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Forever GI Bill – Additional Information Education Call Center VET TEC Script/Q&A

Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses (VET TEC)

What is VET TEC?

VET TEC is a five-year pilot program offering eligible Veterans with a minimum of one day of unexpired GI Bill® entitlement an opportunity to enroll in high-tech education programs. This pilot will leverage leaders in coding bootcamps and technical education to connect Veterans to employers seeking IT talent. Training courses are generally less than 10 months in duration, offered by organizations that are not institutions of higher learning, and do not lead to a degree.

How do I sign up and when will I get notice if I'm selected?

When applications open we will have a link on the GI Bill website for Veterans to apply. Once you submit your application, we'll process it and send you a letter on your next steps.

Is my travel covered through VET TEC if the program is out of town?

VA does not cover travel, but a housing stipend is provided and may be used for other expenses such as travel.

How long will this program run?

The pilot program will run for five years but your specific technology course length will be given by the specific training provider.

May I use this benefit for one of my dependents?

The program is strictly for Veterans.

What do I need to be eligible for this program?

You only need one day of unexpired entitlement left under any GI Bill program. VET TEC won't count against your GI Bill education benefits

What type of tech courses do you offer?

We provide support for programs offered through eligible training providers in: Computer Programming, Computer Software, Data Processing, Information Science, Media Applications.

What benefits will I receive if I am eligible?

The VET TEC pilot program will cover tuition and fees for high-tech training and provide a housing stipend. The housing stipend will be calculated based on the location where you are attending classes.

May I also sign up next year for another class?





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You must wait for 18 months before applying to VET TEC again.

What happens if I'm unable to complete this program due to a family issue, illness, etc.?

We encourage you to work with the training provider on a more flexible schedule to finish the program. If this isn't possible then your housing stipend will cease when you stop taking classes.

Will this affect the housing allowance I'm receiving from another benefit I'm currently using?

No, the VET TEC housing stipend will be a separate payment.

I'd like to participate but I just received a letter saying there is no more funding for this year. What should I do?

We advise you to sign up next year with VET TEC. Funding for VET TEC runs on federal fiscal years, which end September 30 and begin again October 1.

Who can I contact for assistance?

If you are a Training Provider, contact the Buffalo Compliance and Liaison office by email at ELR-VETTEC.VAVBABUF@va.gov.

For questions about Veteran applications, contact the Buffalo Processing by email at VETTEC.VBABUF@va.gov or the Education Call Center at 1-888-442-4551.

