



**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**  
Veterans Benefits Administration

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## **Education and Career Counseling**

### **What is the Education and Career Counseling Program?**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Education and Career Counseling Program (Title 38, U.S.C. Chapter 36) supports transitioning Servicemembers, Veterans and qualified dependents. The program offers personalized career counseling to help achieve goals and ensure the most effective use of VA benefits.

### **Eligibility**

Who is eligible for the Education and Career Counseling Program?

- Transitioning Servicemembers within six months prior to discharge from active duty
- Veterans within one year after discharge from active duty
- Any Servicemember or Veteran eligible for a VA education benefit
- All current VA education benefit recipients

### **Services**

Services include:

- **Career choice assistance** – Helps participants understand the best career options based on interests and skills
- **Benefits coaching** – Provides guidance on VA benefits and resources to achieve education and career goals
- **Personalized support** – Academic or adjustment counseling and support to help remove any barriers to success

## **Application Process**

Connect with a VA counselor to receive this personalized assistance. Fill out the application located at <https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-28-8832-ARE.pdf>. Mail it to your local VA Regional Office. You can find the mailing address at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/offices.asp>.

A representative will contact you once your application is received and you will receive a time to meet with a counselor.

For more information:

- Connect with your local VA Regional Office to speak with a Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) representative. You can find your closest VA Regional Office here: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/offices.asp>
- Call 800-827-1000
- Visit <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/education-and-career-counseling/>