, or both)	
NAME OF PROGRAM: NAME OF PROGRAM: NAME OF PROGRAM:	
2. PROVIDE THE ADDRESS (City, State, ZIP Code) AND TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code) WHERE YOU PLAN TO DO YOUR TRAINING:	3. ESTIMATED DATE YOU PLAN TO START OR WILL START TRAINING (MM/DD/YYYY)

PART III - WORK EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION HISTORY

1. ARE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOYED? (If "No", Skip to Item 4)

YES NO

2. HAVE YOU EVER, OR ARE YOU CURRENTLY WORKING IN ONE OR MORE OF THE LISTED HIGH TECHNOLOGY, HIGH DEMAND TRAINING OCCUPATIONS?

Yes, Select the Area: Computer Programming Data Processing Computer Software Information Sciences Media No

3. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT SALARY RANGE: <\$20,000 \$20,001-\$35,000 \$35,001-\$50,000 \$50,001-\$75,000 >\$75,000

4. WHICH AREA LISTED IN Part III, ITEM 2 BEST DESCRIBES YOUR HIGHEST TECHNOLOGY WORK EXPERIENCE:

5. WHAT IS YOUR HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION (Check appropriate box)

HS or GED SOME COLLEGE ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE BACHELOR'S DEGREE MASTER'S DEGREE DOCTORAL DEGREE OTHER

PART IV - SELF CERTIFICATION, ATTESTATION AND SIGNATURE

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION WILL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VETERAN RAPID RETRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VRRAP) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. THE INFORMATION MAY BE AUDITED FOR ACCURACY. BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

SELF ATTESTATION -

"As of the date of this application, you are currently unemployed by reason of the COVID-19 pandemic. You are not currently enrolled in a Federal or State jobs program, nor do you expect to be enrolled in such a program while training under VRRAP. You are not currently receiving unemployment compensation, including any cash benefit received pursuant to the CARES Act, nor do you expect to begin receiving unemployment benefits prior to training under VRRAP. Also, that you are currently receiving unemployment compensation benefits, including any cash benefit received pursuant to the CARES Act, but your benefits will end before you will begin training under VRRAP."

I attest that the statements above are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

- 1) It could take up to 30 days on average to complete your claim.
- 2) If eligible, you will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (COE), or a Decision Letter in the mail.
- 3) You must take the COE to the VA Certifying Official located at the school you will be attending.

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: This form under §8006 of Public Law 117-2 (H.R. 1319) authorizes VA to implement the Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP) which provides eligible veterans impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with the opportunity to pursue a covered program of education in a high technology - high demand occupation. The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). VA may disclose the information that you provide, including Social Security numbers, outside VA if the disclosure is authorized under the Privacy Act, including the routine uses identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22/28, Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law. Your obligation to respond is required in order to obtain or retain education benefits. Giving us your SSN account information is voluntary. Refusal to provide your SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. The VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by Federal Statute of law enacted before January 1, 1975 and still in effect. Any information provided by applicants may be subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to determine your ability to participate in the Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program, 38 U.S.C. 3702 (d) and 38 CFR 36.4344. Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 10 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. If desired, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.

VETERAN RAPID RETRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HIGH DEMAND OCCUPATIONS LISTING

Below is a listing of high demand occupations. Please identify and enter the high demand occupation that your program of education will train you for in Part II, Item 1 of the form.

Management Occupations

1. Chief executives
2. General and operations managers
3. Legislators
4. Marketing managers
5. Sales managers
6. Public relations and fundraising managers
7. Administrative services and facilities managers
8. Computer and information systems managers
9. Financial managers
10. Industrial production managers
11. Human resources managers
12. Training and development managers
13. Construction managers
14. Education administrators, all other
15. Architectural and engineering managers
16. Medical and health services managers
17. Natural sciences managers
18. Social and community service managers
19. Emergency management directors
20. Personal service managers, all other; entertainment and recreation managers, except gambling; and managers, all other

Business and Financial Operations Occupations

21. Agents and business managers of artists, performers, and athletes
22. Buyers and purchasing agents
23. Claims adjusters, examiners, and investigators
24. Compliance officers
25. Cost estimators
26. Human resources specialists
27. Logisticians
28. Management analysts
29. Meeting, convention, and event planners
30. Fund raisers
31. Compensation, benefits, and job analysis specialists
32. Training and development specialists
33. Market research analysts and marketing specialists
34. Project management specialists and business operations specialists, all other
35. Accountants and auditors
36. Personal financial advisors
37. Financial examiners
38. Credit counselors
39. Loan officers
40. Financial and investment analysts, financial risk specialists, and financial specialists, all other

Computer and Mathematical Occupations

41. Computer systems analysts
42. Information security analysts
43. Computer network support specialists
44. Computer user support specialists
45. Computer network architects
46. Network and computer systems administrators
47. Database administrators and architects
48. Computer programmers
49. Software developers and software quality assurance analysts and testers
50. Web developers and digital interface designers
51. Computer occupations, all other
52. Actuaries
53. Operations research analysts
54. Data scientists and mathematical science occupations, all other

Architecture and Engineering Occupations

55. Cartographers and photogrammetrists
56. Bioengineers and biomedical engineers
57. Chemical engineers
58. Civil engineers
59. Electrical engineers
60. Health and safety engineers, except mining safety engineers and inspectors
61. Industrial engineers
62. Mechanical engineers
63. Mining and geological engineers, including mining safety engineers
64. Engineers, all other
65. Aerospace engineering and operations technologists and technicians
66. Electrical and electronic engineering technologists and technicians
67. Environmental engineering technologists and technicians

Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations

68. Animal scientists
69. Food scientists and technologists
70. Soil and plant scientists
71. Zoologists and wildlife biologists
72. Conservation scientists
73. Foresters
74. Life scientists, all other
75. Atmospheric and space scientists
76. Chemists
77. Environmental scientists and specialists, including health
78. Geo-scientists, except hydrologists and geographers
79. Hydrologists
80. Agricultural and food science technicians
81. Biological technicians
82. Environmental science and protection technicians, including health
83. Geological and hydrologic technicians
84. Social science research assistants
85. Forensic science technicians
86. Life, physical, and social science technicians, all other
87. Occupational health and safety specialists

Community and Social Service Occupations

88. Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors
89. Child, family, and school social workers
90. Social workers, all other
91. Health education specialists
92. Probation officers and correctional treatment specialists
93. Community and social service specialists, all other
94. Clergy
95. Directors, religious activities, and education

Legal Occupations

96. Arbitrators, mediators, and conciliators
97. Paralegals and legal assistants

VETERAN RAPID RETRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HIGH DEMAND OCCUPATIONS LISTING (Continued)

Educational Instruction and Library Occupations

- 98. Preschool teachers, except special education
- 99. Kindergarten teachers, except special education
- 100. Elementary school teachers, except special education
- 101. Middle school teachers, except special and career/technical education
- 102. Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education
- 103. Special education teachers, preschool
- 104. Special education teachers, kindergarten and elementary school
- 105. Special education teachers, secondary school
- 106. Special education teachers, all other
- 107. Substitute teachers, short-term
- 108. Tutors and teachers and instructors, all other
- 109. Museum technicians and conservators
- 110. Librarians and media collections specialists
- 111. Library technicians
- 112. Teaching assistants, postsecondary
- 113. Teaching assistants, except postsecondary
- 114. Educational instruction and library workers, all others

Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations

- 115. Special effects artists and animators
- 116. Graphic designers
- 117. Producers and directors
- 118. Coaches and scouts
- 119. Choreographers
- 120. Public relations specialists
- 121. Technical writers
- 122. Writers and authors
- 123. Interpreters and translators
- 124. Court reporters and simultaneous captioners
- 125. Audio and video technicians
- 126. Sound engineering technicians
- 127. Camera operators, television, video, and film
- 128. Film and video editors

Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations

- 129. Dietitians and nutritionists
- 130. Radiation therapists
- 131. Recreational therapists
- 132. Respiratory therapists
- 133. Exercise physiologists
- 134. Therapists, all other
- 135. Registered nurses
- 136. Dental hygienists
- 137. Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians
- 138. Cardiovascular technologists and technicians
- 139. Diagnostic medical sonographers
- 140. Nuclear medicine technologists
- 141. Radiologic technologists and technicians
- 142. Magnetic resonance imaging technologists
- 143. Emergency medical technicians and paramedics
- 144. Dietetic technicians
- 145. Psychiatric technicians
- 146. Surgical technologists
- 147. Veterinary technologists and technicians
- 148. Ophthalmic medical technicians
- 149. Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses
- 150. Opticians, dispensing
- 151. Medical dosimetrists, medical records specialists, and health technologists and technicians, all other
- 152. Athletic trainers
- 153. Health information technologists, medical registrars, surgical assistants, and healthcare practitioners and technical workers, all other

Healthcare Support Occupations

- 154. Nursing assistants
- 155. Occupational therapy assistants
- 156. Physical therapist assistants
- 157. Massage therapists
- 158. Dental assistants
- 159. Medical assistants
- 160. Phlebotomists

Protective Service Occupations

- 161. First-line supervisors of firefighting and prevention workers
- 162. Firefighters
- 163. Fire inspectors and investigators

Personal Care and Service Occupations

- 164. Barbers
- 165. Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists
- 166. Makeup artists, theatrical and performance
- 167. Manicurists and pedicurists
- 168. Skincare specialists

Sales and Related Occupations

- 169. Securities, commodities, and financial services sales agents
- 170. Sales representatives, wholesale and manufacturing, technical and scientific products
- 171. Sales engineers

Office and Administrative Support Occupations

- 172. Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks
- 173. Court, municipal, and license clerks
- 174. Order clerks
- 175. Human resources assistants, except payroll and timekeeping
- 176. Statistical assistants

Construction and Extraction Occupations

- 177. Carpenters
- 178. Electricians
- 179. Glaziers
- 180. Insulation workers, mechanical
- 181. Plumbers, pipe fitters, and steamfitters
- 182. Reinforcing iron and rebar workers
- 183. Sheet metal workers
- 184. Structural iron and steel workers
- 185. Elevator and escalator installers and repairers
- 186. Earth drillers, except oil and gas; and explosives workers, ordnance handling experts, and blasters

Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations

- 187. Computer, automated teller, and office machine repairers
- 188. Radio, cellular, and tower equipment installers and repairers
- 189. Telecommunications equipment installers and repairers, except line installers
- 190. Avionics technicians
- 191. Aircraft mechanics and service technicians
- 192. Automotive body and related repairers
- 193. Automotive service technicians and mechanics
- 194. Bus and truck mechanics and diesel engine specialists

VETERAN RAPID RETRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HIGH DEMAND OCCUPATIONS LISTING (Continued)

Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations (continued)

- 195. Mobile heavy equipment mechanics, except engines
- 196. Recreational vehicle service technicians
- 197. Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers
- 198. Industrial machinery mechanics
- 199. Maintenance workers, machinery
- 200. Millwrights
- 201. Telecommunications line installers and repairers
- 202. Medical equipment repairers
- 203. Wind turbine service technicians
- 204. Commercial divers

Production Occupations

- 205. Machinists
- 206. Computer numerically controlled tool programmers

Transportation and Material Moving Occupations

- 207. Airfield operations specialists
- 208. Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers