

WHITE PAPER
REVISION / REDESIGN
NON-SUBSTANTIVE/NON-MATERIAL CHANGE REQUEST

For
VETERAN EMPLOYMENT THROUGH TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION COURSES (VET-TEC)
EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATION FORM

VA FORM 22-10201

OMB CONTROL NUMBER 2900-0874

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched the \$386 million Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP) as part of its continued effort to support Veterans seeking retraining and economic opportunities in response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The new program, part of the American Rescue Plan, allows qualifying Veterans between the ages of 22 and 66 to receive up to 12 months of tuition and fees, and monthly housing allowance payments, based on Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.

The VRRAP program provides educational assistance for eligible Veterans to complete a program of education that provides training leading to a high-demand occupation or in high technology. Thereafter, the Veteran will acquire meaningful employment in the field of study. VA defines meaningful employment as:

- Traditional employment in a career supported by the completed program of study.
- Promotion in the Veteran's current career if the Veteran is currently employed in a career supported by the completed program of study.
- Self-employment if the Veteran owns or operates a business and is utilizing the skills obtained through the completion of the program of study.

Once the Veteran has found employment, they must certify to VA information about the employment obtained and if the employment is related to their field of study. Presently, the VET TEC Employment Certification Form 22-10201 is the form used to allow Veterans and SCOs to certify that a Veteran has obtained meaningful employment with the skills acquired during their training program.

Education Service has determined the VA Form 22-10201 can be revised to be utilized also for the VRRAP program since both programs seek to collect the same information. Therefore, VA is slightly revising the title of the form to remove "VET TEC" and add checkboxes for the Veteran to select which program they participated in; either VRRAP or VET TEC.

VA has also revised the question which asks the Veteran to describe their job duties and responsibilities. As such, this question has been reworded to ask the Veteran to describe how their new duties and responsibilities align with their field of study. This question is now being asked based on the feedback received from VET TEC participants and other stakeholders; which indicates that a Veteran is the most qualified individual to determine if they have found meaningful employment and if that meaningful employment aligns with their field of study. Although this question is being revised, it does not increase the burden time.

VA therefore requests approval of this action as a Non-material/Non-substantive change, and would like to note that there is no change in burden time needed to complete the form, but is only a slight increase of 2,250 additional respondents, which would account for the receipt of VRRAP certifications expected to be received once per year.

VA Form 22-10201 Revisions Requested:

- Changed the title from “VET TEC EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATION FORM”, to “EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATION FORM”.
- Revised the language in the Privacy Act Notice and Respondent Burden paragraph to apply to both VET TEC and VRRAP.
- Added “YES” checkboxes for both VET TEC and VRRAP to denote which benefit the Veteran certifies employment.
- Added Muskogee RPO email address for where the certification must be sent for VRRAP participants.
- Separated City and State from Employer Address Line
- Revised “DESCRIBE EMPLOYMENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITES” to read “DESCRIBE HOW YOUR NEW DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITES ALIGN WITH YOUR FIELD OF STUDY.”

Thanks,
Education Service