



# Education and Training Benefit (Veteran)

The Education and Training Benefit (ETB) helps to provide Veterans with a seamless transition to life after service by providing them access to education.

This funding assists qualified Veterans to achieve education and post-military employment goals, better position themselves to be more competitive in the workforce, and pursue activities that give them a sense of purpose.

## Qualifications

You may qualify if you honourably released from the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) on or after 1 April 2006, or are a current member of the Supplementary Reserve, and have at least

- 6 years (2,191 paid days) of CAF service to qualify to receive up to \$40,000\*
- 12 years (4,382 paid days) of CAF service to qualify to receive up to \$80,000\*

\*Indexed annually by the Consumer Price Index. [See current ETB funding rates.](#)

If you qualify for ETB, you have 10 years from your release date or transfer date to access funding. [Learn more here.](#)

You cannot receive this benefit while you are participating in the [Rehabilitation Services and Vocational Assistance program](#), or receiving the [Canadian Forces Income Support](#).

## Application Process

The ETB has a **two-step** application process. To receive funding, you must:

**Step 1:** Apply and be approved for the benefit by submitting an [Education and Training Benefit Eligibility Application \(VAC 1537\)](#).

**Step 2:** Apply for an Education and Training plan by submitting:

- proof of enrolment/registration and
- either an [Education and Training Benefit Formal Program Application \(VAC 1547\)](#) or [Education and Training Benefit Short Course Application \(VAC 1549\)](#)

Application forms can be submitted to Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) by:

- completing a guided application form through [My VAC Account](#); or
- downloading the application form and mailing it to the address listed on the form.

**Note:** VAC must receive applications **before** the program/course start date.

## Funding

This funding is **taxable** and there are two streams of funding available.

- Formal Program funding is to earn a diploma, degree, certificate, or certification.
- Short Course funding is for shorter courses aimed at career or personal development.

### Formal Program

A Formal Program must:

- be offered by an institution found on the [Employment and Social Development Canada's Master List of designated institutions](#) or be a government-recognized post-secondary institution.
- lead to a degree, diploma, certificate, or certification
- run at least 12 weeks within a 15-week period or full-time equivalent

**Note:** Technical education programs from trade/specialized technical skills training schools with a duration of less than 12 weeks may still qualify for Formal Program funding.

Veterans who successfully complete their approved program can apply for a taxable [\\$1,000 Completion Bonus](#).

### Short Course

Up to \$5,000\* of a Veteran's funding entitlement can be used for courses such as entrepreneurial boot camps, business development workshops/seminars, and instructor certifications (life coach, dance & fitness).

A Short Course must be:

- provided by an organization, community-based group, or individual
- available to the broad Veteran population and/or Canadian public
- provided either online or in a public forum
- publicly advertised

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### Payments

- If you have an Education and Training Plan approved, funding will be paid directly to you in Canadian dollars. You must pay the tuition and fees to the educational institution.
- Only **upcoming** course(s) or period(s) of study are eligible for funding.
- You must provide all the required documents to VAC before you will receive a payment for your next period of study, including:
  - a completed [Monitoring Form](#)
  - proof of completion of the previous period of study
  - proof of enrollment in an upcoming period of study
- Contact us if there is a change in your Education and Training plan or if you decide not to continue with your program.

### More Information

- Visit [veterans.gc.ca](https://veterans.gc.ca)
- Call us at 1-866-522-2122
- Send a secure message via [My VAC Account](#)
- [Book an in-person appointment](#)