

VETERAN BENEFITS

Help & Support



To qualify for VA health care benefits through the Veterans Health Administration (VHA):

If you served in the active military, naval, or air service and did not receive a dishonorable discharge.

- If you enlisted after September 7, 1980 or entered active duty after October 16, 1981
- Must have served 24 continuous months or full period for which you were called to active duty

If you're a current or former member of the Reserves or National Guard

- Must have been called to active duty by a federal order and complete the full period for which you were called or ordered to active duty

Note: If the person has been given a diagnosis of **FTD/ALS**, they likely qualify for 100% disability and compensation, as long as the person had 90 continuous days of active duty. If you are not already enrolled with the VHA or VBA, begin with the steps below. If you are already enrolled, schedule an appointment with the VHA as soon as possible. More information can be found here: <https://www.als.org/navigating-als/military-veterans>

What documentation is needed:

Veteran Healthcare does not affect other health insurances you may have.

- DD-214 or Discharge Papers
- Social security numbers for the veteran, spouse and qualified dependents
- Insurance card information for all insurance companies that cover the veteran
- Gross household income from the previous calendar year for the veteran, spouse and dependents
- Your deductible expenses for the past year. These include healthcare and education costs

What form needs to be completed:

VA Form 10-10EZ

- https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/VA_Form_10-10EZ.pdf

Where to find help:

A Veterans Service Officer (VSO) is someone who has been trained and certified in the VA claims and appeals process. A VSO may also work on your behalf if you choose to sign them as your representative.

To find a VSO in your area use <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/manage/representative> to search or Search the VA Office of the General Counsel's List <https://www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp>

Once an application is submitted the VA will send a letter in the mail to let you know if your application has been approved.

Once approved, there will be a welcome call from the VA, you will receive a Veterans Health Benefits Handbook, you will get a Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC), then set up your first VA doctor's appointment.

VA toll-free hotline 877-222-8387

To qualify for Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA) benefits:

VA Pension

Must have served active duty for at least 90 days with at least 1 day during wartime period.

Wartime Period	Start Date	End Date
World War I	April 6, 1917	November 11, 1918
World War II	December 7, 1941	December 31, 1946
Korean Conflict	June 27, 1950	January 31, 1955
Vietnam War era- Served in Republic of Vietnam	November 1, 1955	May 7, 1975
Vietnam War era- Served outside Republic of Vietnam	August 5, 1964	May 7, 1975
Gulf War	August 2, 1990	Date to be set by law or presidential proclamation

And at least one of these must be true:

- At least 65 years old
- Have a permanent and total disability
- Patient in a nursing home for long-term care because of a disability
- Getting Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income
 - To learn more about applying for Social Security benefits [click here](#).

What documentation is needed:

- Social Security number
- Military history, DD-214
- Financial information and the information of your dependents
- Work history
- Bank account direct deposit information
- Medical information

What forms to be completed:

Application for Veteran Pension

- VA Form 21p-527EZ: <https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21P-527EZ-ARE.pdf>

Income and Asset Statement in support of claim

- VA Form 21P-0969: <https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21P-0969-ARE.pdf>

Other financial benefit programs:

VA Aid and Attendance and Housebound allowance

- VA Form 21-2680: <https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-2680-ARE.pdf>

VA Survivors Pension

- VA Form 21P-534EZ: <https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21P-534EZ-ARE.pdf>

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