



# What is the Education and Training Benefit?

- The Education and Training Benefit provides financial support to Veterans interested in pursuing education or training after their military service.
- Achieving education goals can lead to new career opportunities and provide a sense of purpose during a Veterans' transition to life after service.
- Veterans choose from a **list of approved educational institutions** managed by Economic and Social Development Canada.
- Through the Education and Training Benefit, Veterans can apply for:
  - a full-length program that results in a diploma, degree, certificate;
  - or training that leads to a certification or designation; or
  - short courses.
- The Education and Training Benefit is taxable.
- Veterans can apply for a \$1000 completion bonus after successfully finishing their program or training.



## Application process



### 1 Before applying, Veterans should consider Career Transition Services

Veterans can apply for **Career Transition Services** if they aren't sure what kind of education or training to pursue. This program gives access to a trained career coach who can help find the best academic path.

### Qualifying

Veterans must apply before beginning their studies and meet the following criteria:

Honourably released from the Canadian Armed Forces on or after 1 April 2006, or are a member of the Supplementary Reserve and have at least:



6 Years (2,191 paid days)  
Qualify for up to \$43,335.98 (2022)



12 Years (4382 paid days)  
Qualify for up to \$86,671.95 (2022)

Please note: Veterans can't receive this funding while participating in VAC's Rehabilitation and Vocational Assistance program, or if they are receiving the Canadian Forces Income Support.



### 2 Applying for the Education and Training Benefit

#### Two-step application process



1. Veterans submit an eligibility application using the guided form on **My VAC Account** or by mail (**VAC 1537e form**).

2. Once eligibility is approved, they can access funding by submitting either a Formal program application (**VAC 1547e**) or a Short course application (**VAC 1549e**) on **My VAC Account** or by mail.

\*Applications must be fully approved before the course/program start date.



### 3 More information



Veterans can call us at **1-866-522-2122** for support with the application or any other questions.



**Watch this video** for a quick overview of the Education and Training Benefit.