



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Benefits Administration

Licensing and Certification Test Reimbursement

Often required for work in certain fields, these tests may be eligible for GI Bill reimbursement. Tests that may be reimbursable by VA include licensing and/or certification for a job as a mechanic, medical technician, therapist, computer network engineer, website developer, and other professional. There is no limit to the number of tests you may take, or number of times you may take the same test. And, VA will pay for tests even if you fail them.

Available Benefits

VA pays only the test costs, or up to \$2,000 for each test. Fees connected with obtaining a license or certification are not reimbursable. Payment is issued after you submit proof of payment to VA. [Find out how your GI Bill entitlement will be charged for taking a Licensing and Certification benefit.](#)

[Apply](#) for benefits along with your request for payment for a test or tests. Complete the [VA Form 22-0803](#) (Application for Reimbursement of Licensing or Certification Test) at the [Ask A Question](#) website or mail it to your nearest [VA regional processing office](#).

Other Factors to Consider

By certification, VA is referring to the certification you get by taking a specific test for a field of employment, and not a certificate you receive for completing training. Search for approved tests [online](#). (If the test is not listed, it still may be a valid the that's not yet approved. Submit an application for reimbursement following instructions above.)

For Professional Organizations:

Assist a Veteran by Getting Your Test Approved

Help serve our nation's Veterans by getting your licensing or certification test officially approved, which lets Veterans and other beneficiaries receive reimbursement for test-taking costs. If you represent a state or local licensing board, the approval requirements are minimal. If you represent a nongovernmental organization, your test must be generally accepted within the industry, must have existed for at least two years, and must meet other requirements. VA sends test-taking payments directly to VA beneficiaries and not to your organization.

Seek approval for your organizations tests through the [State Approving Agency](#) for the state where your headquarters are located.

Our Education Call Center is available at 1-888-442-4551 (Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. -6 p.m. CST) for any questions about GI Bill benefits.

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