Apply for the Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP)

Save time—and save your work in progress—by signing in before starting your application

When you're signed in to your VA.gov account:

- We can prefill part of your application based on your account details.
- You can save your application in progress, and come back later to finish filling it out. You'll have 60 days from the date you start or update your application to submit it. After 60 days, we'll delete the form and you'll need to start over.

Note: If you sign in after you've started your application, you won't be able to save the information you've already filled in.

Sign in to start your application

Start your application without signing in

Follow these steps below to apply for this program

1 Make sure you're eligible

To be eligible for the Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP), you must meet all the requirements listed here.
All of these must be true. You're:

- Between 22 and 66 years old,
- Unemployed because of the COVID-19 pandemic,
- Not eligible for GI Bill or VR&E benefits (or, if you're eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, you've transferred your benefits to a family members),
- Not rated as totally disabled because you can't work,
- Not enrolled in a federal or state jobs programs,
- Not receiving unemployment or CARES Act benefits.

2 Prepare

To fill out this application, you'll need your:

- Social Security number
- Bank account direct deposit information

What if I need help filling out my application? An accredited individual, like a Veterans Service Officer (VSO) or a Veteran representative at your school, can help you fill out this application. Get help filing your claim

3 Apply

Complete this education benefits form.

After submitting the form, you'll get a confirmation message. You can print this page for your records.

4 VA review

We usually make a decision within 30 days. We'll let you know by mail if we need more information.

Learn more about what happens after you apply

5 Decision

If we approve your application, you'll get a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) or award letter in the mail. Bring this COE to the VA certifying official at your school. This person is usually in the registrar's or financial aid office.

If your application isn't approved, you'll get a denial letter in the mail.

Sign in or create an account

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Need help?

Call us at 800-827-1000. We're here Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m to 9:00 p.m ET. If you have hearing loss, call TTY: 711.

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Step 1 of 2: VRRAP application

Applicant information

Your first name (*Required)

Your middle name

Your last name (*Required)

Suffix

Social Security number (*Required)

Date of birth (*Required)

Month | Day | Year

Personal information

Phone & email

Mobile phone number (*Required)

Home phone number

Email address (*Required)

Confirm email address (*Required)

Mailing address

Country (*Required)

Street address (*Required)

Street address line 2

City (*Required)

State/Province/Region (*Required)

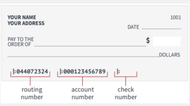
Postal code (*Required)

Direct deposit information

We make payments only through direct deposit, also called electronic funds transfer (EFT). Please provide your direct deposit information below. We'll pay your housing stipend to this account.

Account type (*Required)

- Checking
- Savings



Bank routing number (No more than 9 digits) (*Required)

Bank account number (No more than 17 digits) (*Required)

Save

☐ I don't want to use direct deposit

Note: Any updates you make here to your bank account information won't change your existing accounts for VA education or health benefits.

What if I don't have a bank account?

The Veterans Benefits Banking Program (VBBP) provides a list of Veteran-friendly banks and credit unions. They'll work with you to set up an account, or help you qualify for an account, so you can use direct deposit.

To get started, call one of the participating banks or credit unions listed on the VBBP website. Be sure to mention the Veterans Benefits Banking Program. After you have direct deposit set up, call the GI Bill Hotline at 888-442-4551. We're here Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET.

Note: The Department of the Treasury requires us to make electronic payments. If you don't want to use direct deposit, you'll need to call the Department of the Treasury at 888-224-2950. Ask to talk with a representative about waiver requests. They can answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Program information

Do you know which program you'd like to enroll in? (*Required)

- Yes
- No

What's the name of the school or training provider?

What's the name of the program?

Which city is the program in?

Which state is the program in?

Is the program in-person, online or both?

- In-person
- Online
- Both in-person and online

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Step 2 of 2: Review application

Please review the information below to make sure it's correct before you submit your application. This is especially important if you worked on your application over several days.

VRRAP application

Applicant information	Edit
Your first name	**Sammy**
Your middle name	
Your last name	**Smith**
Suffix	
Social Security number	**000-00-0000**
Date of birth	**January 1st 1980**
Contact information	Edit
Mobile phone number	**212 555 1212**
Home phone number	
Email address	**sammy@email.com**
Country	
Street address	**123 Main St**
Street address line 2	
City	
State/Province/Region	**NY**
Postal code	**11111**
Direct deposit	Edit
Account type	**Checking**
Bank routing number	**12345678**
Bank account number	**87654321**
I don't want to use direct deposit	
Program information	Edit
Have you picked a program you'd like to attend using VRRAP?	**Yes**
What's the name of the program's provider?	
What's the name of the program?	
What city is the program in?	
What state is the program in?	
Is the program in-person, online or both?	

Confirm you're eligible for VRRAP

To be eligible for VRRAP, the 3 following statements must be true:

- As of the date of this application, you're unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- You're not currently enrolled in a federal or state jobs program, and you don't expect to be enrolled in one while using VRRAP.
- You won't receive unemployment compensation, including any cash benefit received under the CARES Act, while training using VRRAP.

The statements above are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

Note: According to federal law, there are criminal penalties, including a fine and/or imprisonment for up to 5 years, for withholding information or for providing incorrect information. (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)

☐ I have read and accept the privacy policy (* Required)

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Finish this application later

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We've received your application.

We usually process applications within **30 days**.
We may contact you if we need more information or documents.

Print this page

Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (VRRAP)

for Sammy Smith

Confirmation number
A-ABC-000

Date received
June 12, 2020

Your claim was sent to
VA Regional Office
P.O. Box 8888
Muskogee, OK 74402-8888

What happens after I apply?

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888-442-4551 (888-GI-BILL-1)
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Submit a question to Education Service

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