



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Benefits Administration

ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING

Are you interested in starting your own business? Would you like to learn how to get started? Or are you a current business owner who wants to learn how to boost your small business operation?

As a service member or veteran, you now have an opportunity to use your education benefits to learn how to start or enhance a small business.

Entrepreneurship training allows eligible service members and veterans to use VA education benefits to take courses offered by the Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs). Individual courses must be specifically approved for VA purposes to use your benefits.

AM, I ELIGIBLE?

You may receive reimbursement for approved entrepreneurship courses if you're eligible for any of these VA Education Programs:

- Montgomery GI Bill
- Active Duty Montgomery GI Bill
- Selected Reserve Veterans' Educational Assistance Program
- The Post-9/11 GI Bill

NOTE: Unfortunately, Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA) participants are not eligible for this benefit.

To find out if you might be eligible under any of these programs, check our Internet site <http://benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

Owning or operating your own business will not disqualify you from using your benefits for these courses. In fact, you can use your benefits more than once to take approved entrepreneurship courses.

HOW DO I FIND A COURSE?

To locate course offerings near you, or view training opportunities on the web you should contact the Small Business Development Center directly. On the web at <http://www.sba.gov/sbdc/> or by phone at 800-8 ASK SBA.

You should contact VA at 888-442-4551 or the local training sites where you plan to attend to see what courses are approved for VA purposes.

HOW DO I APPLY?

You can get and submit an application for benefits (VA Form 22 1990) on line, or -- submit a printed copy.

Go to <http://benefits.va.gov/gibill> to apply.

WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

You may read answers to Frequently Asked Questions about GI Bill benefits or contact us via email <https://gibill.custhelp.va.gov/>. You can also reach us by phone at 888-GIBILL-1 or, for the hearing impaired, TTY 711.