



Federal and State benefits for Veterans in the Great State of Texas

(eligibility based on Discharge & VA Disability Rating)

100% PERMANENT & TOTAL – COMPENSATION or IU

FULL MEDICAL BENEFIT eligibility
Waiver of national service Life Insurance premiums
Tax-Free Student Loan forgiveness (*filed through the Department of Education*)

100% Service Connected Disabled *or Individual Unemployability (IU)*

Dental Treatment
TOTAL EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES (*Texas Benefit - for homestead residence*)

70% Service-Connected Disabled

Property Tax exemption for first \$12,000 (*Texas Benefit*)

60% Service-Connected Disabled

Free TX Driver's License (*with rating & Honorable Discharge*)
Free TX State Park Admission (w/ TPWD passport)

50% Service-Connected Disabled (*if Retired, eligibility for Concurrent Retirement Disability Retirement Pay - CRDP*)

VHA Healthcare Priority Group 1
Property Tax exemption for first \$10,000 (*Texas Benefit*)
Free TX Hunting & Fishing License Package
Special license plates: \$3 fee for first plates, regular price for additional vehicle (*Texas Benefit*)

40% Service-Connected Disabled (*due to an amputation of a lower extremity*)

Specialized (DV) license plates: \$3 fee for first plates, regular price for additional vehicle (*Texas Benefit*)

30% Service-Connected Disabled

Property Tax exemption for first \$7,500 (*Texas Benefit*)
Dependents considered for compensation purposes and payment calculations
Non-Competitive Federal Employment (NCE) eligibility
Mileage reimbursement for VA Medical appointments

10% Service-Connected Disabled

Medical care for rated disability/(ies) at no charge, Co-Pay for non-related prescriptions and Dr. visits
Hearing aids/glasses provided at no fee, no charge
Property Tax exemption for first \$5,000 (*Texas Benefit*)
Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling eligibility [Title 38, Chapter 31]
Clothing Allowance for SC prosthetic devices (*see 38 C.F.R §3.810 for guidance*)
Veterans preference on civil service [10%]

0% Service-Connected, Purple Heart Recipients, Former POWs, and Primary Family Caregivers of Veterans

Access to Commissary, Military Exchange, and MWR privileges on U.S. military installations (*under the Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018*)

ALL VETERANS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Certificate of Eligibility for Home Loan Guarantee
Home Loan funding fee exemption (*if receiving SC disability compensation, Retired/Active duty pay, DIC pay, or a PH awardee*)
SDVI – **stopped taking new applicants Dec 31, 2022. If you have it, prior to this date, you can keep it.**
VA Life Insurance - **Veterans with service-connected disabilities.**
Educational assistance under the Hazelwood Program (*only applies "IF" initially enlisted within the state of Texas*) Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) programs require 90-days of cumulative service, and any discharge other than Dishonorable
Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) housing assistance program
Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) home improvement program

DEPENDENT BENEFITS

[SPOUSE & CHILD(ren)]:

when 100% Permanent and Total (P&T) Disability:

CHAMPVA
Chapter 35 Education Benefits
Veteran Employment Preference



HOW TO CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR CLAIM

THERE ARE FOUR WAYS TO CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR CLAIM, OR APPEAL:

CALL THE TVC Regional Office (if TVC has POA)
HOUSTON (713) 383-2756
SAN ANTONIO (210) 699-5076
WACO (254) 299-9962

CALL THE VA TOLL FREE PHONE #: 1-800-827-1000
GO ONLINE: www.ebenefits.va.gov
SEND AN EMAIL TO THE VA AT: IRIS@VA.GOV

When you contact the TVC Regional Office, the VA toll-free phone number, or VA E-mail, be sure to specify whether you are inquiring about a "claim" or an "appeal". Appeal information is located through a different database system.

When you go online to the VA eBenefits website, you will have to create an account (user name and password). After that, you can check the status of your claim. If you have problems or difficulties registering for eBenefits, call 1-800-827-1000 for customer support.

USEFUL AND HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS TO ASSIST VETERANS IN THE GREAT STATE OF TEXAS:

HOTLINES, HELPINES, & HOMELESS SERVICES

VETERANS CRISIS HOTLINE (NATIONWIDE Toll-Free) HELPLINE (Text 838255)	1-800-273-8255
AGENT ORANGE & GULF WAR	1-800-749-8387
HOMELESS ASSISTANCE	1-877-424-3838
DEBT MANAGEMENT CENTER (DMC)	1-800-827-0648
MEDICAL CARE COST RECOVERY (MCCR)	1-866-393-9132
VET CENTER (NATIONWIDE Toll-Free)	1-877-927-8387

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VA HEALTHCARE	1-877-222-8387
CHAMPVA	1-800-733-8387
SPECIAL HEALTH ISSUES	1-800-749-8387
PENSION MANAGEMENT CENTER (PMC)	1-877-294-6380
eBENEFITS CUSTOMER SUPPORT	1-800-827-1000
eBENEFITS TECHNICAL ISSUES (PASSWORD CHANGES/ERROR CODES)	1-800-983-0937
EDUCATION & TRAINING	1-888-442-4551
HOME LOANS	1-877-827-3702
LIFE INSURANCE	1-800-669-8477
VA FRAUD OFFICE	1-800-488-8244

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DEFENSE FINANCE & ACCOUNTING SERVICES (DFAS) - (Retired Pay & Special Monthly Compensation-SMC)	1-888-332-7411
SGLI/VGLI OFFICE	1-800-419-1473

OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)	1-800-827-5722
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA)	1-800-772-1213

STATE OF TEXAS PROGRAMS & OFFICES

HAZLEWOOD ACT	1-512-463-6834
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES	1-512-424-6500
TEXAS VETERANS LAND BOARD (VLB)	1-800-252-8387

TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION (TVC) PROGRAMS

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE	
EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE	(for veterans)
ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAM	1-512-720-0358
HEALTHCARE ADVOCACY PROGRAM (HCAP)	1-512-252-8387
WOMENS VETERANS PROGRAM	1-800-252-8387

TVC APPOINTMENTS TO CLAIM VA BENEFITS

<https://tvc.texas.gov/claims/appointments/>

Northeast Claims District	northeastclaims@tvc.texas.gov
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Southeast Claims District	southeastclaims@tvc.texas.gov
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